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OSU MEN'S BASKETBALL
TRIES TO MAKE IT
TWO WINS IN A ROW

A sense for accessibility



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Workers remove asphalt near Gilkey Hall as part of the parking sensor installation. The sensors provide OSU visitors the ability to check ADA and wheelchair parking availability on electronic devices.

■ OSU begins two-year trial for visitors to view ADA, wheelchair parking accessibility

By Jack Lammers
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After submitting technology resource fund proposals and navigating financial concerns, Oregon State University Disability Access Services went ahead with a two-year trial run to show OSU visitors electronically how many wheelchair and ADA accessible parking spaces are available on campus.

Over winter break, OSU installed 75 sensors on campus. Filled spaces with the installed sensors relay information to an application made by Streetline Inc. titled "Parker." Aside from Internet access, it can be installed as an application for smartphones and tablets.

Parker shows how many spaces are available in each lot, more specifically showing if there are more than four spaces or less than two spaces. The application will also provide turn-by-turn directions to the desired parking lots.

"We tried to secure as many parking spaces on campus as we could,"

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OSU presents resources for when hunger, poverty hit close to home

■ The HSRC helps students with MealBux, Emergency Food Pantry in light of trending hunger, homelessness

By Kristy Wilkinson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Rates of hungry and homeless college students are on the rise. According to an article in Higher ED, the amount of homeless young people is at 1.6 million. That is a 69 percent increase over the past two years. With the increase of the student population the Oregon State University community has seen a rise in their students seeking financial assistance. These students go to the Human Services Resource Center.

The HSRC space does not look like an office. It looks like a living room. Couches and chairs are placed around the room.

HSRC provides students with MealBux, the OSU emergency food pantry, emergency housing services, graduate conference subsidies, health insurance subsidies and rental assistance.

MealBux is one of the most used services that HSRC provides. The first week of every term students can come in and apply for money they can use for food. The average amount a student receives from MealBux is \$40-60. The money is then deposited onto student ID cards and can be spent anywhere on campus. Last year HSRC met with 6,857 students.

"We want this to be a place where students can feel like they can talk," said Caity Cagle, head of HSRC promotions.

Cagle, an OSU senior, has worked closely with the issue of hungry students for the past three years. Cagle said HSRC does a lot of referral within the surrounding community when HSRC cannot provide the kind or amount of assistance students are looking for. While HSRC can provide help with food, they do not have the money to help students seeking help with rent and housing.

"We are working to have that in the future," Cagle said.

When Human Services Resource Center can't provide assistance they help the student contact We Care, an organization that can help with housing and rent.

Additionally, HSRC holds an emergency food pantry provided by Linn Benton Food Share two to three times a month.

"It's kind of like grocery shopping," Cagle said.

The emergency food pantry, held in the International Forum, is open to OSU students as well as the surrounding in need community members. In 2010-2011, 1,294 people within the Corvallis community members used the emergency food pantry. That number has increased by 95 percent within the last year.

Cagle discussed the ways in which poverty is facing college students at OSU. She described the trust they have in students.

"There's a stigma in our society about reaching out for help," Cagle said. "So if a student is coming in here then we assume that they need help. People assume that you can

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#WearTheSquare defines their 'principles of solidarity'

■ The student movement, planned by ASOSU believes affordable education is a fundamental right, enumerates motivations in their code

By Ricky Zipp
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As ASOSU's on campus #WearTheSquare campaign slowly begins, participating students attempt to establish a foundation for the grassroots organization.

After announcing their movement last week they have spent time planning their goals and future events but intend to pick up with more student participation and upcoming on campus events.

As with many social movements, solidarity becomes a key word. The movement takes after another in Quebec when students took to the streets to protest the raising of tuition at their university.

Alex Ries, ASOSU's Director of Campus Affairs and member of #WearTheSquare said he has seen students on campus continue to struggle to stay in college.

"It's becoming harder and harder for people to obtain a degree," Ries said. "Through solidarity we can say no [to tuition hikes]."

Dan Cushing, ASOSU's Vice-President, stressed a "we not I" mentality associated along with grassroots movements and always keeping the "why" at the center of a growing campaign.

"It's easy for [legislators] to ignore us," Cushing said. "But if we had 100 or 1,000 students at the same place at the same time it would be hard to ignore."

It is no secret that funding for higher education has been down within the state, resulting in constant tuition hikes and disagreements between students and universities.

OSU has seen raises in tuition of about \$3,400 in the last 10 years and has propositions to continue the raising of tuition next year by 6.9 percent and 8.4 percent during the 2014-15 school year.

After their original launch, the organization was at a point of having all the facts and still seeking to find a definitive position of their own. Through several meetings over the last week, a vision statement and list of "principles of solidarity" have been created to help bring in

an identity.

Ideas for the vision statement were passed around the table on Monday afternoon in hopes of finding a broader view of the goals and motivations which brought about the creation and participation of #WearTheSquare.

The specific topics of what the campaign hopes to address has also been established after a late meeting Tuesday night. Four of the five "Principles of Solidarity" are mostly ideological stances helping to define the purpose and future action of the movement.

- "We are a local and global movement."
- "Affordable education is a right."
- "We are comprised of and represent traditionally underrepresented communities and aspiring allies."
- "We are a non-violent, grassroots organization."
- The fifth principle addresses Governor

Kitzhaber's 40-40-20 goal that has been agreed upon by the State of Oregon with hopes of achievement by the year 2025.

"The goals of 40-40-20 should be financed by the State of Oregon, not by increases in tuition. In order to meet this goal, decision makers are adding infrastructure and personnel at meteoric rates while state funding is increasing only nominally. #WearTheSquare insists that students do not shoulder the cost of expanding Oregon's skilled workforce."

ASOSU Representative Matthew Palm provided advice during the first meeting for the #WearTheSquare general assembly on attempting to make large but realistic change.

Palm was a student in the California University System and said he remembered when they lost 20 percent of their funding in 2 years and the

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Drew Deatherage, ASOSU director of community affairs, is shown passing out red squares last week in the Memorial Union quad as part of the "Wear the Square" campaign.

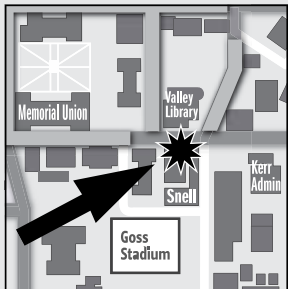
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Senators agree to Reid and McConnell's filibuster reform

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Democrats and Republicans in the Senate overwhelmingly agreed late Thursday on language reforming filibusters, passing the measures agreed to earlier in the day by Majority Leader Harry Reid and Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

The two leaders proposed to their caucuses earlier a list of reforms to curb the use of filibusters and streamline other procedures in order to speed up floor action. The measures required the support of each party's caucus.

Neither Democratic senators nor a GOP aide said members had voiced major issues with the proposals prior to the vote.

A filibuster is a tactic used in the Senate to delay or prevent a vote on legislation. Reid and McConnell's measure, according to one Senate

aide, offered a compromise to reduce the number of filibusters while ensuring the minority party gets votes on some amendments.

The proposal allows for two paths that could be used to begin debate on legislation, avoiding filibusters designed to prevent debate from actually taking place.

In the first path, Reid would allow two amendments from both parties to be presented, with the caveat that if an amendment isn't relevant to the legislation at hand, it would be subject to a 60-vote threshold.

On measures where Reid and McConnell agree, a second path allows votes to overcome filibusters to be held the day after Reid files a procedural petition, instead of the two-day period currently in place. That change would disallow stalled votes on consen-

sus legislation.

The new procedure also limits debate on some presidential nominations that require Senate approval.

Senate Democrats have complained that the minority Republicans deliberately overused the filibuster to block Democratic legislation.

A group of junior Senate Democrats pushed Reid to pass broad reforms — including reinstating the requirement that senators conducting a filibuster speak continuously on the floor — by using a controversial method to change the body's rules that Republicans called the “nuclear option.” That method to change the Senate rules would require just 51 votes instead of the 67 customarily required.

Republicans, furious they might be jammed, argued the filibuster is the only leverage they have to get roll call votes

on amendments that otherwise are routinely denied them by the majority Democrats.

The measure went to a vote and passed without Democrats invoking the “nuclear option.”

“No party has ever broken the rules of the Senate to change those rules. I'm glad such an irreparably damaging precedent will not be set today,” McConnell said in a statement as the vote became clear. “We've avoided the nuclear option, and we've reiterated that any changes to the Standing Rules of the Senate still require 67 votes to end debate.”

Republicans had said if Democrats pushed the reforms through the “nuclear option,” it would have destroyed relations between the two parties and lead to massive gridlock in the chamber.

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tell if someone needs help. There's a stereotype that says you can look at someone and determine if they are poor. When people see some of the 'wealthier items' they make assumptions. Some students do all of their homework on an iPhone.”

Cagle says this is an issue that is not receiving enough attention.

“Poverty is an issue that people don't really think

about on a college campus,” Cagle said. “I feel like it's an invisible issue. It needs more attention brought to it.”

HSRC is the only OSU funded organization to help with the growing population of homeless and hungry students. Starting this year all of HSRC's funding will come out of student fees. Previously the budget for HSRC came out of ASOSU's budget.

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state wanted to cut another \$100 million.

Palm said through student and faculty protests a few campuses across the state were shut down and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was forced to reexamine the proposed cuts. “It was a long and painful process to get that response,” Palm said. “But it's definitely possible.”

This brings the conversation back to solidarity. In their vision statement and first “Principle of Solidarity” #WearTheSquare explains where their inspiration comes from and where their ideas of solidarity lie.

The groups next general assembly meeting is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 25, from 2-4 p.m. in Snell 106.

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said Gabe Merrell, associate director of the office of equity and inclusion and president of OSU's accessibility committee. “There was widespread interest in the project.”

The project is a joint effort between Transit and Parking Services, Facilities Services, Disability Access Services and the Office of Equity and Inclusion. Disability Access Services covered the costs of the trial, under discussion since fall term. The sensors were placed carefully, accounting for projects like the Student Experience Center, which will eliminate parking spaces next to the Memorial Union.

Workers installed the sensors with minimal disturbance, only removing small, fist-sized discs of pavement in the spaces to make room for the sensors. According to Merrell, the application will

show students parking lots they might not have even known about.

“This isn't only for convenience, but can also be seen as a potential sustainability initiative, minimizing the amount of time people have to drive for to find spaces,” Merrell said. “[Streetline, Inc.] even touted that on their website.”

Jeffery Evans, president of Oregon State University's Able Student Alliance, voiced his reservations about the parking sensors.

“It could be useful,” Evans said. “However, university staff has proven that it doesn't know what an ADA-compliant parking space is. So I'm not sure how reliable the data will be. They never consulted [Able Student Alliance] when designing the program.”

According to Evans, the university has not spent enough money or time on ADA accommodations.

“This concerns us because over the last three years the university has devoted a

paltry amount of money on highly visible and disruptive improvements that have done little to improve accessibility on campus,” Evans said.

Evans voiced his disapproval of projects, including \$65 million spent on the Linus Pauling Science Center, \$25 million on the Hallie Ford Center and \$50 million into Furman Hall, which are not fully compliant with ADA standards.

While the Merrell and the accessibility committee overseeing the sensors plan to survey students over the trial period, using the feedback to decide on the sensors' future.

“This is something that could be useful if it's cost effective for the university to look at,” Merrell said. “Later we might be able to show students space availability in spaces other than accessible spaces.”

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Calendar

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

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211.

Events

Sustainable Energy Initiative, 5:30-9pm, LaSells Stewart Center. “Free Switch Documentary Screening.” Follow Dr. Scott Tinker on his adventure around the world in search of answers to our energy problems. Q&A session with energy experts following screening.

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.

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211.

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.

College Republicans, 7pm, StAg 107. General meeting.

Events

Cru, 7:30pm, Re!New Church, 1677 SW 35th St. I am second. Who is first? Come hear fellow students tell their stories of life, priorities and who is first in their life.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Meetings

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

Monday, Feb. 4

Meetings

Student Incidentals Fees Committee (SIFC), 6pm, MU Journey Room. Educational Activities and Athletics will be presenting their budgets.

ATTENTION STUDENT GROUPS!

All recognized student organizations wishing to run an election on the ASOSU elections ballot should email: asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu stating their intention, no later than **2/1/13 at 5:00 p.m.**

ASOSU ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Students wishing to serve on the ASOSU Elections Committee (unpaid position) should email: asosu.elections@oregonstate.edu stating their intention no later than **1/28/13 at 5:00 p.m.**

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TODAY! FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Partnership for Safety and Justice
1-2pm, Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez (temporarily 430 Snell)

Jose Gutierrez, an OSU Alum and current Youth Justice Policy Organizer, will discuss the Partnership for Safety and Justice and ways in which students, staff, and faculty can get involved in their efforts. The organization “works with people convicted of crime, survivors of crime, and the families of both to advocate for policies that make Oregon's approach to public safety more effective and more just.”

Sponsors: Director of Multicultural Affairs, Partnership for Safety and Justice

Inside Voices
3-5pm, Memorial Union 211

An inside look at what prison is like from the mouths of prisoners themselves. Come hear about the life of a prisoner and hear the stories of how they got where they are. Afterwards there will be a panel of Inside-Out students who have spent a term meeting and learning with prisoners in a classroom environment inside the Oregon State Prison.

Sponsor: Oregon State Prisoner Rights Advocacy Group

Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea for people trying to make a difference.
Nay for not showing up.
Yea for rocking out to Top 40 hits on your way to work.
Nay to your car heater being broken when it's 30 degrees outside.
Yea to heat.
Nay to heat when it facilitates a mold infestation under your bed.
Yea to the inauguration. Hopefully, Obama gets down to business and ends discriminatory legislation, like the Defense of Marriage Act.
Yea to Beyonce singing the national anthem at the inauguration.
Nay that she actually lip-synced it.
Nay to Justin Bieber.
Nay to Justin Bieber again, just so long as you love me.
Yea to the legislature for a "long" four-month session.
Nay to any budget that triggers tuition increases in the Oregon University System.
Nay to noise ordinances. We're just a bunch of loud, boisterous, drunk college kids vomiting all over the place, what's the big deal?
Nay to drinking, but of course we know none of you actually drink, so why bother reminding you it's bad.
Yea to having a job.
Nay to your job keeping you away from the people you care about.
Yea to our Senator, Jeff Merkeley, working to pass real filibuster reform.
Nay to Harry Reid for backing down and offering useless filibuster reforms.
Yea to first loves — there will never be another one like the first.
Nay to bumping into them awkwardly after you haven't spoken in five years.
Yea to working with people from different backgrounds.
Nay to people misreading things and then it getting really, really awkward.
Yea to being awkward in very professional spaces — awkward is the engine that drives our lives.
Nay to Monday morning walks of shame. Really, children?
Yea to getting butt dialed by important people in the administration on Sunday afternoons.
Nay to all the reading one has to do for class. We just don't believe it's important anymore.
Yea to all the Student & Incidental Fee Committee funded services that help keep students safe, happy, healthy and sober.
Nay to students not knowing about so many of these services.
Yea to moderation.
Nay to forgetting and then eating that bag of skittles during a meeting.
Yea to spending time in the woods — skipping along, singing and feeling groovy.
Nay to the awkward looks you get from people in their official REI woods gear as they pass you on the trail.
Yea to the fog lifting. Ignore the tests you have next week that you should study for, go out and enjoy life children. Catch the consumption in the rain and then infect us with your illness during class. Stay frosty, kids.

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Body image: What we're exposed to isn't reality

Kristy Wilkinson

The Daily Barometer

This is week three on Weight Watchers: 152 pounds — five pounds down.

This week the flu came upon me like a bad date at a four-course meal. There was no end in sight with a fever of 101, vomiting and clammy hands.

Weight Watchers took a back seat. My life was taken over by six-hour naps and Netflix. While watching bad sitcoms and the entire series of the West Wing, I realized these beautiful women are supposed to be the norm. Society expects us to have perfect hair, straight pearly white teeth and double-D breasts.

Sure, with the evolution of American beauty we are exposed to several types of women on the screen. No longer does the busty, blue-eyed, blond rule the airwaves. These women may have different ethnicities but all of them look perfect.

For men it's no better. After watching hours of mindless sitcoms I learned to be a "man" you need to have a six pack, be at least 6-feet-tall and be able to win in a back-alley fight. You can't cry unless a parent or your best friend dies in battle. And unless you're extremely attractive and are paid millions for your job as an artist, you best be keeping your "sensitive side" on the down low.

Fitness magazines, nutrition

guides and even the Biggest Loser show us glossy images of how we can achieve perfection at home. If you eat a single piece of organic fish a day, followed by 45 minutes of cardio and have a live-in pilates master, you too can look perfect. No one's going to do that. That's not healthy living; it's hardly living.

Our society discusses body image a lot — the images we see and how it affects our mental health. The National Institute of Media and the Family studied the relationship between body image and fifth graders. Researchers showed 10-year-olds a clip from the TV show "Friends" and a "Britney Spears" music video. After watching the video fifth graders told researchers they felt dissatisfied with their bodies. The numbers get worse. The same study showed that by the time a girl is 17, she is 78 percent more likely to be unhappy with their body. I lost weight this week. Yay. To be

honest I feel like I cheated. I lived off a diet of blue Gatorade and chicken noodle soup, with a 50-50 chance of keeping it down. I didn't exercise, or move for that matter. I didn't eat my daily caloric intake. I didn't log my food. I was a big, giant, healthy living fail.

That's OK. Sometimes you're going to be a big fail.

Each week I present you with some pretty depressing statistics. This week I would like to bring you a dose of reality, as well.

I'll probably lose weight. I've wanted to for a long time. Working out makes me happier and healthier.

“Through the ridiculousness that is our beauty standards, we have lost sight of reality.”

It makes me feel like I've accomplished something. I'll probably lose weight because I'm dreading the day I have to write a column and tell you I took down an entire bag of Cheetos Puffs by using them as a spoon to scoop out Funky Monkey Ice Cream.

I won't look perfect. My thighs will always rub together. Without surgery I won't wear above a size "B." I won't look cute first thing in the morning. Wilber, the doughy

area around my midsection, will probably always be there just a little bit. There will always be someone more beautiful and perfect than I am. I have to learn to be OK with that.

Through the ridiculousness that is our beauty standards, we have lost sight of reality. Those women we see on TV don't wake up looking like that either. It takes an army of beauty experts. Those men spend hours in the gym, and they all have some form of a spray tan. What you see isn't real. Attempting to achieve that is like hopping in and out of wardrobes hoping to find Narnia. Sure it is possible to look movie-star perfect, but a talking lion that leads you on mystical adventures isn't a realistic future.

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Jenson Vliss

The Daily Barometer

Traveling is the spice of life

Traveling is something I love, and deeply want to incorporate in to my life. Going to other countries and learning about other people is one of the most beneficial things you can do for yourself.

Learning the daily routines of foreigners, and reflecting on the differences, is eye opening. Looking for the different methods of teaching and problem solving will give you a broader scope the next time you assess a situation. There are so many perks attributed with traveling, I do not understand why more people are not interested. Granted, traveling can be expensive, but there are tactics which can reduce the overall cost, making it affordable.

Of course there is more to travel than picking the brains of the people, and learning new customs.

The scenery of new lands is gorgeous, if not fascinating. I am taken back every time I experience the land of new countries. Road signs, architecture and driving habits, to list a few, are all interesting aspects of different countries.

Another reason to travel is clearly the food. If you think the Italian food in America is good, try Italian food from Italy. It is like nothing else. All original recipes, native chefs, and the environment in which you eat in is entirely euphoric.

There is still the tough question of, "Can I afford it?"

Traveling comes with a price tag. Depending where you go, it can be pretty expensive. Some factors to consider include taking into account the time of year and what weekday in which you depart.

Airlines hike up ticket prices during weekends, and when they assume you are on some sort of break. I suggest signing up for airline email notifications. Airlines email you when they have deals in the upcoming months, potentially saving you hundreds of dollars.

Having the opportunity of seeing different cultures and ways of life is the main reason I am so content and satisfied with where I am today. Putting myself in different people's shoes and learning the ways they were raised and educated is fascinating to me and I never want to stop learning.

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Beaver **Tweet** of the Day

"You know you're a straight genius when you get a 2/2 on a math pop quiz and didn't even attend."
@jfreud15 Justyne Freud

Beavers try to make it two in a row



JOHN ZHANG | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior guard Roberto Nelson scored 16 points Wednesday night against Washington. Nelson said the Beavers are "a lot more confident now."

■ OSU men's basketball came away with its first Pac-12 victory Wednesday night, face familiar foe in Motum, Washington State on Saturday

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Getting their first Pac-12 win in six tries, defeating Washington on Wednesday night, the monkey is officially off Oregon State's back.

The Beavers (11-8, 1-5 Pac-12) just need to keep it from hopping back on when they take on Washington State (10-9, 1-5) in Gill Coliseum on Saturday afternoon.

Head coach Craig Robinson isn't ready to proclaim the Beavers as over the hump just yet.

"I'd like to hope so, but we'll have to wait and see," Robinson said. "Maybe there isn't a monkey on our back, maybe we just needed to play a couple games to play well. I want to wait and reserve that to see how we play on Saturday."

Last season the Beavers and Cougars met four times — twice during conference play, once in the Pac-12 Tournament and once in the College Basketball Invitational — with WSU winning three of those four. The only OSU win came in the opening round of the Pac-12 Tournament.

Washington State senior Brock Motum has historically been nothing but trouble for Oregon State. In the two regular season games against the Beavers last season, Motum averaged 25 points and 8.5 rebounds. Stopping him — the third leading scorer in conference,

with 18.8 points per game — will be key for the Beavers to get two straight wins.

"We've got to focus on him," Robinson said. "He makes me very nervous. He's a really good basketball player and he has improved his game a whole lot this season."

Sophomore forward Eric Moreland expects to guard Motum the majority of the game.

"He's a dominant left hand, so you gotta try to play him to the right a little bit," Moreland said. "He stretches the floor and you've just got to be in his shirt pretty much the whole time."

Moreland, who is second in the Pac-12 in rebounds and blocks per game, along with field goal percentage, has been a huge boost for the Beavers since returning from a three-game suspension two games ago against USC. The 6-foot-10 sophomore picked up his eighth double-double of the season on Wednesday against the Huskies, with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

"[In] the first game I was really trying to get back in the flow of things. [In] the second game I felt like I could do that a little bit more, I felt a little bit more comfortable with the home crowd," Moreland said. "It just felt good to come back and help the team."

Against the Huskies, Oregon State saw its five best players — Ahmad Starks, Roberto Nelson, Moreland, Devon Collier and Joe Burton — score in double figures for the first time since Dec. 31. Their play was a huge reason for the Beavers' win.

"We're a lot more confident now," Nelson said. "Definitely getting that win means a lot to us,

working as hard as we have, to see it progress."

Those five averaged 32.8 minutes against WSU, but Robinson expects to go to the bench more against the Cougars.

"I don't think we'll have a lot of games where we play them that many minutes, but since we had an extra day off I thought I'd let it ride since they were playing so well," Robinson said.

Getting their first Pac-12 win was huge for the Beavers, but now OSU has to try and win two in a row since defeating Howard and the University of San Diego on Dec. 19 and Dec. 22, respectively.

Robinson is hoping the Beavers can garner some momentum from their win against the Huskies.

"You want to use that as a launching pad for the next game, which makes the next game the most important game," Robinson said.

Washington State might be No. 11 in the Pac-12 standings right now, but with the Beavers in the No. 10 slot, Robinson knows a win on Saturday won't come easy.

"I think in this league, anybody is capable of beating anybody if you're playing your best game and they're not playing their best game," Robinson said.

On Wednesday, the Beavers played one of their best games of the year against a Washington team that just couldn't get it going. They'll need that same effort to beat the Cougars on Saturday.

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Gymnasts face top competition

■ OSU has two gymnasts out with injury, face three top-10 teams in Texas Saturday

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Saturday's Metroplex Challenge will be the most significant regular season meet of the year for the Oregon State gymnastics team.

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.

It's still early in the season, and the No. 16 Beavers (3-3) have only faced one Pac-12 opponent thus far. But Saturday's meet will be as similar to the postseason as OSU may ever see in the regular season.

"This will be an incredible meet this weekend," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "We have some of the best teams in the country that we're going up against."

In an uncharacteristic five-team meet, three of the five are in the national top 10. OSU will face off against No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 7 LSU and No. 9 Georgia, along with Pac-12 opponent Washington, in the Metroplex Challenge in Fort Worth, Texas.

"I definitely think this weekend's important because those teams are so phenomenal at gymnastics," said senior Kelsi Blalock.

A meet like this simulates nationals, not only because of the talent, but because it's on podium — a raised stage three feet off the ground to help the audience see more clearly. When equipment is on a podium, it feels different than on a normal floor, even if the apparatus is identical.

"It will give us a great opportunity to be in that type of environment," Tanya Chaplin said.

The Beavers have always stressed they aren't competing against just the teams in the meet, but against the entire nation.

Rankings aren't determined by any type of subjective poll, but by scores in meets.

Focusing too much on these top-tier opponents may be detrimental

to some on the team.

"Once you get wrapped up in watching, you get intimidated, and that's just when everything goes downhill," Blalock said.

But some enjoy seeing that level of talent.

"It's always a snowball effect, whenever there's good gymnastics around you, you're going to feed off that energy," said sophomore Katelyn Ohlrich. "I think it's going to be fun, we haven't seen these teams since nationals last year."

Ohlrich had only performed one routine for the entire 2012 season. Ambitions are high and she has delivered on them so far.

In the first three meets, Ohlrich put up scores of 9.775, 9.750 and 9.850. Good for first, second and first on the team.

"I feel really confident in my routines," Ohlrich said. "I hit most of them in practice. I just go in and try to keep it sane, mentally."

Coming into the season, there were four new faces who needed to step up for the Beavers to maintain their national prominence: freshmen Sarah Marquez and Erika Aufiero, and sophomores Chelsea Tang and Ohlrich.

Marquez is out for the season with a knee injury she suffered in the Jan. 11 meet against Ohio State. Aufiero has a sprained ankle and will not be traveling to Texas.

Now, depth has become a concern.

"It's always rough when we lose people to injuries, but I think that we have enough depth to be able

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Sophomore Katelyn Ohlrich has been the team's best performer on beam in 2013. Ohlrich and other young gymnasts will need to step up Saturday.

East Coast trip will be a big test for Oregon State wrestling



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Oregon State junior Austin Morehead defeated Stanford's Thomas Kimbrell in last Saturday's 32-6 victory for Stanford.

■ Oregon State wrestling has had three straight dominating performances, face Lehigh, Cornell this weekend

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Riding a three-game winning streak, No. 10 Oregon State hopes to keep its momentum against two tough opponents this coming weekend against Lehigh and No. 8 Cornell.

Though both Lehigh (5-5) and Cornell (7-2) are historically wrestling powerhouses, Oregon State (5-3) has gradually transformed into a consistent contender itself, and is enjoying some of its best wrestling of the season.

But while Oregon State is coming off three convincing wins, Cornell comes into the weekend with five wrestlers ranked in the top 25, including Kyle Drake, the No. 1 ranked 165-pound wrestler in the country.

There's no question this weekend will be Oregon State's the most significant meet of the season.

"It's going to be a big test," said No. 4 Mike Mangrum, 141-pound senior. "I feel like our team has been steadily climbing with our performance, and I think it will definitely be a big test to see where we're out."

There's an added difficulty for OSU when considering how far the Beavers have to travel. Oregon State travels to Bethlehem, Pa., for Saturday's match against Lehigh and then straight to Ithaca, N.Y., to take on Cornell Sunday.

With the difference in time zones, back-to-back meets and tough opponents, being on the road could be an obstacle.

"It can affect you if you don't do the right things, but I think we're used to traveling and doing the right things," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "We talk about that all the time. It's on your mind and you can have that as an excuse built up, but it's just part of wrestling."

"That's what I've been thinking about all week, how I'm going to deal with the jet lag," Mangrum added. "But once I get out on the mat I think I'll be fine."

This road trip is unique for the Beavers in that

they get to experience East Coast wrestling for one of the first times this season.

"The East Coast is more known for their mat skills," Zalesky said. "They're not going to let you go, they're going to be good on top, pretty good on the bottom, so it's one of those things that you're going to have to be ready for and know that they're going to be good."

"They're always really good mat wrestlers and West Coast kids are usually better on [their] feet, so there are definitely different styles, geographically," added No. 8 Scott Sakaguchi, 149-pound junior.

While the differences in style are oftentimes overlooked, experiencing different types of wrestling is something Oregon State hopes will be beneficial come NCAA Tournament time.

"[Seeing other wrestling styles] will definitely help," Sakaguchi said. "That's the main point of [road trips]: to see as many different styles as we can."

While getting two wins will be no easy task, Oregon State likes its performances as of late and is confident going into Saturday.

"I thought the effort was good [Saturday against Stanford], we just need to work on a couple of things and maybe pick up our pace a little bit more," Zalesky said. "Up and down the lineup Saturday was probably our best performance."

"We've built some momentum, we've really come into our own and I feel like our guys are developing pretty well," Sakaguchi added.

The Beavers have constantly stressed that a full-team effort is their biggest goal before the Pac-12 Championships.

Saturday might have been the closest OSU has gotten to that goal, yet Oregon State still hasn't satisfied.

The Beavers might need that complete performance if they want to beat the higher ranked Cornell this weekend.

"I thought the effort [against Stanford] was good even though we lost a couple matches," Zalesky said. "I think we're close, but we're not quite there."

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Wrestling Power Rankings



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1. No. 10 Oregon State (5-3, 2-1 Pac-12)

Although the Pac-12 isn't exactly a top wrestling conference, the top of the league is more than solid with Oregon State leading the way. The Beavers are ranked 10th in the nation and are the returning conference champions. Boise State, having already split wins with OSU, is the only team that can even compete with Oregon State in the Pac-12. OSU has won three duals in the past week alone and could distance itself from the pack if it could beat two solid teams in Lehigh and No. 8 Cornell this weekend.

2. No. 25 Boise State (6-5, 2-1 Pac-12)

Boise State started out the season with a thud, going 0-4, but has been 6-1 in duals since. At No. 25 in the nation, the Broncos are the only other Pac-12 school ranked in the top 25. Senior Jason Chamberlain — currently ranked No. 2 in the nation in the 149-pound weight class — and heavyweight J.T. Felix, lead what is arguably the deepest team in the Pac-12.

3. Cal State Bakersfield (6-3, 1-1 Pac-12)

After Boise State there's a pretty big drop-off. Even at 6-3 in duals, the Roadrunners had a disappointing 21st place finish at the Midlands Championships. While Cal State Bakersfield has been solid early in the year, the Roadrunners

don't possess the level of talent the top two schools do. Still, having already swept Cal Poly, CS Bakersfield has been a pleasant surprise early in the season.

4. Arizona State (7-8, 2-1 Pac-12)

Though ASU actually beat Cal State Bakersfield earlier this year, the Sun Devils come after the Roadrunners because of an abysmal 1-4 record in the past five duals. To make matters worse the Sun Devils could drop their next three duals considering they face Oklahoma State, Iowa State and Oregon State next — all three of which are quality opponents.

5. Cal Poly (2-6, 0-1 Pac-12)

Cal Poly hasn't wrestled well all year and find themselves last in the conference. But the Mustangs get the nod over Stanford in this ranking more because of how awful the Cardinal have been this year. Cal Poly will likely finish last in the Pac-12, but are coming off an impressive 27-15 win over San Francisco State Jan. 6.

6. Stanford (4-10, 0-2 Pac-12)

This isn't football and it's clear Stanford isn't exactly the powerhouse in wrestling they've been the past couple few years on the gridiron. Stanford is coming off of a particularly embarrassing defeat 32-6 in Corvallis last weekend. Stanford only has four wrestlers with a winning record on the season, and it looks as though that won't change anytime soon.

OSU swimming in Corvallis this weekend

■ Oregon State takes on Washington State, Idaho this weekend in Corvallis in meets within 24 hours

By Darryl Oliver III
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State takes on Pac-12 rival Washington State and Idaho in back-to-back meets this weekend. Coming off two losses this past weekend, the Beavers have one goal in mind.

"The goal is to win," said senior Ocean Trail.

Trail posted two individual wins in freestyle events against Utah, and constantly sets the pace for the Beavers. Last season, Oregon State visited Washington State and came home with a victory.

"Obviously, Washington State's our archrival, last year we went to their pool, and we jumped and won the meet," said head coach Larry Liebowitz.

In the last matchup between the two, Oregon State won by a margin of 24 points, defeating the Cougars 143-119. However, Washington State has won five

of the last seven meets against the Beavers.

"[Washington State] has gotten a lot better this year," Liebowitz said. "It's going to be a really close, hard meet this time and we're going to have to be on our 'A' game."

Washington State has only won three meets this season, but that's two more official wins than the Beavers have. Oregon State will swim against Idaho on Saturday morning — not even a full 24 hours later — the Beavers will most certainly need to bring their "A" game.

"This weekend is going to be really competitive," said senior Ivette Dailey-Deaton. "We most definitely have a chance to win, and this week I believe we can do so."

Last weekend, Oregon State suffered losses against both BYU and Utah, and despite a string of three losses in a row, the Beavers still seem to have their heads held high.

"It was really a good weekend for us," Liebowitz said. "They worked together as a team and cheered for each other, so yes, it was a good weekend for us."

"I think we performed really

well as a team and individually," Trail said.

In lieu of winning the meets, Oregon State swimmers managed to post nine total individual wins, as well as a season-best time for freshman Sammy Harrison.

"[Harrison] is just getting faster and faster," Liebowitz said. "She's proving that she's the athlete that I thought she was when I recruited her."

Harrison posted a season-best 10:11.24 in the 1000-yard freestyle, beating her nearest opponent by a little over 36 seconds.

"We have the home advantage, so it'll be awesome being in our home pool with all [of] our fans supporting us," Trail said.

"Plus, it's senior night, so it'll feel really good to go fast," Trail added.

The Beavers take on the Cougars tonight at 5 p.m. in Corvallis for their senior night matchup, and they turn around and swim against Idaho tomorrow morning at 11 a.m. in Corvallis.

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OSU's impressive defense needs big game at Washington

■ Rueck says OSU women's basketball needs to play 'best game of the year' tonight in Seattle against Huskies

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Following back-to-back Civil War victories, the Oregon State women's basketball team is headed to Washington for a pair of road games.

The Beavers (9-9, 3-3 Pac-12) are playing phenomenal defense so far this season, leading the Pac-12 in blocks and seventh in the nation. They are also holding opposing teams to just 33 percent shooting, which is second best in the league, and 13th in the nation.

The high level of defense will need to be maintained in today's game against Washington (12-5, 4-2) in Seattle.

"Every game we've played [against the Huskies] over the last couple years has been a war," said head coach Scott Rueck. "They've all come right down to the end, and I don't see it being any different. They're playing very well this year. [This is] a game where we need to play our best game of the year, up there on the road, and I feel like this team is ready to do that."

Despite the vote of confidence from their head coach, the Beavers have their work cut out for them. The Huskies feature a talented starting five that is spearheaded by sophomore point guard Jazmine Davis. Davis is averaging 20.4 points per

game, a clip that is second best in the Pac-12. As a team, the Huskies average 66.3 points a game, which is six more than the Beavers average.

"We need to contain [Davis] as best we can," Rueck said. "She's just a big time scorer, a big time playmaker, and we've got to do our best to slow her down. It's going to be [in] the defensive end of the floor where we have to take care of business."

In addition to Davis, the Huskies are currently shooting three pointers more efficiently than any other team in the Pac-12. They also have a talented post player in Talia Walton.

"I think they are really hard to guard," Rueck said. "They've got four guards on the outside that all can attack you. They've got a player underneath that just is extremely active and mobile, a great rebounder and always finds ways to get open. They're a team that has five aggressive starters, and that is the toughest team to guard."

It will take a strong defensive effort and efficient shooting on the offensive side of the ball for the Beavers if they are to take command of this game.

Luckily, they have won two games in a row — and during an injury-plagued season — and just may be playing their best ball of the season. Friday's game will determine whether that trend continues.

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Messi sets up 'El Clasico' clash

(CNN) — Barcelona will meet arch-rival Real Madrid in the semifinal of the Copa del Rey after Leo Messi fired the Catalans past Malaga Thursday.

The Argentina international scored his 40th goal of the season as Barca claimed a 4-2 win to prevail 6-4 on aggregate and set up two more 'El Clasico' games.

It will give Barcelona, which is top of La Liga, the opportunity to avenge its defeat by Jose Mourinho's men in the 2010 final.

With Real trailing Barca by 15 points in the league, Mourinho will be desperate to regain the trophy which Pep Guardiola lifted in his final game in charge at the Camp Nou last season.

But if the current Spanish champions are to triumph, they will have to stop Messi and his accomplices, who continue to prosper despite the absence of coach Tito Vilanova.

Vilanova, who is undergoing treatment for cancer, left deputy Jordi Roura in charge, but it made little difference as Barca continued its hot streak.

The statistics are fright-

ening. Barcelona have now scored 100 goals in its 34 goals this season.

It is the fourth year in succession that Messi has reached the 40-goal mark, while his late header also made it 23 goals in his past 15 starts.

With the tie level at 2-2 going into the second leg, Barcelona made the perfect start when Pedro headed home after just eight minutes.

But Malaga fought back and Joaquin equalized four minutes later with a neat finish following wonderful interplay.

Although far from its fluent best, Barcelona picked up in the second half and Gerard Pique netted four minutes after the interval only for Roque Santa Cruz to pull Malaga level once again.

But Barca continued to look threatening and a wonderful flowing move ended with Cesc Fabregas threading the ball through for Andres Iniesta to stroke home.

There was still time for Messi's customary goal, running through the middle to head home Dani Alves' cross from close-range and kill off any hopes of a Malaga comeback.

In the night's other game, Atletico Madrid booked its place in the last four with a 1-1 draw at Real Betis to progress 3-1 on aggregate.

Diego Costa put Atletico ahead on the stroke of half-time with Jorge Molina scoring from the penalty spot late on. Atletico will now face Sevilla in the semifinal.

Meanwhile, Italian champion Juventus confirmed the signing of Spain forward Fernando Llorente.

The 27-year-old, who will arrive in Turin on July 1 when his current deal with Athletic Bilbao expires, has signed a four-year contract.

A statement from the club said: "Juventus can confirm that Spanish international striker Fernando Llorente will join the club on 1 July 2013."

"The 27-year-old has agreed terms on a four-year deal and will move to Turin when his Athletic Bilbao contract expires at the end of the current season."

Elsewhere, AC Milan has signed defender Cristian Zaccardo from Parma in a deal which has seen Djamel Mesbah go the other way.

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to handle it," Blalock said. "We're not putting up the person we want to put in lineup, our first choice, but I know the people who are alternates ... are really going to step up their game."

Ohrlich and Tang have to step up once again.

"We're in a pretty good situation where we have people that can step in and get the job done," said associate head coach Michael Chaplin.

Aside from Tang and Ohrlich, look for Hailey Gaspar, Blalock and Nicole Turner to get in on more events.

Oregon State has issues to deal with, but despite those, the Beavers are still 16th in the nation — a tell-tale sign of a team able to adapt to its environment.

Saturday will show exactly how well they can handle the heat.

"This is a really significant meet," Michael Chaplin said. "It'll be a real challenge for our girls, our team. We'll see how they respond."

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Former football star Junior Seau's family sues NFL, Riddell helmets

LOS ANGELES (CNN) — Former linebacker Junior Seau's family sued the National Football League on Wednesday, claiming his suicide last May was the result of a brain disease caused by violent hits he endured playing the game, the lawsuit said.

Last year, Seau, 43, committed suicide in his bedroom in Oceanside, California, with a gunshot wound to the chest, prompting speculation about whether repeated hits to his helmet over his 20-year pro career could have been a contributing factor.

Earlier this month, Seau was determined to have chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a neurodegenerative brain disease that can follow multiple hits to the head, the National Institutes of Health said.

The lawsuit, filed in San Diego County Superior Court, accuses the NFL and helmet manufacturer Riddell Inc. of wrongful death, but doesn't specify a figure for compensatory and punitive damages. The suit also alleges fraud, negligence and concealment.

The NFL could not be immediately reached for comment.

Riddell Inc. has not yet seen the lawsuit and said it wasn't appropriate to comment on pending litigation, the firm said in a statement.

"We are confident in the integrity of our products and our ability to successfully defend our products against challenges," the company said.

The lawsuit was filed by Seau's children — sons Tyler, Jake and Hunter and daughter Sydney, all of California — and Gina Seau, who is the mother of Jake and Hunter, both of whom are minors. Junior Seau's estate also is a plaintiff.

"We were saddened to learn that Junior, a loving father and teammate, suffered from CTE," the family said in a statement.

"We know this lawsuit will not bring back Junior. But it will send a message that the NFL needs to care for its former players, acknowledge its decades of deception on the issue of head injuries and player safety, and make the game safer for future generations," the family said.

More than 1,500 former NFL players are suing the NFL, alleging the league hid the dangers of concussions from them.

Seau was one of a string of NFL players — along with Dave Duerson, Shane Dronett and Ray Easterling — who took their own lives and were later diagnosed with CTE.

Not everyone who is exposed to repeated head trauma would develop the disease, experts say.

CTE can result in Alzheimer's-like symptoms such as dementia, memory loss, aggression and depression, but it can be diagnosed only after death.

The suit alleges a long history of cover-up by the NFL about the effects of the

game's head trauma.

"The NFL was aware of the evidence and the risks associated with repetitive traumatic brain injuries for many decades, but deliberately ignored and actively concealed the information from the players, including the late Junior Seau," the lawsuit said.

"Today, the NFL and its agents continue to market the ferocity and brutality of the sport," the suit said.

Seau played for the San Diego Chargers from 1990 to 2002, the Miami Dolphins from 2003 to 2005 and the New England Patriots from 2006 to 2009, the suit said.

Seau was nicknamed the "Tasmanian Devil" for his on-field prowess. "He was known as a warrior, the invincible patriarch who could be depended on to play through his injuries," the suit said.

Seau suffered sub-concussive and concussive blows to the head in the NFL, sometimes lacerating his face, court papers said.

During the mid-1990s, he began to show emotional instability and developed insomnia that afflicted him until his death, the suit said. He awoke at 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. and couldn't fall back asleep.

He became forgetful about discussions and appointments, and he was unable to concentrate or focus, the suit said.

He exhibited "self-destructive,

aggressive and violent behavior" and suffered extreme depression, withdrawing from his family and children, court documents said.

His children "would look into his eyes and not recognize the person with whom they were now dealing," the suit said.

Off the field, his one-time ability to show good business sense dissipated, and he made "impulsive, ill-advised decisions," the documents said.

He drank to cope, "entered a devastating cycle of depression and alcohol abuse," and became a manic, compulsive gambler in which he lost a "significant amount of money in an attempt to make back business losses," the lawsuit said.

Seau's family donated his brain to the NIH for research, and this month it released a statement saying "abnormalities were found that are consistent with a form of (CTE)."

In a recent study, researchers found CTE in 34 of 35 deceased NFL players whose brains were donated by family members.

A brain with CTE is riddled with dense clumps of a protein called tau. Under a microscope, tau appears as brown tangles similar to dementia. However, the Boston study showed this progressive, tau protein array in football players much too young for a dementia diagnosis, which typically occurs in people in their 70s or 80s.



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North Korea says new nuclear test will be part of fight against US

SEOUL, South Korea (CNN) — North Korea said Thursday that it plans to carry out a new nuclear test and more long-range rocket launches, all of which it said are a part of a new phase of confrontation with the United States.

The North's National Defense Commission said the moves would feed into an "upcoming all-out action" that would target the United States, "the sworn enemy of the Korean people."

Carried by the state media, the comments are the latest defiant flourish from the reclusive North Korean regime, whose young leader, Kim Jong Un, has upheld his father's policy of pursuing a military deterrent and shrugging off international pressure.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta said Thursday there are no "outward indications" that North Korea is about to conduct a nuclear test, but he admitted it would be hard to determine that in advance.

"They have the capability, frankly, to conduct these tests in a way that makes it very difficult to determine whether or not they are doing it," he said in a Pentagon press conference.

"We are very concerned

with North Korea's continuing provocative behavior," Panetta said, but he added that the United States is "fully prepared" to deal with any provocations.

North Korea's statement followed a U.N. Security Council resolution submitted by the United States and approved Tuesday that condemned a recent rocket launch by the North and expanded existing sanctions.

Pyongyang's threatening statement "should have been the expected outcome" from the U.N. decision, said Daniel Pinkston, senior analyst for the International Crisis Group covering Northeast Asia.

"I think they are completely outraged and insulted by it," he said.

North Korea's statement prompted France and Great Britain to express exasperation with the secretive regime.

Britain's mission to the United Nations called on North Korean leaders to "refrain from further provocation." France said it "deplores" North Korea's statement, telling its leaders that they need not to threaten, but instead to work toward dismantling their nuclear and missile programs.

In addition to Panetta's statement, the United States

added sanctions against more North Korean bank officials and a business linked to the regime's nuclear weapons program.

The Treasury Department announcement targets two Beijing-based representatives of Tanchon Commercial Bank and a company — Leader (Hong Kong) International Trading Limited — that the U.S. government says shipped machinery and equipment in support of North Korea's nuclear program.

The organizations are "part of the web of banks, front companies and government agencies that support North Korea's continued proliferation activities," said Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence David S. Cohen.

"By continuing to expose these entities, and the individuals who assist them, we degrade North Korea's ability to use the international financial system for its illicit purposes," he said.

North Korea, which often issues bellicose statements in its state media, said Thursday that it rejects all Security Council resolutions concerning it, describing the most recent resolution as "the most dangerous phase of the hostile

policy" toward it.

Analyst: Threat meant as a deterrence

The threats toward the United States, a constant theme in the North's propaganda, have more to do with deterrence than a desire for full conflict, Pinkston said.

"I don't believe they have the capability, the intention or the will to invade or destroy the United States," he said. "They wish to deter interference from the U.S. or any outside powers."

North Korea's successful rocket launch last month nonetheless changed the strategic calculations for the United States, showing that the North's missile program is advancing despite an array of heavy sanctions imposed on it.

Analysts say it still has a lot of work to do to master the technology necessary to mount a nuclear warhead on a missile or accurately target it.

At the same time, Pyongyang has been hinting for a while that a new nuclear test could be in the cards.

Just before the North sent out its latest hostile statement Thursday, a U.S. State Department official was telling reporters in Seoul that Washington hoped Pyongyang

wouldn't go ahead.

"We think that that would be a mistake, obviously," said Glyn Davies, the U.S. special envoy on North Korea. "We call on North Korea, as does the entire international community, not to engage in any further provocations."

North Korea has carried out two previous nuclear tests, in 2006 and 2009, both of which were condemned by the United Nations.

Pyongyang didn't say Thursday when exactly it would carry out a third test, but it could happen "at any time," according to Pinkston.

He said it is hard for anybody outside the North Korean nuclear sector to know whether the country is technically ready to carry out the test, but that politically, "it seems an appropriate time."

Demands unlikely to sway North

South Korean defense officials said last year that they believed the North was in a position to carry out a new test whenever leaders in Pyongyang gave the green light.

North Korea's nuclear program is "an element of threat to peace not only for Northeast Asia but also for the world," Park Soo-jin, deputy

spokeswoman for the South Korean Unification Ministry, said Thursday.

"North Korea should immediately stop its nuclear test and other provocation and should choose a different path by cooperating with the international community," Park said.

That appears unlikely at this stage, though.

After a failed long-range rocket launch in April, North Korea ignored international condemnation and carried out a second attempt last month. That one succeeded in putting a satellite in orbit, Pyongyang's stated objective.

But the launch was widely considered to be a test of ballistic missile technology. And it remains unclear whether the satellite, which the North insists is for peaceful purposes, is functional.

Both North Korea's previous nuclear tests took place weeks or months after long-range rocket launches.

Those tests were carried out under the rule Kim Jong Il, the deceased father of the current leader, and the man who channeled huge amounts of money into North Korea's nuclear and missile development programs.

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Yesterday's Solution

Rapsody rhymes, exudes confidence on the stage

■ KBVR DJ Emily Berkey sits down with rapper Rapsody to discuss her music

By Emily Berkey
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Behind Rapsody's gentle demeanor lies a motivated, level-headed business woman with a mind for lyricism. After taking a break from playing hostess, offering everyone in the green room chips and salsa, Rapsody sits down with Emily Berkey before going on stage and discusses working with Kendrick Lamar, the knowledge she has gained from having 9th Wonder as her mentor, her upcoming project entitled "Play Cousins" and offers advice to emcees everywhere.

Q: You've recently taken to Twitter talking about Good Kid M.A.A.D. City, over a year ago you released "Rock The Bells" with Kendrick Lamar. Can we anticipate you working with Kendrick again?

A: Yeah, I saw Kendrick the last time he was on the BET Music Matters show and they were in Charlotte but they came to Raleigh to see us. That was probably a couple weeks ago and we talked about doing another joint so it's definitely in the works.

Q: Do you know what that's going to be like?

A: I don't know. I'm still working on picking the beat and I gotta do my verse first. Because I didn't do it before his album dropped, I wanna give him time to live his moment. We have time. I just dropped my album, he just dropped his, we'll get to it.

Q: You just dropped "The Idea Of Beautiful" at the end of August. What's your idea of beautiful?

A: My idea of beautiful is just to be yourself. I think that's what beautiful is. When you can be comfortable in your own skin and dress the way you wanna dress and listen to whatever music you like listening to and make the music that you want to do, just whatever you dream, just to be yourself and be happy with it. Not to get caught up in stereotypes or what the media portrays as beautiful, being skinny or being light skinned, or whatever, to just be comfortable in your own skin, I think, I think that's beauty.

Q: Do you have a favorite line in "The Idea of Beautiful"?

A: Nobody's asked me these questions! There are



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Rapsody recently released her album "The Idea of Beautiful" at the end of August.

a few that I like. Probably one of my favorites would be the first four off of "Believe Me". Mountains and peaks, valleys I've been through, the landlord tellin' me come thru, rent due, since you seem to have it all figured out, next month while you're coppin one, cop me a Benz too. Because, you know, mountains and peaks can be your good days and bad days, but I've also heard it described by Lauryn [Lauryn Hill] and Jay [Jay-Z] as a learning curve. At the top of the mountain, the peak, is where I've mastered it. Then I'm going back to learning again then I master something else. I feel like that's what I'm doing with each project I have. Mastering something then learning something then mastering something then learning something different

and growing as an artist. I don't think a lot of people understand it's not easy doing what we do. Especially to make the kind of music we make in this climate of what's mainstream, and to be a female doing it. We're so underrepresented. So it's not always easy, but I have fun and I love what I'm doing. You could read a hundred good comments and get one bad and it sticks out. You've gotta put your blinders on. Everybody nowadays thinks they can tell you how to do this better than you, and they're not in it. Where is your success? So that was me venting about a lot of things.

Q: There are a lot of elements of spoken word in your songs. Did you start out as a poet? Have you done spoken word before?

KBVR presents all ages concert tonight in Snell



KBVR

KBVR Station manager Kurt "K-Hurtz" Hagan addresses the audience during a recent KBVR event at Oregon State University.

■ The student run radio station hosts three Portland bands in the International Forum

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Weirdness, free giveaways and live music are in the works for tonight's "A Taste of Weird" winter rock show.

Oregon State University's student run radio station, KBVR FM, is sponsoring the evening of live music and entertainment that features three bands from Portland and is hosted by KBVR personalities Alex Crawford and Kyle Hart.

"We want a bunch of people to come. There are barely any all ages venues in Corvallis and we're hoping to use it as a big promotional tool to let people know about KBVR," said KBVR station manager Kurt Hagan.

Ninja Turtle Ninja Tiger, ManX and A Happy Death will be traveling down from Portland to play. Hagan described their music as rock and roll and said it should be a great time to see some Portland bands.

Crawford and Hart are known for their eccentric clothing and sometimes dirty moustaches, and Hagan said many are coming to the show just to see what they will be wearing. Crawford, who also works as a sports writer for the Barometer, is known for his dating and relationship radio show "Quit Playing Games."

Pint glasses, coasters, show tickets, CDs, vinyl records, stickers and other swag will be handed out during the concert.

The show will be happening at the International Forum in Snell. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. and should be done by 9:30.

"It's gonna be done early enough so you can party afterward," Hagan said.

A Taste of Weird

Friday: International Forum, Snell Hall
When: 7 p.m.
Who: Ninja Turtle, Ninja Tiger, ManX, Happy Death

A: I didn't do it often, but I've always wanted to rhyme. It was just a fear thing. Being from a small town in North Carolina, it was a fear thing. I started writing spoken word before I got in the group Kooley High, when they had a show, or when I was in H2O, the Hip Hop organization we started. When we had an event, I would always be the host and between intermissions, my thing was to do a spoken word piece. Everybody in the group did something- you had producers, you had DJs, you had emcees and before I became an official emcee I did spoken word, so to get me involved that's what they let me do. So that's what I'm good at, but never anything seriously. I just did it to get it out.

Q: 9th Wonder has recently signed you to Jamla Records and is mentoring you. What's that like?

A: It's great. I tell him all the time, I tell him "thank you" a million times, and I don't want to be anywhere else or sign to anybody else. If I could go back and change it, I wouldn't change a thing. I've known him since the middle of 2005 and from the first day I met him he's taken me under his wing and mentored me through the years. I didn't sign with him until '08. So he's real patient; other than music and sports, his other passion is teaching. He wanted to be a history teacher and that's what he went to college for. That shows that he's patient with you, he'll shed all the knowledge and give you all the devices. There's something even in music that we're both learning together, especially about flow patterns and breathing and small technical things. It's fun, you know, he's able to get you to relax and he knows each of his artists individually and what we like, and he knows my past so he connects with me and takes time to do that. It's great working with him.

Q: So 9th Wonder is teaching at Duke and Harvard. Do you foresee yourself teaching in the future?

A: I thought about it. I love kids, but it's nothing I ever saw myself doing as a career. I thought if I didn't do music I'd want to do something with music, but it'd be marketing music or something. Maybe it's a possibility, if I could take my expertise and things I've learned, and hopefully have a long career and hopefully pass that along to someone else I think that would be dope. I can see myself doing it like it's a possibility. I don't know though, anything's possible.

Q: Do you see yourself taking someone under your wing like 9th has done with you?

A: Yeah, definitely. I try to do it now. I can't go and sign somebody because I feel like I'm still learning and I haven't mastered everything yet and I'm not even in a position in my career, I need to take care of myself and make sure I get there first before I bring somebody else along, but people ask me for advice all the time on Twitter, or I'll be out in North Carolina and somebody will ask for advice and if I know it, I'll try to share it and pass it on. Jay passed it to 9th and 9th passed it to me, so it's my job to pass it on to somebody else. I hope they do the same just to keep it going.

Q: What advice do you want to share with young female emcees out there?

A: I would say one, whether you're female or male to be patient, but especially with females, don't label yourself as a female emcee. Don't separate yourself and put yourself in that box. You're no different from the guys, and once you conquer that and really start to focus on the craft of it and making good music, it's a little easier. One, focus on the music, don't focus on your gender or having to come out and have to prove something, just let your foundation be good music. Then it goes into patience, it'll take time to get to where you wanna be, especially if you wanna do it the right way and have a lasting career. Anything that comes fast is gonna go as fast. So you wanna take the time to build your foundation and fan base, people that are gonna be with you forever no matter what you do. Ask them to take time. Listen to people that have been there. Talk less and listen more. That's how you learn the most. And work on your craft, if you want to make it your life, you have to literally make it a life, you have to wake up and go to sleep knowing it. So that's the advice that he's given me and I've learned just watching him, even to this day, I've been in the game over 10 years, he has a Grammy, he's worked with Jay, Mary, Erykah Badu, Murs, Jean Grae, everybody and anybody and he still wakes up at 9 o'clock in the morning and goes to bed at 3 or 4 in the morning, working on his craft and making beats. So that goes to show, you have to work at it and that's my advice.

Q: What's coming up next for you?

A: I'm working on the EP now with another artist who I'll name later, but it's gonna be called "Play Cousins" and I'm gonna be starting on a sophomore album soon, to be released next year sometime. I think "The Idea of Beautiful" has a good shelf life so I wanna push that and a Kooley High album is gonna be out in 2013, 9th's gonna executive produce that, so those are the three projects I have coming up. So I've got a lot of work to do.