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FOR 2013

Wear the Square at the MU

■ Movement asks for tuition freezes on campus, support from OSU President Ed Ray

By Ricky Zipp
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With signs reading “Freeze Tuition Now” and “schools not prisons,” 40 people circled around the Memorial Union steps for Associated Students of Oregon State University’s Wear the Square rally in protest of tuition increases.

Chalk signs written into the sidewalk on the edges of the MU Quad led to a group of students chanting slogans like, “Hey hey, Ed Ray, we refuse to pay,” and a giant red board asking students, “What does \$460 of tuition mean to you?”

While some members of the Wear the Square movement were swept up in the midst of the activities, others were asking students passing by to sign a petition against tuition increase and to stand in solidarity with the movement.

Drew Deatherage, Wear the Square member and an ASOSU employee was the first to speak to the crowd, stating he was in \$25,000 worth of debt and continued higher education cuts by the state is the reason student debt is climbing so high today.

“Affordable access to public education is a right,” Deatherage said before ending his speech with the call, “What does democracy look like?” and the students in attendance responded, “This is what democracy looks like.”

Next to speak was ASOSU’s Vice President Dan Cushing who started off by announcing that he emailed President Ed Ray last week to request his support on freezing tuition. President Ray’s response was measured and questioned what freezing tuition would look like on campus.

“We will not make any commitment regarding tuition, until we have a much better idea about how much funding the legislature plans to include in our budget,” Ray said in a written response to Cushing’s



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Students congregated in the Memorial Union quad yesterday, chanting slogans and carrying signs in protest of tuition hikes at Oregon universities.

email.

He went on to say it would be “irresponsible” to make any decisions so soon into the legislative session, stating that the budget for the biennium of 2013-15 will need to be seen. Ray also said the increased tuition is the result of state legisla-

ture decreasing per-student funding for higher education.

After the rally, Cushing said in order for the legislature to respond to students’ requests on this campus, Ray’s support will be needed.

“We stick to our original request,” Cushing said when asked about

the president’s response. “Tuition increases won’t stand.”

After the two opening speakers, the stage was passed off to any students who wished to tell their story. After a few speeches regarding the increases here in Oregon, gradu-

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OSU to hold town hall on safety tonight

■ Meeting will give students, staff opportunity to talk about recent assaults on campus

By Gabriella Morrongiello
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In light of the two recent assaults in Corvallis, Oregon State University will hold a town hall meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. in LaSells Stewart Center.

The open forum will cover a variety of topics including personal safety tips, prevention, recovery services at OSU, as well as opportunities for students who wish to get involved in campus safety efforts.

Attendees are encouraged to participate in the open discussion regarding concerns related to the recent incidents, issues surrounding sexual violence and assault, prevention, recovery and the continuance and improvement of safety measures at OSU.

According to the Women’s Center Staff, the meeting will include a panel of students and university staff who will explain the programs OSU already has in place to prevent and respond to sexual violence, and how one can become involved in these programs.

The agenda also includes a question and answer session with Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Larry Roper. Roper will facilitate the discussion about how students, faculty and staff can help to enhance campus safety.

The meeting will run until 7 p.m. and is open to all interested students, community members, faculty and staff.

According to Corvallis Police records, Corvallis residents reported 365 assault-related incidents in 2012. In addition, OSU reported four incidents of assault as well as three forcible sex offenses in 2011.

These numbers have decreased in recent years, but efforts toward further prevention remain crucial.

OSU and the surrounding community have taken many initiatives recently to keep students and Corvallis residents safe while the assailant has yet to be apprehended.

OSU’s Women’s Center has been handing out whistles on campus and posting safety tips on their Facebook page. Northwest Martial Arts, located on 3rd Street in downtown Corvallis, will be hosting a free women’s self-defense seminar at 4 p.m. on Feb. 9. Local law enforcement has increased bicycle and vehicle patrols in the area.

The Corvallis Police Department formed an 18-person task force last week. The task force’s sole purpose is to investigate the two recent attacks on female residents on and near the OSU campus and continue to follow any leads they may receive.

While many students study alone late at night on campus and some classes begin and end well after dusk, taking the necessary precautions to promote one’s safety is essential.

Corvallis Police Department and campus officials urge students to avoid walking alone at night whenever possible, use the marked blue emergency phones on campus, let someone know when you are leaving a location at night, refrain from the use of headphones while navigating the streets, and use SafeRide, which is free and available to all students.

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Athletics presents budget to student board

■ Athletes propose student fee for tickets to the Student and Incidental Fee Committee

By Jack Lammers
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students camp out for them — in some cases, donors pay large amounts of money for them — and last night, the Student and Incidental Fee Committee reviewed and tentatively passed the fee for student tickets to athletic events for the 2014 fiscal year.

The athletic budget looks quite different from the other budgets the committee reviews. Mostly, this is because most of the athletics fund comes from other sources like private funds, Pac 12 Networks and ticket sales amounting to 72 percent of rev-

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English professor shines light on older literature

■ Though popular culture seems to have left Jane Austen novels collecting dust, associate professor Evan Gottlieb bridges the gap between new, old

By Katherine Choi
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Vampires, werewolves and zombies have taken over the film and literary industries, attracting more young readers than ever before. These supernatural entities, however, have originated long before Stephanie Meyer’s “Twilight,” according to Evan Gottlieb, associate professor of English at Oregon State University.

For some, Evan Gottlieb’s collection of novels may begin to look more like a library. His passion for literature has inspired him to write for not just scholars and students, but for a pop culture audience as well.

Gottlieb’s recent blog on the Huffington Post titled “Jane Austen and Zombies: Old Novels, New Insights,” shares comparisons between old and contemporary literature.

Gottlieb is not suggesting older literature is better than contemporary novels. He states in his blog, “One’s appreciation of many contemporary novels and poems will almost certainly be deepened by some knowledge of the literary predecessors and influences that they draw on, allude to, or simply echo without necessarily knowing it.”

Readers who have the background knowledge from

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Evan Gottlieb, associate professor of English, started a Huffington Post blog, writing about new and old literature.

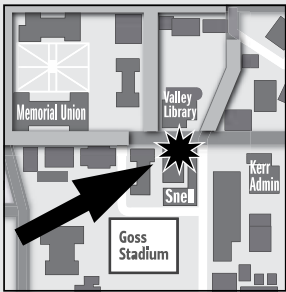
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Officials: Hostage standoff ends with child rescued

MIDLAND CITY, Alabama (CNN) — A 5-year-old boy freed Monday after being held captive in an underground bunker for six days is laughing and smiling and playing with his favorite toy dinosaur after being reunited with his family, authorities said.

The boy's kidnapper is dead, but officials offered no details on the raid that freed the boy — identified only by his first name, Ethan — and left his abductor fatally shot.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Steve Richardson visited Ethan at a hospital, where he was in a private area with heavy security.

"He is doing fine,"

Richardson told reporters at a late-night news conference. "He's laughing, joking, playing, eating."

Dale County Sheriff Wally Olson had no new details about Ethan's rescue, and when asked if the boy saw his abductor, 65-year-old Jimmy Lee Dykes, killed during the rescue operation, Olson replied, "He's a very special child. He's been through a lot, he's endured a lot."

Ethan looks great but will be hospitalized overnight, an uncle told people at a prayer vigil earlier Monday.

Authorities said they were still working on the crime scene and the investigation

should continue for several more days. The sheriff's office said the bomb squad was checking the bunker for potential explosive devices.

Richardson earlier said an FBI team went in to get Ethan after negotiations had broken down with Dykes, who also was "observed holding a gun."

Olson said it became very difficult to deal with and even communicate with Dykes over the past day.

Believing the child to be in imminent danger, an FBI team entered the bunker at 3:12 p.m. CT (4:12 p.m. ET) and rescued the boy, Richardson said.

One neighbor said he was outside when he was started

by the sound of an explosion.

"I heard a big boom and then ... I believe I heard rifle shots," said Bryon Martin, who owns a home near the bunker where the boy had been held since Tuesday.

It was a loud noise that "made me jump off the ground," he said.

Authorities wouldn't say whether the blast was set off as a diversionary tactic or whether Dykes had planted explosives around the bunker.

After the good news of the boy's release spread through the small rural community, travelers on a nearby highway honked their horns as they drove by.

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enue, compared to the 5 percent from student fees. Another distinction lies in the data trends. Where most departments show predictable growth, ticket distribution fluctuates unpredictably from year to year.

The committee's task is to provide enough tickets for everyone to attend, but at the same time, to not overestimate ticket numbers. If the committee lowballs its ticket numbers, the tickets will be given to non-students, generating more revenue for the university. The department maintains the same figures for student tickets, to account for the fluctuation of attendance from year to year.

By paying the athletic student fee, students receive tickets at half of their market value, based on the number of tickets allotted to students.

Josh Smith, a senior on the OSU men's soccer team, and Lauren Fisher, a sophomore on the women's golf team, presented the budget.

"It went smoothly," Smith said. "Both the athletic department and the student fee committee see it as a pretty good deal for students."

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ate students filled the stage and continually brought up how they do not pay tuition, but stand in solidarity with the undergraduate students who do.

"[Students] are not going to have higher education systems except for the very few unless we have a tuition freeze," said Dan Ritter, a graduate student at OSU and member of the Coalition of Graduate Employees.

Ritter continued on to say that the CGE is in support of the movement.

"We are here in solidarity," Ritter said. "If we keep doing things like this we can freeze tuition."

Solidarity for students

The presenters requested a student fee set to \$37.30 for athletics for fall, winter and spring terms for the 2013-14 academic year. The budget would lower the current fee by \$3.68. The reason for the decrease comes from the growing student population.

"The athletics budget is fairly static, but the change in student population has made for a lower student fee," said Marianne Vydra, senior associate athletic director.

Vydra discussed the presentation with the committee, addressing board members' questions. Members asked about how often athletics promotes student events sponsored by the Associated Students of Oregon State University. Vydra responded by saying athletics allows ASOSU many options, including flyers and video board announcements across all athletic events.

Brad Alvarez, committee chair, also requested trends in ticket pick-up by students over the past few years to see how many are picked up versus the amount

available. Vydra said they could present those trends prior to the final hearing.

Athletics' work with the committee in years past was more difficult than this year, Vydra said.

Last year our budget was tentatively approved, then readjusted at the final hearing. [The committee] has been much more transparent this year.

Marianne Vydra

Senior associate athletic director

half," Alvarez said. "By then we will try to have a more comprehensive plan."

Videos of the committee meetings can be found on KBVR's YouTube channel, youtube.com/user/KBVR26.

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continued to be a theme throughout the rally. Along with the several graduate students who spoke, Gloria O'Brien, local union president of ServiceEmployees International Union, also got up to pledge her solidarity with the Wear the Square cause.

A change of pace came from Sidney Householder, another graduate student, who addressed the value placed in education and the reality of owing money to the government for a degree.

"It's discouraging when the value you place in education is only worth the money you make because of that education," Householder said.

While all the focus was on the steps of the MU, the classes ended at 12:50 p.m. and stu-

dents crisscrossed through the quad, seemingly unaffected.

After the event was finished and volunteers pushed the total of petition signatures up more than 400, the organizers were pleased with their results.

"It was fantastic," Matthew Palm said. "We're letting the legislature know that they are not going to privatize education in Oregon."

Deathage was optimistic, he went on to say this initial protest got other students engaged and was a good start for continued efforts that will be made at the Oregon Legislature and on campus by the Wear the Square movement.

Since the beginning members of Wear the Square have stressed the importance of student participation and

announced to the students who were there on Monday afternoon that the next meeting to plan future action will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Snell 149.

As for what those actions will be, Cushing was unsure if another rally will be in the future. More work with the administration in attempt to get their support will be made, and work with the state legislature can now begin. Monday was the official opening of Oregon's legislative session for 2013.

"It was a great turnout, a whole bunch of people showed up," Cushing said. "But I don't know if there will be another rally, we'll check with our fellow students."

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older novels can learn to appreciate and even better understand the popular novels of today — even novels about vampires and zombies.

Gothic figures have been popular since the 1700s, when many novels were based on a frame narrative, Gottlieb said. Nowadays, the equivalent of a frame narrative is contained in several found footage movies, where much of the film seems like it has been recorded on the scene of events.

"On the one hand, there's been a long tradition of a fascination with the supernatural, some of it I think is the fantasy element: 'Wouldn't it be exciting?' Some of it is, even in Walpole's book, it's a response to an increasingly secular society," Gottlieb said. "Supernatural creatures are, in a way, a compensation for or a substitute for a more traditional form of belief."

With each new generation becoming

less aware of older novels, Gottlieb suggests students consider authors' tradition of using contemporary events as a basis for fiction. Amy Waldman's novel, "Submission," looks at the hypothetical turn of events if the winning design for the World Trade Center memorial had been a Muslim architect.

"There's another level of influence and another layer of significance to be uncovered if you keep moving back in time," said Tara Williams, also an OSU associate professor of English.

Today's TV shows like "Downton Abbey" and "Mad Men" attempt to recreate a historical period, but still portray the issues as relevant to today's society. Having knowledge of this tradition allows students a new perspective, attitude and can use it to enjoy older literature.

When asked about reading Gottlieb's

blog post, Rebecca Schneider, graduate teaching assistant of writing 121, said,

He's found a way to balance beautifully his family life, personal interests, teaching and scholarship.

Rebecca Schneider

Graduate teaching assistant

literary theories, writing blogs and editing for Norton Critical Edition books, Gottlieb enjoys spending his leisure hours running, baking and teaching his two sons, James and Liam, the lyrics to "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

"He's found a way to balance beautifully his family life, personal interests, teaching and scholarship," Schneider said.

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Calendar

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6pm, MU 213. Student Sustainability Initiative and Our Little Village will be presenting their budgets.

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Socratic Book Club, 7-8pm, MU Talisman Room. Reading and discussion group studying Eric Metaxas' "Life, God, and Other Small Topics." Focus on Francis Collins' essay, "The Language of God: A Believer Looks at the Human Genome."

Events

Career Services, 11am-Noon, Valley Library, Willamette East & West Rooms, 3rd Floor. WEBINAR - Landing Your Dream Federal Job or Internship.

Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez & CAPS, 5-7pm, MU 206. Stress-relief event. We will be presenting and doing a few exercises to relieve stress.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Meetings

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211.

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6:45-8pm, Mac Room at McAlexander Fieldhouse. ASOSU will be presenting their budget.

Events

Career Services, Noon-3pm, MU Ballroom. Nonprofit & Volunteer Fair: Representatives from more than 50 local and national nonprofit and government organizations representing a wide variety of fields who are seeking OSU volunteers, interns and employees.

Career Services, 11am-Noon, MU 206. Marketing Your Service Experience: Meet a panel of nonprofit professionals who will share tips and strategies on marketing your service and volunteer experience to potential employers.

Career Services, 11am-Noon, MU Journey Room. Pursuing a Nonprofit Career: Gain insight into the nonprofit industry.

Career Services, Noon-1pm, MU 208. International Service Workshop: Explore international nonprofit internships and service opportunities.

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, 6-7:30pm, Snell 424, 4Cs Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. The/Los Afro-Latinos.

Pride Center, Noon-1pm, Pride Center. Book Club: reading "Faithist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious" by Chris Stedman. The book explains how he went from a closeted gay evangelical Christian to an "out" atheist and humanist.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Rethinking Prosperity - Devotions and discussion on the meaning of prosperity and our search for it.

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

Events

Pride Center, 5-8pm, Pride Center. Get your game on! We'll be playing Halo 4, Xbox Kinect's Dance Revolution and a variety of board games! Snacks and drinks provided.

Friday, Feb. 8

Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la carte: The Lyric Trio. A musical journey through English and American Poetry.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 2pm, MU 213. Student Diversity and Recreational Sports will be presenting their budgets.

Monday, Feb. 11

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 7pm, MU 213. Educational Activities and Music will present their budgets.

Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, 5-7pm, Snell 424, 4Cs Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. Cultural Taboos. Discuss the stereotypes of Black people and how it affects their everyday lives.

Pride Center, 10am-7pm, Pride Center. Make cards for partners of the same, or different, gender.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 5pm, MU Ballroom. Open Hearing. The SIFC will make a final vote and decision on all incidental/health fee budgets for next year and set the fee level.

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and Asian & Pacific Cultural Center, 4-5:30pm, MU Journey Room. Lead by Example.

Pride Center, 10am-7pm, Pride Center. Make cards for partners of the same, or different, gender.

Editorial

Let states decide marijuana legalization

Lawmakers are working on several bills to bring to Congress, which would rework the way our country approaches marijuana. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., and Jared Polis, D-Colo., plan on introducing these bills today.

One measure would remove marijuana from the Drug Enforcement Administration, and instead reclassify it under the “newly renamed Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana and Firearms,” according to a Huffington Post article on Feb. 4. Marijuana would be treated similarly to how the federal government treats alcohol.

In this case, growers would have to obtain a federal permit to grow. It would, also, be illegal to transport marijuana to a state where it is not legal. Put in other words, if you go to Washington for a long weekend, then smuggle left-over greens back across state lines, you could be in for a world of hurt.

Our neighbor to the north, and Colorado, legalized the possession of no more than an ounce of marijuana for adults over 21 last November. The federal government, however, still classifies marijuana as an illegal drug.

Technically, it is within the federal government’s boundaries to interfere and arrest those using the drug.

A recent Reason-Rupe poll found that 72 percent of Americans believe, if a state legalizes marijuana, the federal government should not arrest the user in that state. Likewise, 68 percent believe growers in a state that has legalized marijuana should not be arrested, and 64 percent believe sellers should not be arrested by the federal government.

The key here is, as long as you are within the state where marijuana is legal, the majority of Americans think the federal government should not intervene. We agree with the majority of Americans.

We believe a state should have the power to legalize marijuana, and the federal government should recognize the state’s right to do so. Ideally, the federal government will recognize that marijuana needs to be reclassified and removed from the category of a Schedule I drug.

As recognized by the United States, the Drug Enforcement Administration classifies marijuana with drugs like heroin, LSD and ecstasy. Schedule I drugs “have no currently accepted medical use in the United States,” and have “a high potential for abuse,” according to the DEA webpage.

With marijuana legal in Washington and Colorado, and the growing marijuana movement in Oregon, California and Maine, it will be interesting to see how the federal government reacts. Should the federal government stick its nose in the state’s business regarding marijuana? Should marijuana be reclassified and dealt with like alcohol? Let us know what you think in a letter to the editor.

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Wear the Square needs leadership, organization

If the “Wear the Square” campaign wanted to send a clear message to Oregon State University President Ed Ray and the Oregon legislature that students are upset about tuition increases and won’t take it any longer, they failed.

If they wanted to reassure administrators and elected officials that the student body at the state’s land-grant university is apathetic and willing to accept the status quo, they succeeded beyond the wildest expectations of the big wigs on the sixth floor of Kerr.

I’m sorry, but 45 students — many of them graduate students who admitted while speaking to the crowd they don’t even pay tuition — do not inspire the sort of broad consensus that an issue as unifying as ending tuition increases should. It was a pathetic showing, and all the chants, shouting and holding signs couldn’t change the fact the rally was mostly ignored by the students

passing through the MU quad.

This rally exposed what from the beginning has appeared to be a haphazard, poorly planned afterthought of a political movement. What should be an easy sell — the fact tuition has skyrocketed the last 10 years and something needs to be done — has instead garnered little enthusiasm from the student body. This is due to unclear goals and intentions, unorganized leadership and a lack of reaching out to any potential constituencies.

First, this movement needs to define clearly what it wants. Movements exist

because they want to achieve goals. Movements do not exist — and certainly do not achieve — because people think it may be fun or look good on a resume later. A movement for the sake of a movement is a waste of time and air.

Wear the Square could say it wants a tuition freeze. It could say it would like to limit tuition increases to 3 percent. It could say it would like to burn down Kerr Administration. But until it defines what exactly it wants, instead of complaining about a problem we all know exists, it will not achieve anything.

Second, this movement needs leadership and organization. We as an editorial board here at the Barometer originally endorsed this campaign

because we were excited about the potential of student leaders doing something about the absurd cost of tuition. What I have seen, though, is a couple of students handing out pieces of red felt in the quad, a website that only recently came online, a Facebook page and a student body that still doesn’t talk or care about wearing the

square. The leaders of the movement need to be the ones organizing and defining the goals. You can still build a consensus and have goals and an intended direction. Without them, this movement will be as inconsequential as the rally that occurred in the quad

“It was a pathetic showing ... the rally was mostly ignored by students passing through the quad.”

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Social, relationship contraceptives: A communication breakdown

Over the seems-so-distant-now holiday break, I was fortunate enough to reconnect with family members I rarely see. Of them was one of my closest friends and pen pal, my 91 year-old grandmother. We enjoyed frequent conversations together, which included her personal secrets to a fulfilling and happy life. The banter that enthralled me most compared relationship characteristics between her generation and mine.

Kyle Hart

The Daily Barometer

To the naked eye, dating may have seemed more difficult, technical and tiresome for our parents and past cohorts. However, it made them more reliable as people, stronger as a couple and more emotionally resilient.

I understand practices and cour-

tesies shift and change frequently from one generation to another. Goodness, a hundred years ago marijuana, heroin and morphine were all readily available at local drug stores. The average speed limit in most cities was 10 miles per hour.

According to YPulse columnist Christopher Walcott, it used to be common practice for a man to date a woman only if they had been formally introduced and the man had been properly introduced to her

family. It would be senseless for me to jump to a rash inference by saying everyone should practice ancient, conventional ways of dating.

Nevertheless, two things were nonexistent a century ago that play a pivotal role in the majority of relationships today: the Internet and text messages. With the assistance of these two services, many relationships quickly escalate into a cyclone of possession and obsession.

In theory, there is no need to spend any face-to-face time together — besides maybe engaging in sexual intercourse. I’ve witnessed people feel discomfort, paranoia and intense agony when their significant other goes an hour without texting them. They begin to experience some sort of delirium and increased aggression when the whereabouts of their partner are unknown.

Recent studies by Dr. James Roberts, of Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business, indicate the average young adult sends about 110 text messages daily and checks their phone around 60 times per day. It seems to me these actions are quickly trending in the direction of an uncontrollable addiction.

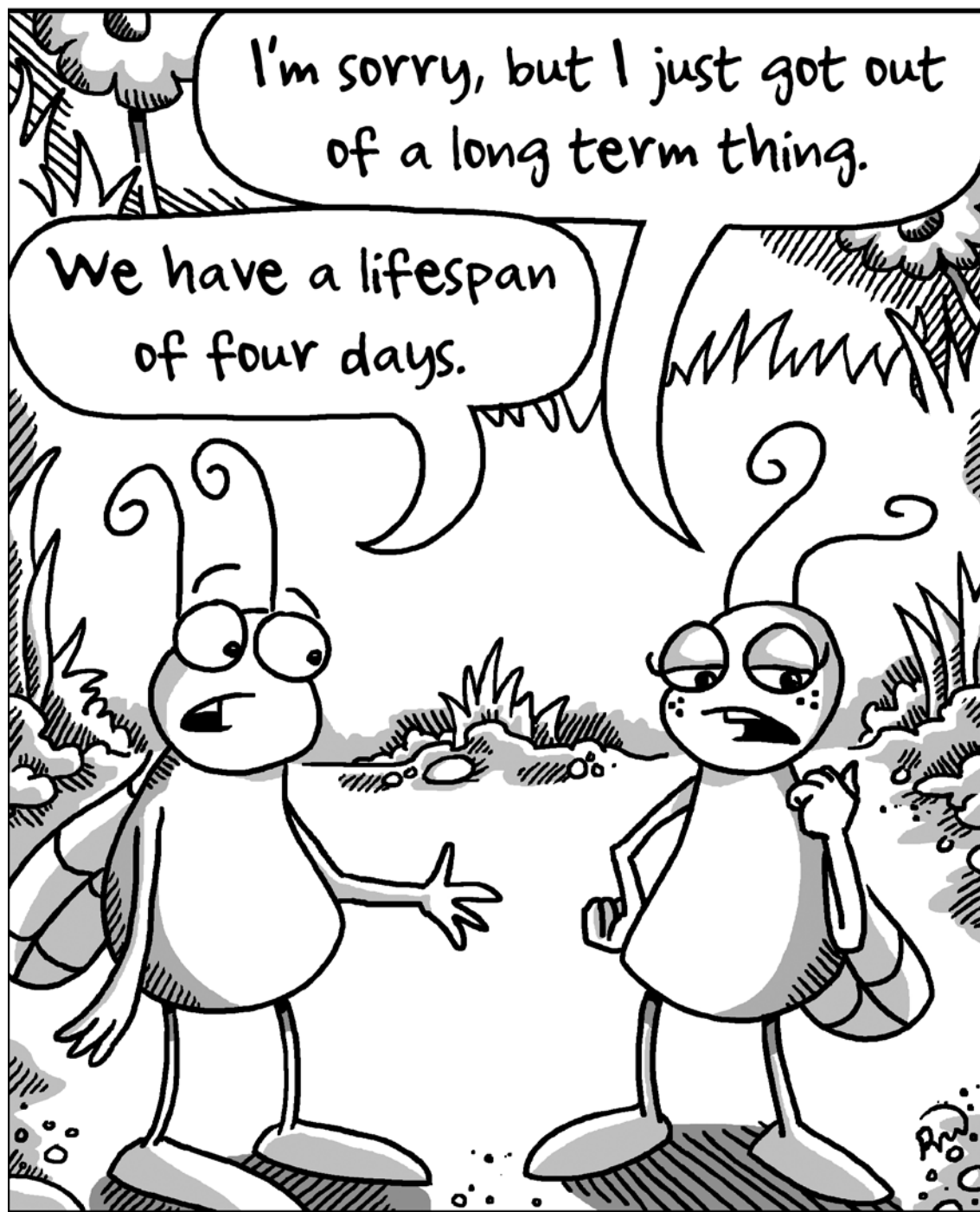
One hundred years ago, people had to make more of an effort in order to see someone they truly care about. I can hardly imagine my grandmother Tweeting at my grandfather from the mounted rotary phone in the kitchen. Interactions between couples seem more sincere, romantic and personal in past generations. In our generation, real communication comes second to constant technological exchanges. In the past, when you truly missed someone you couldn’t have the instant satisfaction of texting them your every thought.

These ever-expanding options of computer communication are more of a hindrance than they seem at face value. It is social and relationship contraception. Constantly communicating over text messages, Facebook IMs or Tweets will prove to be unhealthy and detrimental to a fully functional relationship.

This everyday, extremely blase form of communication is robbing you — and your date — a wealth of information about each other that will keep you close. The more you know, the better your courtship will become. Though there may be a rapid increase in communication, the affection required to maintain an effective relationship is lost in a sea of LOLs and insecurities.

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5 tips to avoid looking foolish in IM basketball

If you play intramural basketball at Oregon State — specifically in the men's "A" league — please read this before your next game. There are some prevalent issues I've seen in the past week that you should be aware of before you embarrass yourself on the court.

After a week of scouting the various timeslots, I've seen a lot of basketball — some good, some bad and some terrible.

Regardless of the quality of play, the number one thing I've come to realize during this time is the students at this school take their IM basketball seriously — which should be a good thing. When the players care about winning, the games should be competitive and fun for everyone involved.

Although the intramural league is all about competition among "NARPs" (Non-Athletic Regular People), it has taken a tragic turn. It has transformed from a league that is meant to be fun into a warzone, chock-full of hyper-competitive former high school athletes who treat what is essentially pickup basketball like it's the NBA Finals.

This column may come off as me accusing every player of being overly competitive, but it's just a list of guidelines to make sure no one goes overboard. These are the top five ridiculous trends in IMs everyone should avoid, unless they want to be "that guy."

1. No shooting sleeves

C'mon people, really? I know we've grown up watching T-Mac and Kobe don the shooting and leg sleeve, and it looks really cool on them. Maybe the shooting sleeve would fly in high school, but it's time to grow up. None of us are going to be shooting crunch-time Js in the Staples Center anytime soon, so let's leave the unnecessary accessories at home. These are IMs, not March Madness. You don't look cool, and we all know that sleeve isn't

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JACKIE SEUS | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior pitcher Marina Demore, senior shortstop Elizabeth Santana, sophomore center fielder Dani Gilmore and senior pitcher Tina Andreaana are the nucleus of the Oregon State softball team. The Beavers have their sights set high after winning 36 games last season.

Oregon State softball is back

■ The Beavers broke a four-year postseason drought last season, now they're raising the bar even higher on themselves

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This time last year, if an Oregon State University softball player would have mentioned the words "College World Series," they likely would have been laughed at.

The Beavers were coming off a season in which they went 2-19 in the Pac-10. A program that once made nine straight postseason appearances — including a trip to the NCAA Women's College World Series in 2006 — was mired in a four-year postseason drought.

Oh, how much can change in a year.

The Beavers surprised everybody but perhaps

themselves last season, winning 36 games and reaching the postseason for the first time since 2007.

With seven of its top-nine hitters and two of its top-three pitchers back, it's safe to say the OSU softball team — which opens its 2013 campaign Thursday against Stephen F. Austin in Tempe, Ariz. — has regained its swagger of old.

"Since we know we did so well last year, we have that confidence in our back pocket," said senior third baseman Desiree Beltran. "This year we just have to step it up and prove it again because people might think last year was a fluke, which it wasn't."

"Our ultimate goal is to go to the College World Series in Oklahoma City," added senior shortstop Elizabeth Santana. "That's where we want to go and that's where we will go if we keep it consistent."

On paper, the softball program's sudden turnaround is as puzzling as the OSU football program's, which went 9-4 this past fall after winning three games the year before.

OSU softball's 2011 campaign featured a 14-game losing streak. During one seven-game stretch, the Beavers scored one run. They hit .228 on the season, the program's worst mark since 1994.

Last year, they added two pieces to the lineup, Santana and then-freshman center fielder Dani Gilmore, and two pieces to the dugout, coaches Laura Berg and Geoff Hirai.

Other than that, it was the same team that lost 28 games the year before.

But the 2012 Beavers won nine Pac-12 games, hit .273 as a team — the program's fourth-best

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COMING SOON

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Men's Basketball vs. Utah, 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum, Pac-12 Networks (TV)

Men's Golf @ Amer Ari Invitational, All Day, Waikoloa, Hawaii

Thursday, Feb. 7

Softball @ Kajikawa/ASU Classic (vs. Stephen F. Austin), 4 p.m., Tempe, Ariz.

Men's Golf @ Amer Ari Invitational, All Day, Waikoloa, Hawaii

Friday, Feb. 8

Softball @ Kajikawa/ASU Classic (vs. No. 2 Oklahoma), 1:30 p.m., Tempe, Ariz.

Softball @ Kajikawa/ASU Classic (vs. Creighton), 4 p.m., Tempe, Ariz.

Women's Track @ Husky Classic, 4 p.m., Seattle, Wash.

No. 14 Gymnastics @ Arizona State, 6 p.m., Tempe, Ariz.

Women's Basketball @ No. 22 Colorado, 6 p.m., Boulder, Colo., Pac-12 Networks (TV)

No. 9 Wrestling vs. Cal Poly, 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum

Men's Golf @ Amer Ari Invitational, All Day, Waikoloa, Hawaii



Makayla Stambaugh

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior Oregon State gymnast Makayla Stambaugh won the all-around title in Sunday's meet against Cal in Berkeley, Calif. — 77 miles from her native Sacramento.

Stambaugh's all-around score of 39.225 in OSU's victory over the Golden Bears has earned her The Daily Barometer's Athlete of the Week honors.

After getting off to a slow start to the season

The Daily Barometer Athlete of the Week

in the first two meets, the senior captain has turned it on recently. She scored a 39.425 and 39.350, respectively, in the two meets before Sunday.

Stambaugh has already had a decorated career in collegiate gymnastics. She was a Second Team All-American on floor exercise in 2012, and a First Team All-American in floor and uneven bars in 2011. She was also All-Pac-12 in all-around in 2012.

Along with taking the all-around title in Sunday's win over Cal, Stambaugh also excelled on bars for the third straight week with a 9.875.

Consistency has been her calling card in the last three meets, with a score of 9.775 or higher on 11 of her last 12 rotations (only failing to meet that mark on beam two meets ago, with a still-respectable 9.725).

With two-time Conference Gymnast of the Year Leslie Mak, and 2011 All-American Olivia Vivian both graduated, Stambaugh has had to step into that leadership role in her senior season. And performances like Sunday, as well as the previous two meets, have followed the leader-by-example mold for this team.



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Intramural basketball weekly notebook

By Grady Garrett and Andrew Kilstrom

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last year, The Daily Barometer ranked the top 10 intramural men's basketball teams heading into the playoffs.

This year, we're taking it a step further.

Over the course of the four-week regular season, we'll scout each men's "A" team at least twice — unless you're not any good, then we won't waste our time.

Every Tuesday, we'll run a notebook with observations from the previous week's men's "A" games. The day before the playoffs begin, we'll release our men's "A" top 10. We will also release a women's "A" top five, but we won't include the women's teams in our weekly notebooks, since there are only 18 women's teams in comparison to 78 men's teams.

The notebooks will touch on a variety of topics — we have no set criteria for what we will, or won't, write about.

If you don't like something we wrote, or if you think we significantly undersold/oversold a certain team, feel free to shoot us an email (sports@dailybarometer.com) or hit us up on Twitter (@gradygarrrett, @AndrewKilstrom). Feedback is welcome, and your email or tweet may make it into a future notebook.

We didn't get the chance to see everyone last week, so this week's notebook isn't quite as in-depth as future notebooks will be once we've seen more teams play. Let the fun begin.

Here are a few observations from the men's "A" games for the week of Jan. 27-31 (last night's games will be included in next week's notebook):

- Lambda Chi Alpha, last year's All-U champion, returned only one player off last year's squad (and he's easy to spot, because he's the only one who wears a customized, green "Lambda" jersey) but still man-

aged to open their season with a 35-point whooping of the Cavemen (we assume the Cavemen are from Grants Pass, which explains a lot). Lambda isn't what they used to be, but they're still competitive.

- Five of the last six All-U champions have emerged from the co-op/fraternity side of the bracket. If you're wondering who the co-op/fraternity favorite is this year, look no further than Sigma Phi Epsilon. They have four players who stand at least 6 feet 4 inches, including one guy who is probably 6 feet 10 inches or so. That's bigger than some Division III teams. Sig Ep had the largest margin of victory last week (55 points) and scored the most points (77).

- Speaking of Sig Ep, their time slot may be the most competitive of the 13. Like we mentioned, we didn't see all 13 time slots, but the Sunday at 4:45 time slot boasts three teams with top-10 potential (Sig Ep, Yeeder's, Flint Tropics). That is, if the Flint Tropics (primarily back-ups on the OSU football team) actually try. Football teams often don't.

- The primary "football" team, Polyester, should no longer be feared. They have a lot of names you'll recognize, and their entire roster is probably bigger and more athletic than anyone else out there, but for the most part they're pretty bad at basketball — though Storm Woods and Isaac Seumalo, among others, can really ball. Also, they probably don't care about winning as much as having fun out there. While they could be dangerous in the playoffs if they want to be, they're probably nothing to be scared of.

- Congratulations to Flop So Hard for scoring the least amount of points the first week. Judging by their name and the final score of their game (56-17), we're going to assume they're a bunch of soccer players who accidentally signed up for the wrong sport.

(Lambda Chi Alpha B is entered in "A" league and scored eight points,

but we're not going to count them as an "A" team because they have a "B" in their name and there's no way Lambda should have three teams entered in "A.")

- We'd like to recognize the Barbs for being the first team to take a forfeit for not showing up to their game. Good job, guys. Nice effort.

- Teams are living and dying by the three. Just like the NCAA, IMS has transformed into a league predicated on guard play and the long ball. The top-tier teams all have multiple post players who are capable of stepping back and hitting the midrange jumper or three-pointer. Teams that impressed with this style of play last week include Sabonis' Massage Team — which knocked off the football team — Money Team, Team Burby and Fantasy Factory, just to name a few.

- Though we haven't seen everyone play yet, we're fairly confident in saying this year's men's "A" field is down in comparison to last year's. A lot of the better teams, and better guys, have graduated. Or so it seems.

- **Team names we like:**

- The Fake Girlfriends (brilliant, funny, and a subtle shot at Notre Dame, which is never a bad thing)

- The Chicago Pulls (so does this mean they pull a Ron Artest and take pulls in the locker room at halftime?)

- World Peace Martial Artests (we enjoy name puns)

- **Team names we don't like:**

- Babbitt Empire/Babbitt's Ballers (TWO teams named after a guy who averages 4.2 points per game?)

- #getnbuckets (#socoolforusing ahashtag)

- Trail Blazers (must have a bunch of math majors here — creativity is through the roof)

- Do it to 'em . . . or Do it 'en (huh?)

- J's for Dayz/Ballerz for days (fer dayz, bros, fer dayzzzz)

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Wrestling Power Rankings



By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

1. No. 9 Oregon State (8-3, 3-1 Pac-12)

The No. 9 Beavers are clearly the cream of the crop in the conference after demolishing Cal State Bakersfield 35-7 on Saturday. OSU has six wrestlers ranked in the top 25 for the nation, five of which rank in the top 10. Oregon State is riding a six-dual winning streak with three of those wins coming against ranked teams. OSU is locked to win out, with home duals against Cal Poly and Arizona State this weekend. Should Oregon State win out, they would be riding a great deal of momentum heading into Regional duals and the Pac-12s after that. Boise State could give the Beavers a run for their money in the Pac-12 Tournament, but it's OSU's to lose at this point.

2. No. 24 Boise State (8-5, 4-1 Pac-12)

The only other conference school in the top 25, No. 24 Boise State is without question deserving of the number two spot in the power rankings. With five wrestlers in the top 20, the Broncos could win the Pac-12 with a couple upsets at the Pac-12 Tournament. Boise State won the last dual by a slim margin over the Beavers, and should be confident heading into the postseason. Sporting a six-dual winning streak like OSU, the Broncos are arguably just as hot heading into the homestretch.

3. Arizona State (7-10, 2-1 Pac-12)

The Sun Devils have lost five straight duals, but slide into third place in this week's power rankings because of what can only be described as a down year for the Pac-12. While Arizona State has an inferior record to the Roadrunners, the Sun Devils have wrestled a tougher schedule and have a chance to save their season with a win at Oregon State's Senior Day on Saturday.

4. Cal State Bakersfield (7-5, 1-3 Pac-12)

The Roadrunners dropped in the power rankings after getting bludgeoned by the Beavers by a lopsided score of 35-7 Saturday. OSU threatened to shut the Roadrunners out, leading 35-0 after eight matches. The Roadrunners barely managed to save face by winning the final two to avoid getting blanked.

5. Stanford (5-14, 1-3 Pac-12)

Having lost 13 of the last 14 duals, there's not much of a case for the Cardinal to be anywhere near the top of the power rankings. The only reason they get the nod over Cal Poly is because Stanford beat the last place Mustangs for its only Pac-12 victory of the entire season.

6. Cal Poly (2-7, 0-3 Pac-12)

You know it's been a rough season for a team when they have to list their intra-squad scrimmage as a victory on their website to give the illusion of a better season. With Cal Poly's only victories coming over lowly Cal Baptist and San Francisco State, it's safe to say it hasn't been an ideal season for the Mustangs.

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helping your shooting stroke.

2. Don't run layup lines before the game

Maybe I'm in the minority here, but running drills before a game like you're the "Showtime" Lakers is just embarrassing. By all means get warmed up before your game, but stretch on the sideline and get some jumpers in. Don't try to choreograph a conga-drill layup line like you're the Globetrotters.

No one is going to be intimidated by your pregame team chemistry, and you'll come off like you care too much.

Again, you should take the game seriously, but teams shouldn't be putting more effort into their pregame routines and playbooks than in the classes they're paying thousands of dollars for.

3. Don't flop

Flopping is for Matt Bonner or Nick Collison trying to earn a multi-million dollar contract in the NBA. No one wants to see an IM game marred by the team that's throwing themselves all over the floor like it's a ballet recital. Play straight up. I get you want to win, but don't sacrifice

your integrity in the process.

That reminds me of another thing: Don't take charges and don't full-court press unless it's the second half of a close game. No one wants to get hurt because you wanted to take that dangerous charge on a fast break in the regular season of a glorified YMCA game, and no one's going to have fun if they can't even dribble up the court.

4. Don't scream at the refs for any reason

There are a couple of things you need to remember here:

First, these refs are your peers, who likely have no refereeing experience in what is the hardest game to officiate on the planet. Second, the world is not going to end if you didn't get that one call in your IM game.

The refs are a bunch of students who are just trying to make a little spending money by refereeing what's supposed to be a friendly game. Half of the zebras look like they're about to turn into Steve Bartman and go into hiding after the game. I wouldn't be surprised if they're scared of being physically assaulted by Ron Artest's reincarnation the way some people react to minor calls.

Leave the officials alone and just play basketball.

5. Don't play dirty

If you take anything at all from this column, I hope it's this last point. No one likes the guy doing his best Kevin Garnett impression out there. Leave the elbows and subtle shoves in the back at home.

This past week, I saw at least a half-dozen incidents where fights almost broke out on the court. Don't start fights with dirty play, and if you get hit with an inadvertent elbow don't assume it was intentional and retaliate. We're all just trying to have fun out there, right? Isn't that why we signed up for IM basketball in the first place?

I love the competitiveness and quality of basketball I've seen thus far, but I think the league could be considerably better if we just cut out these five IM atrocities.

Just know, if I play you in a game and you do any of the things I mentioned, I'm probably going to make fun of you.

And I doubt I'll be the only one.

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Signing Day Central to Introduce New Football Class Wednesday

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Beaver head football coach Mike Riley is poised to sign one of Oregon State's best classes ever and OSUBeavers.com has you covered with all the details of the official National Letter of Intent (NLI) Day Feb. 6, beginning at 7 a.m. The special Signing Day Central page, presented by the OSU Federal Credit Union, includes a free live webstream from inside the Valley Football Center (VFC).

"It's always an exciting day when we welcome our newest class of Beavers," Riley said. "This class is special and I'm anxious for Beaver Nation to meet and watch these fine young men in the coming seasons."

The day begins with the Voice of the Beavers Mike Parker live from the VFC as the initial NLIs appear on the fax machine. In addition

to the announcement of the signees, Parker will have live analysis with the current coaching staff, interviews with former and current players, and Coach Riley. During the announcement of each signee osubeavers.com will show exclusive video of the newest Beavers. You can also follow along via Twitter at #futurebeavs13.

In addition to OSUBeavers.com coverage, the Pac-12 Networks will livestream Coach Riley's annual media conference beginning at 3 p.m. The Pac-12 Networks will also host a two-hour studio show with hosts Mike Yam, Rick Neuheisel and Yogi Roth from 5-7 p.m. discussing the league's latest class of stand-outs. Pac-12 football correspondent Bryan Fischer will contribute throughout the day at #Pac12NSD.

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Elizabeth Santana

Senior SS

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| | BA | RBI | HR |
| 2012 stats | .344 | 41 | 5 |



Dani Gilmore

Sophomore CF

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|------------|------|-----|----|
| | BA | RBI | HR |
| 2012 stats | .322 | 33 | 9 |



Desiree Beltran

Senior 3B

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|------------|------|-----|----|
| | BA | RBI | HR |
| 2012 stats | .294 | 33 | 8 |



Hannah Bouska

Junior RF

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|------------|------|-----|----|
| | BA | RBI | SB |
| 2012 stats | .287 | 22 | 14 |



Tina Andreana

Senior P

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| | W-L | ERA | IP |
| 2012 stats | 9-11 | 4.20 | 116.2 |



Marina Demore

Senior P

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| | W-L | ERA | IP |
| 2012 stats | 10-7 | 3.13 | 134.0 |



THE DAILY BAROMETER ARCHIVES

OSU's Dani Gilmore rounds third and heads for home during a game against Cal last season. Gilmore, now a sophomore, led the Beavers in runs scored (48), home runs (9) and stolen bases (17) last season.

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mark since 1981 — and finished the season ranked 25th in the nation.

The addition of Gilmore and Santana, who transferred from UC Davis, bolstered the lineup. Gilmore, who hit leadoff, led the Beavers in runs (48), home runs (9) and stolen bases (17). Santana batted a team-best .344 and drove in a team-high 41 runs en route to being named First Team All-Pac-12.

The addition of Berg, a three-time Olympic gold medalist as a member of the USA softball team, and Hirai, a highly-regarded hitting coach, helped change the team's mentality.

"Having Coach Berg and Coach Hirai to push us was a very different sort of push," Beltran said. "It was a purposeful push. It wasn't just going out there taking reps. It was, 'We're going to go out here and take X amount of reps and we're doing it for a reason,' instead of just going through the motions."

Berg and Hirai were assistants under head coach Kirk Walker last season, but Walker resigned this offseason and Berg was promoted to head coach.

As with anyone who's accustomed to winning, Berg's expectations are high.

"We expect great things from these guys," Berg said. "We expect them to go out and challenge themselves and expect greatness from themselves."

The Beavers return all three starting outfielders and everybody across the infield, except for first baseman Erin Guzy. They also lose designated player Paige Hall, who primarily hit seventh in the order and logged 98 innings on the mound last season.

Senior outfielder Lea Cavestany and senior catcher Ally Kutz are each entering their fourth season as full-time starters. Beltran is entering her third. Sophomore second baseman Ya Garcia started all 59 games last year and junior

outfielder Hannah Bouska started 52.

"This season, we have a better understanding of what type of team we are, just our style of play," Santana said. "We're a really scrappy team. We'll score any way we can."

The Beavers' bench also boasts experience, as senior outfielders Ashley Sanchez and Maggie Doremus have made 102 and 93 career starts, respectively.

"We've got a lot of things we can do," Berg said. "We've got speed, we've got power. We're definitely going to be

more of an explosive, running-type of team than we were last year."

Freshman Natalie Hampton is expected to take over for Guzy at first base. The Antelope, Calif., native is 6-foot-1 — three inches taller than anyone else on the roster — and is drawing high praise already.

"Natalie has a big stick, and she'll be fun and exciting to watch," Berg said.

"That kid has some pop," Santana added.

OSU's pitching staff is anchored by two seniors: Tina Andreana and Marina Demore. Andreana went 9-11 with a 4.20 earned run average last year, while Demore went 10-7 with a 3.13 ERA. Both struggled with their command at times.

"They're going to take on a lot of the workload, and we'll see how they do," Berg said. "They need to cut back on their free passes, and they know that and have been working toward that."

Sophomore Aryn Feickert and freshman Sarah Shadinger — who Berg said can "make the ball do things I've never seen before" — are expected to see time in the circle, too.

Despite the promising roster, the Beavers are still on the outside looking in from a national respect standpoint. They came in five spots outside the top 25 in the preseason USA Today Coaches' Poll. Seven Pac-12 teams cracked the rankings, including three in the top 5.

That doesn't bug the Beavers.

"We expect great things from these guys. We expect them to go out and challenge themselves and expect greatness from themselves."

Laura Berg
First-year softball head coach

OSU SOFTBALL

Projected starters around the diamond

| Position | Name | Year |
|----------|-----------|------|
| C | Kutz | SR |
| 1B | Hampton | FR |
| 2B | Garcia | SO |
| 3B | Beltran | SR |
| SS | Santana | SR |
| LF | Cavestany | SR |
| CF | Gilmore | SO |
| RF | Bouska | JR |

Upcoming schedule

- 02/07 SFA (Tempe, Ariz.)
- 02/08 Oklahoma (Tempe, Ariz.)
- 02/08 Creighton (Tempe, Ariz.)
- 02/09 Northwestern (Tempe, Ariz.)
- 02/09 Kentucky (Tempe, Ariz.)
- 02/10 SJSU (Tempe, Ariz.)
- 02/15 Cal St. Fullerton (Las Vegas)
- 02/15 BYU (Las Vegas)
- 02/16 Idaho St. (Las Vegas)
- 02/16 Long Beach St. (Las Vegas)
- 02/17 Seattle U. (Las Vegas)
- 02/21 Colo. St. (Palm Springs)
- 02/21 Maryland (Palm Springs)
- 02/22 Illinois (Palm Springs)
- 02/22 Nevada (Palm Springs)
- 02/23 Georgia Tech (Palm Springs)
- 03/01 Iowa (Fullerton)
- 03/01 Northwestern (Fullerton)

"These guys absolutely feel like the underdog, and we know that," Berg said. "We embrace that role. We're going to go out and prove everybody wrong."

"We very much want to go out there and play somebody," Beltran said, "and kick the crap out of them."

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Lines being drawn over mental health, gun ownership

WASHINGTON (CNN)—The shooting death of a former Navy SEAL, who spent his post-military career advocating for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, highlights long-standing differences over gun rights and mental health.

Chris Kyle, the author of the best-selling "American Sniper," and Chad Littlefield, 35, also a veteran, were gunned down on Saturday while shooting for fun at a gun range southwest of Fort Worth, law enforcement officials said.

Eddie Ray Routh, 25, a former Marine, was held on a capital murder warrant, police said.

Few details about the suspect have emerged, but authorities believe Routh may suffer from some sort of mental illness.

He was on a suicide watch at the Erath County jail, Sheriff Tommy Bryant said.

Braynt said Routh had to be physically restrained during an incident at the lockup on Sunday night.

Authorities said Kyle, 38, often took veterans with post-traumatic stress out to the gun range as a way of bonding with and mentoring them.

Routh, Kyle and Littlefield arrived at the range together, police said. While Kyle and Littlefield were friends and associates, their connection to Routh was not clear.

But Bryant said that Routh's mother, a longtime school teacher, "may have reached out to Mr. Kyle to try and help her son."

The high-profile case brought national attention to Kyle's work with veterans.

"Chris Kyle's death seems to confirm that 'he who lives by the sword dies by the sword.' Treating PTSD at a gun range doesn't make sense," former Texas Republican Rep. Ron Paul tweeted on Monday.

But what seems like common sense to some is viewed by others as another assault on the Second Amendment.

Those types of concerns are what prompted a heated debate last December as lawmakers worked to approve a defense policy bill.

Republican Sen. Tom Coburn pushed and then backed away from an amendment to block the Department of Veteran Affairs

from automatically entering the names of veterans deemed "mentally incompetent" to handle their finances from having their names entered into a national background check system, thereby blocking them from gun ownership.

Instead, the Oklahoma physician wanted those case decided by a judge rather than a federal agency unless those veterans had been "found by a judicial authority to be a danger to themselves or to others."

"We're not asking for anything big," Coburn said at the time. "We're just saying that if you're going to take away the Second Amendment rights -- they ought to have it adjudicated, rather than mandated by someone who's unqualified to

state that they should lose their rights."

New York Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer pushed back argued that "you should not have a gun" whether "you are a veteran or not and you have been judged to be mentally infirm."

National Rifle Association President David Keene said at a recent media event that his organization supports reforms that would make it tougher for mentally ill people to get guns.

Mayors Against Illegal Guns aired an ad during the Super Bowl advocating universal background checks for gun sales.

Federal law makes it illegal to sell or give a firearm to anyone who "has been adjudicated as a mental defective or has been committed to any mental institution."

tem is incomplete, particularly involving mental health records, investigations have found.

Critics blame what they call a huge legal loophole, according to one study.

"PTSD is rarely associated with homicidal violence," Michael Welner, a forensic psychiatrist who has worked on cases of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans charged with violent crimes, told CNN's Soledad O'Brien.

"PTSD is very commonly associated with a number of other conditions that are regularly attached to violence, alcoholism, personality disorder, depression. So diagnostically, PTSD may be relevant and it may just be part of the picture, including traumatic brain injury," Welner said.

Expanding some background checks is under consideration in Congress as lawmakers respond to public and political pressure for stricter laws following December's shooting massacre at a Connecticut elementary school.

Possible steps include better monitoring of people with mental illness to prevent them from obtaining firearms.

Mayors Against Illegal Guns aired an ad during the Super Bowl advocating universal background checks for gun sales.

President Barack Obama also reiterated his call on Monday for comprehensive steps to address gun violence, including expanded background checks.

Too much television could damage sperm production

(CNN) — Semen quality is a much-discussed subject among scientists these days. Data suggests sperm concentration has been declining in Western countries over the past couple of decades — and reasons for the decline are debatable.

The lead author of a new study on the subject, Audrey Gaskins, has been studying the effects of diet and exercise on semen for several years as a doctoral candidate at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her latest research shows a lack of physical activity — and too much time in front of the television — may impact sperm count and concentration.

Previous studies have shown a link between physical activity and decreased levels of oxidative stress, Gaskins says. "Oxidative stress" is stress placed on the body as it tries to get rid of free radicals or repair the damage caused by them. Exercise may protect certain male cells from oxidative damage, Gaskins says, leading to increased sperm concentration.

Those findings led Gaskins to complete an observational study on young men's exercise and TV habits as they relate to

semen quality. The results were published online Monday in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

The study

Gaskins and her colleagues asked 189 healthy men between the ages of 18 and 22 how often they exercised each week and how intensely they worked out. The study participants also recorded their TV watching habits.

Then at the clinic, semen samples were collected from each man. The semen was analyzed for sperm size and shape, motility, concentration and total sperm count.

The researchers also conducted a physical examination and looked at the men's diet, body weight, reproductive history, stress levels and smoking habits to rule out other potential causes of their findings.

The results

The men who did moderate to vigorous exercise 15 hours or more per week had a significantly higher sperm concentration than those who worked out less than five hours a week. And the men who watched more than 20 hours of TV a week had almost half the sperm concentration as the

men who watched zero hours a week.

Gaskins says the researchers found these associations between TV, exercise and sperm concentration regardless of the men's diet, body weight or smoking habits.

Sperm motility and size/shape did not appear to be affected by exercise or time spent in front of the TV.

The caveats

The data used in this study came from a relatively small group of men, meaning it may not translate well to the general population as a whole. And only one semen sample was collected from each man; that sample could have been different from the participant's "normal" levels.

The data was also self-reported — i.e., the study participants could have elaborated or underestimated the amount of time they spent doing a particular activity.

Observational studies like this (that don't include a separate control group) make it impossible to prove a cause-and-effect relationship, Gaskins says. While there appears to be a link between physical activity and sperm concentration, the two could really be unrelated.

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yesterday.

Third, this movement needs to sell its goals to the people and get them on their side. Just because 393 people say they are going to come on the Facebook event page doesn't mean they will show up in reality. Without students and others invested in the movement, no one is going to care or come.

Those organizing the campaign need to make the times and whereabouts of their meetings known. This movement needs to move beyond the bubble of ASOSU and become part of the broader campus. Organize meetings that include

everyone.

Pitches need to be made in classrooms and cultural centers, in fraternity houses and to the people eating lunch in the Memorial Union. Until a broad spectrum of people come together, all the red felt squares in the world aren't going to mean anything.

The most upsetting thing about seeing only 45 people show up to a rally against tuition increases is how important stopping the rapidly inflating cost of tuition is. Tuition is too damn high and no one is doing anything about it, neither administrators nor legislators.

"Tuition increases is going to make it more difficult to pay for food and rent," said Sage

Barnard, a sophomore in environmental studies. "If tuition increases, I'm going to have to stop buying food and I'm probably going to have to stop buying textbooks."

And it is exactly because of people like Barnard that this movement needs to succeed. When you have a woman who is taking 17 credits a term to graduate as soon as possible and working a part time job to pay for school having to make the frightening choice of whether to feed herself or pay for an education, you know something has to change.

And so I challenge the leaders of Wear the Square to work harder, organize better and get

the message out. Because 45 people shouting and holding signs in the quad won't amount to anything.

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Yesterday's Solution

Back from the grave, King Richard III gets rehab as researchers look at his remains

(CNN) — In this winter of his disinterment, we pause to ponder if Richard III, the last Plantaganet king of England, was a victim of a pen poisoned by history controlled by his Tudor successors.

As archeologists sort through a skull and bones found under an English parking lot and with DNA tests confirming the remains were Richard's, there is a call for a re-examination of his legacy — which has mostly been shaped by Shakespeare's play Richard III.

Shakespeare's Richard III is a "rudely stamp'd," "deformed, unfinished" villain who ordered the deaths of anyone who stood between him and the throne, including his two young nephews.

"So wise so young, they say, do never live long," Richard III says in a sinister aside as

he dispatches Crown Prince Edward, 12, and brother Richard, 9, to their deaths in the Tower of London.

"Off with his head!" Richard shouts in Act III, sending Lord Hastings to the chopping block.

Shakespeare's story evolved from a history penned by Sir Thomas More more than two decades after Richard died in the Battle of Bosworth in 1485. It was the last fight in the War of the Roses, which ended with the ascension of Henry VII and the Tudors.

The Tudors, who controlled More's world, had a vested interest in disparaging Richard and bolstering their family's claim to the throne.

The Richard III Society has "been working since 1924 to secure a more balanced assessment of the king and to support research into his life

and times," according to the society's website.

The recent excavation of the burial site that once was a church "has raised the king's profile and provided us with new opportunities to make the case for 'Good King Richard,'" the society said.

Richard III Society Chairman Dr. Phil Stone opined in a piece for CNN.com that a " cursory reading of the known facts will show that the Tudor representation of Richard III, especially that in Shakespeare's well known play, just doesn't stand up."

As Queen Elizabeth advised Richard III in Shakespeare's Act VI: "An honest tale speeds best, being plainly told."

"It would make such a difference if people would start to look into the history of this much maligned monarch without the old prejudices,"

Stone wrote. "Perhaps, then, they will see past the myth and innuendo that has blackened his name and find the truth."

You may not find a saint, "but neither was he a criminal," Stone said. "All but one of the so-called crimes laid at his door can be refuted by the facts." That crime was the killing of the rival nephews, known in history as the "Princes in the Tower," he said.

And there are other suspects, including Henry VII or other Tudors.

Radiocarbon dating, radiological evidence, DNA and bone analysis and archaeological result confirmed the remains found under the parking lot, the former site of Grey Friars church, were those of Richard III, researchers at University of Leicester told reporters Monday.

Clues coaxed from the skel-

eton may shed "a new light" on the physical description of Richard III as a humpbacked man with a "withered arm," which was used to support history's evil image of him, Professor Lin Foxhall, head of the University of Leicester's School of Archaeology and Ancient History, said.

"Our archaeological research does not tell us anything about the character of Richard III, and of course his physical condition and appearance were not a manifestation of his character," Foxhall said. Comparing the new archeological finds to history texts "could end up rewriting a little bit of history in a big way."

One immediate discovery is that his skeleton does not have a "withered arm" as depicted by Shakespeare, the researchers said.

While not humpbacked, he did suffer from "severe scoliosis" that appeared to start around the time of puberty, they said.

The confirmation of Richard's remains may make no difference in the royal world, but it does mean the king will finally get a proper burial. His body will be reinterred in the Leicester Cathedral early next year.

"A hearse, a hearse, my kingdom for a hearse," more than a few punsters tweeted upon that news.

The rehabilitation of Richard III moves ahead Tuesday when the Richard III Society unveils a "new" face for their hero based on facial reconstruction using the newly-found skull.

To poach a phrase from Hamlet's mouth, spoken as he held the jester Yorick's skull: Alas, poor Richard!

Investigators trying to shed light on why Super Bowl went dark, game most watched in history

(CNN) — A day after Sunday's 35-minute power outage during the Super Bowl game in New Orleans, officials were vowing to fix whatever the cause may have been, but no one was saying just what that was.

"We're going to work very closely with SMG to get to the root of the problem," said Charles Rice, president of Entergy New Orleans Inc., referring to the company that manages the dome. "We both made excellent preparations for an event like this, and then the system worked the way it was supposed to work."

"We've spent millions of dollars upgrading our equipment, including our electrical feeders, and we've never had this issue before," said Doug Thornton, an SMG executive who was in NFL control at the time of the incident. The interruption in service occurred in a substation that supplies the stadium with power, he said. A piece of equipment in the substation "detected some abnormalities and it did what it was supposed

to do — it opened a switch, basically a breaker, which shunted the power that we were receiving from Entergy and de-energized the building."

He noted that electricians and electrical consultants were on site and pitched in immediately.

A fire alarm that was hit prior to halftime appears to have had nothing to do with the outage, nor did the halftime show itself, Thornton said. The halftime presentation was run on generated power, "which means it was not on our power grid at all," he said.

Any electrical issues identified in the probe will be addressed, he promised. "These are fixable problems," he said.

"Obviously, for me, it's a disappointing moment, but when you're relying on systems, it's not a human error, it's an equipment error. We'll get to the root cause of it and we'll find out what it is. It's very disappointing."

NFL Executive Vice President Eric Grubman praised the fans for remaining calm. "They acted

with the belief that the game was going to come back on, just as you or I would have acted in their seats, and that's what you and I did."

Though the investigation has just begun, "There is no indication at all that this was caused by the halftime show, absolutely none," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, referring to Beyonce's power-packed performance. "That is not the case from anything we have at this point."

The company completed upgrades to the stadium's electrical equipment on December 21, but that may have had nothing to do with Sunday night's problem, said Entergy spokesman Philip Allison. "Since then, we've had three major events — the New Orleans Bowl, the Panthers-Saints game and the Sugar Bowl — "with no

issues."

On Monday, CBS aired video shot from inside a stadium control room as the outage occurred.

The CEO and director of research for Zpryme, a market intelligence and analysis firm for the utility and smart grid industry, said someone appears to have made a mistake in their estimate of how much energy the building's electrical infrastructure could handle.

CBS, citing ratings figures from The Nielsen Company, said Sunday's game between the 49ers and the Ravens reached a total of 164.1 million viewers, making it the most-viewed show in U.S. history. Figures were tallied from 6:32 p.m. ET until 8:41 p.m. ET and from 9:11 p.m. until 10:47 p.m.

Obama to push immigration reform at White House meeting

WASHINGTON (CNN) — A day after pushing the administration's gun control proposals on the road in Minnesota, President Obama will sit down with groups to push for immigration reform Tuesday, White House officials said.

The president will meet with leaders of labor unions, including AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka and Eliseo Medina, Secretary-Treasurer of the Service Employees International Union, as well as representatives of progressive groups, like the NAACP and the Center for American Progress, and key immigration reform groups.

Separately he will have a meeting in the afternoon with a dozen leading CEOs, including Goldman Sachs' Lloyd Blankfein, Yahoo's Marissa Mayer, Coca Cola's Muhtar Kent, Alcoa's Klaus Kleinfeld, Marriott's Arne Sorenson and Motorola's Greg Brown.

The White House said the meeting will allow the president the opportunity to discuss how to get a bipartisan immigration reform bill passed this year and how it fits into his economic agenda.

This latest outreach is part of the White House effort to help engage the public on its second agenda priorities of immigration and

guns to build public support for the ideas and to help generate momentum for action in Congress.

Last week a bipartisan group of senators unveiled their principles on immigration reform, including linking a pathway to citizenship for the estimated 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. to continued efforts to strengthen border security. The president applauded those principles and said if Congress failed to pass of its own he would submit his own proposal.

Meanwhile Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano is traveling to California and Texas Monday and Tuesday to look at border security operations, meet with state and local officials and discuss the department's efforts on security.

Later this week the AFL-CIO will unveil details of nationwide events this month when it will push the idea of citizenship for the millions of illegal immigrants, and labor officials will also detail how they will try to mobilize working families to lobby for reform.

Several administration officials will meet with law enforcement representatives on Wednesday.

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