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\$53 million for OSU construction

■ Proposed bonds would fund new classroom building, residence hall, engineering building

By Don Iler

THE DAILY BAROMETER

If it passes the legislature, Oregon State University looks to be the beneficiary of \$53 million of construction funding during the next biennium.

Governor John Kitzhaber proposed yesterday \$242 million in capital construction for the Oregon University System. The proposed

state repaid bonds would match \$390 million in bonds paid for by the university system.

The money going to OSU would include \$32.5 million for a new \$65 million classroom building, \$16 million to expand OSU-Cascades Campus in Bend to a four-year university and an additional \$20 million to match the \$20 million already pledged to build a new chemical, biological and environmental engineering building.

The proposal also includes \$30 million for deferred maintenance for the Oregon University System. This

money will be divided between the state's seven public schools and will go to fix leaky roofs and make accessibility upgrades.

"We are very happy about it. It invests in essential classroom space," said Steve Clark, vice president of university relations and marketing. "It shows the governor's commitment to expanding OSU-Cascades to a four-year university."

Clark said the matching funding provided by the state showed how cooperation between the state, individuals and the OSU Foundation works.

According to a press release from the governor's office, this is part of a broader project of a planned investment of \$1 billion in infrastructure throughout the state.

"We are proposing \$242 million of state-repaid bonds as part of our broader commitment to reinvest in Oregon's core infrastructure," Kitzhaber said in a press release. "With projects like new student housing, classrooms and workforce training centers at campuses across the state, we are putting Oregonians back to work and providing our post-secondary students the facilities they

need to succeed."

The proposal also includes classroom expansion at the University of Oregon, Southern Oregon University and Portland State University. It also included bonds for expansion and refurbishment of the Erb Memorial Union at U of O and additional student housing there.

The Oregon legislature, which began its 2013 session Monday, will be left to decide on the proposed bonds.

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OSU childcare, sustainability reps both work out fee requests

■ Student Sustainability Initiative, Our Little Village presented to the Student and Incidental Fees Committee yesterday

By Jack Lammers

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Board members questioned excesses in the presented budgets at the Student and Incidental Fees Committee budget review session yesterday.

The Student Sustainability Initiative and Our Little Village presented their student fee requests for the 2014 fiscal year. The committee tentatively passed budgets for both, a \$2.14 fee per student per term for the SSI and a \$4.23 fee for Our Little Village, requesting changes before the final hearing on Feb. 12.

Brian Laird, co-director of the Student Sustainability Initiative, proposed a student fee of \$6.33 per student, amounting to a total of \$444,873. The fee would be \$5.38 less than this year and would go towards funding a professional staff position for the OSU Sustainability Center. The money would also allow more hours for student employees during finals weeks and breaks in the academic year.

Laird noted the large amount in the SSI's budget, about \$1,115,000. Board members questioned the fund balance because the money had accumulated over three years. Most of the money comes from the "green fee" paid by students to fund sustainable practices and green energy options on campus.

"We want to see the justification of the green fee," said Brad Alvarez, committee chair. "I have trouble not seeing the excess working capital not offsetting student fees."

Because most of the money comes from the green fee, Laird said the SSI would refrain from spending the money in other areas like employee wages. Laird continued by saying the committee and the SSI planned for the fund balance to grow to offer more flexibility with larger projects.

Of the projects Laird mentioned, one would add photovoltaic solar panels to the recreation sports tennis pavilion, amounting to a \$350,000 cost. A second project would fund a solar-powered hot water feature in the Dixon Recreation Center.

After taking a recess, the committee decided to allot a fall, winter and

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Rubbish rules the runway

■ Recycle fashion show showcases student talent, raises awareness, emphasizes the possibilities of reducing, reusing, recycling

By Lara von Linsowe-Wilson

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State Fashion Organization held its annual Recycle Fashion Show Tuesday night, allowing students to showcase their sense of design and creativity. This year's show theme was "Runway Rubbish" and featured dresses and accessories made from recycled metals, bags, cloth and other materials.

All designers for the show were encouraged to create garments out of 100 percent recyclable materials in honor of the recent Corvallis bag ban. With this as their only guideline, designers got creative by making outfits made out of receipts, plastic spoons, duct tape, magazines, pop tabs and even an old air mattress.

"The show was a lot of fun. It got stressful at times, but everyone stayed positive and on top of it."

Janae Brazell

Coordinator,
senior in merchandizing and management

Each designer paid \$5 to enter in the show, with all profits raised going to the club to help fund similar events in the future. Designers could then either model their own work or have someone else do it for them. There were even three small children acting as models for the show, which was a big hit among the audience.

The show was coordinated by Janae Brazell, a senior in merchandising management. Brazell has worked hard over the past 10 weeks with the designers and models to make this year's fashion show come to life. Although this was her first year running the

event, she says things went smoothly and everything got done right on time.

"The show was a lot of fun," Brazell said. "It got stressful at times, but everyone stayed positive and on top of it."

Brazell says she was pleased with the large turnout, and was excited to finally be able to show off all of the organization's hard work.

Junior Chase Myatt emceed the event alongside senior Brigitte Hougan. Both are students in the OSU apparel design program.

"I helped out with the fashion show last year, but I didn't enter anything. This year I decided to get a lot more involved," Hougan said.

This was Myatt's first year working at the Recycle Fashion Show, but she participated in the Red Dress Fashion Show, an event supporting the awareness of

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Designer Dina Pham won an award for her recycled paint canvas dress at the fashion show in the Memorial Union Ballroom last night.

Oregon State food drive in motion

■ The university food drive, 'Race to End Hunger,' is now underway for February, donations go to Linn-Benton Food Share

By McKinley Smith

THE DAILY BAROMETER

As of Jan. 28, the 31st year of the Oregon State University Food Drive is on. For the next month, about 90 groups on campus and from around the state will strive to raise food for their local food shares. The theme for this year's food drive is 'Race to End Hunger.'

"This is part of the governor's state employee's food drive, but OSU has been doing a food drive for quite some time and has a great success rate at it. Last year we raised 647,000 pounds of food," said Shelly Signs, university events director.

Payroll contributions generate a monthly, reliable source of funding for the Linn-Benton Food Share, Signs said. Donations collected at OSU go to the Linn-Benton Food Share.

"From there, it's distributed out to all the different partner agencies that they serve, including the

OSU food pantry, which has been very active and done some amazing things over the past couple of years," Signs said.

For the past 12 years, the College of Forestry has been the leader in the OSU competition, earning the prestigious title of 'top banana,' an award the Linn-Benton Food Share gives out. It is a tradition the College of Forestry hopes to maintain.

The College of Forestry hopes to raise \$13,000 — equivalent by this year's conversion to 52,000 pounds of food, said Terralyn Vandetta, co-coordinator of the college's food drive group, alongside Julie Howard. Last year, the college raised \$11,382, or about 56,915 pounds of food by last year's conversion of five pounds per dollar, according to Vandetta.

Vandetta attributes the College of Forestry's success to its "long-time tradition" of involvement in the food drive. Many of the events the college hosts, including the soup lunches, are held every year and "are very popular," Vandetta said.

"We have a very generous group of faculty, staff and students," Vandetta said. "We use the events as

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Shelly Signs, director of university events, holds buttons for those who donate to the food drive.

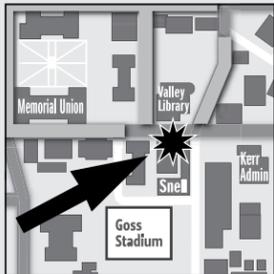
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Senate looks at First Year Experience

■ Larry Roper explains universities motivations behind First Year Experience program

By Ricky Zipp
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Normally a fairly quiet and empty meeting, the ASOSU Senate had 20 visitors in attendance for Tuesday night's meeting. The majority of the Senate's guests were in attendance to hear Vice Provost for Student Affairs Dr. Larry Roper address the new First Year Experience plan about to be implemented by Oregon State University administration.

The first item on the agenda was Dr. Roper's presentation, but due to a time conflict this had to be pushed back until his arrival and the Senate moved straight into new business.

The first item up for discussion was the "Membership Clarification Act," meant to change voting eligibility for OSU students in regards to ASOSU membership and their elections.

According to the bill, OSU students at Corvallis have access to services paid through student fees, while students at other campuses do not have as much access.

The bill will change eligibility to participate in ASOSU elections to "Corvallis campus students paying the student incidental fee during the academic term in which an election occurs." And members of ASOSU will change to "Corvallis campus students who pay the student incidental fee," as well.

The legislation was passed and will go into effect immediately after being signed in by the ASOSU president, vice president and speaker of the house.

After the passing of the new legislation, Roper arrived and discussion on the First Year Experience began with mainly questions regarding exemptions for students who wish to join a Greek community or co-op.

According to Roper, the motivation behind this plan was to help increase student retention by placing incoming freshman into an OSU-monitored environment with a culture facilitating academic success. Many hours of planning have already occurred and the report is finished. Plans to move into the implementation phase are being made. OSU may be "late to the game," as many universities around the country have already implemented similar plans.

"Living in resident housing significantly increases a [student's] chance to succeed," said Roper, citing research regarding the requirements being proposed. "We are essentially creating an undergraduate college that [provides] resources and more support at the level students need them."

The conversation quickly moved to the effects this plan will have on the Greek community and co-op housing, with questions of exemption plans for students or houses from the requirements made by the First Year Experience program.

Roper explained how the monitoring of those locations would be extremely difficult because the university does not own those houses and does not have members within them to monitor behavior and conditions of off-campus housing. Roper cited everything from academic success to light checks and refrigerator temperatures as requirements that would have to be met.

"There is an element of the conversation we don't want to get into publicly," Roper said. "There is dramatic unevenness in the condition of those houses and how their students perform academically...I'm not negotiating with people and asking them to be OK with the plan. I'm putting forth a plan."

Roper went on to explain how there have already been various conversations and committees that have met regarding this topic and student participation was there along the way. He also said this was a collaborative effort with many different organizations on campus represented, where the decisions made were backed by research and much effort to avoid taking a position of arrogance.

"We are not saying that we don't care about what students think, but there is a level of stewardship we have to maintain," Roper said.

The allowance of an exemption from this program will be for married students, students who live within a 30-mile radius, students who are 21 or older, veterans, religious conflicts, disabilities and students who have been out of school

for more than a year.

Senator Bancroft asked if gender and sexual identity, income level, or students' expected family contributions would be factors of exemption. Dr. Roper said they would not.

After a long discussion, Roper said he would be willing to come back anytime and answer further questions, and encouraged students to go onto the website and look over the plan in its totality.

After Roper left, Matthew Busse, president of the Varsity House, explained to the senators that he has been a part of this conversation for a while. According to Busse, the majority of private co-ops are in support of the legislation asking to delay the implementation of the plan until 2014-2015.

Busse said there are already avenues of academic success that are just as comparable to that of resident housing. Larry Roper and OSU President Ed Ray are aware of these options. He also stated his co-op has a retention rate of 98 percent and the average grade point averages of houses and fraternities are above the levels the university says they are.

The senate was meant to hear six pieces of legislation; four for first readings and two up for vote. However, during the question and answer session with Roper, a senator had to leave and quorum was lost, requiring the Senate to close the meeting and move agenda items on the table to next week.

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Town hall makes for open discussion on assault

■ Meeting allows for a conversation about several sexual assault issues on campus, preventative measures, advice

By Megan Campbell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Since the assault near campus on Jan. 15, community members, Oregon State University students and staff have been discussing sexual violence, prevention and awareness.

In an effort for a more interactive approach, Larry Roper, vice provost of student affairs, facilitated a conversation between the public and a panel of seven. The panel was composed of representatives from different groups on campus that deal with sexual assault and violence, like Sexual Assault Support Services and Men's Development and Engagement.

"Sexual violence is very real on college campuses," said Olivia Paradis, a panel

member representing Every1. "It's important to reach as many people as we can to learn the reality of [sexual assault and violence]."

The town hall meeting, which began at 5:30 p.m., was held in the LaSells Stewart Center. There were more than 100 audience members, about a third of which were resident assistants. After each member introduced him or herself, Roper opened the forum up to the audience.

Audience members slowly worked their way to one of the two microphones in the front of the auditorium. The first question inquired as to why it took a stranger assault for Oregon State to react to sexual violence on campus.

"Stranger assault can be a catalyst to spark conversations," said Carrie Giese, Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Coordinator.

Audience members made it clear they want more education about sexual violence and assault on campus.

"Do we want this conversation to be

yearly?" said Giese, in response to audience members' interest in increased educational classes.

There was also talk about a want for developing a class under baccalaureate core that students would be required to take in order to learn about sexual violence and things like "rape culture."

There was also a discussion about the males' role in sexual violence. Nicolas Daily, who represented Men's Development and Engagement, talked about how the group "reexamines masculinity."

A male member of the audience brought up his discomfort walking at night around campus. He felt like a threat for simply being a male.

Daily wasn't sure how to answer, because this is something he struggles with, too. Daily suggested, making unfamiliar interactions friendly ones by saying hello.

"Carrying with you that consciousness that your presence represents a threat," Roper interjected, is the first step to sexual

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Calendar

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 "Fairtheist: 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.

Campus Recycling, all day, all OSU Residence Halls. Residence Halls Eco-Challenge Month. Choose 3 environmental pledges. Through March 1.

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9:30-10:30 AM
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Editorial

Tuition is high, collaboration needed

Student leaders have recently called on officials at Oregon State University to agree to a zero percent tuition increase. President Ed Ray responded by saying such a move would be premature this early in the legislative budget process.

A zero percent tuition increase may be unreasonable. But university officials who threaten to cut funding to tuition waivers to low income students, cut funding to class sections and classified employee positions are obviously just trying to scare students into towing the party line.

No one at the university, whether they are students slaving away with pipettes in the basement in Gilbert or an official in a suit lordling over the university from the sixth floor of Kerr, would disagree that tuition has increased far too rapidly at OSU. Yes, the biggest reason this has happened is because of the state's disinvestment from higher education. However, year after year university officials have simply passed these costs along to us, the students, without tightening their own belts.

While the state continued to spend less on higher education, OSU embarked on a decade-long construction spree. Everyone loves shiny new buildings, but much like a monarch or dictator who continues to build gilded palaces as the peasants they serve starve, so have administrators continued to use tuition increases as a blank check to spend on whatever they want.

We feel it is possible for this university to tighten its belt some. Donors love brand new-buildings with their names on them, but why can't a larger portion of the \$900 million raised by the Campaign for OSU be spent on keeping the cost of education down for students? Claiming cuts have been made because of reshufflings, and name changes to departments mean nothing. All the wizard's smoke and mirrors can't hide that the university's bureaucracy is bloated and more positions continue to be added every year.

Saying it is alright for students to continue to take out more student loans is unfeasible. Increasing the cost of a college education like this every year is taking a four-year degree out of reach for too many Oregonians — and something needs to change.

But it is also unfeasible to get more money from the state if student leaders are going to engage in a pissing match with university officials. Student leaders need to be reasonable in their demands and frankly, a tuition freeze isn't reasonable. Perhaps tying tuition increases to inflation or cost of living increases is. Given the university's finances and the state's reluctance to spend any more on higher education, a tuition freeze couldn't work.

Student leaders need to collaborate with university officials on making tuition reasonable for students and officials need to stop viewing students as a well of money that never runs dry.

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Tuition freeze would hurt students in long run

Sabah Randhawa & Mark McCambridge

Guest Columnists

Oregon State University shares concerns with students and their parents over the importance of keeping a college education accessible and affordable. We recognize that access to post-secondary education, declining college affordability and a high proportion of students who fail to graduate from colleges in a timely manner are critical issues for academic institutions in Oregon and nationally.

At Oregon State, we are committed to effectively address these issues in timely and on-going ways.

The university continues to build an increasingly diverse and inclusive student community. To help the state advance towards its 40-40-20 goal, the university has increased its enrollment in the past three years by 20 percent, ensuring access for qualified Oregonians. At the same time, Oregon State works hard to attract high achieving students from Oregon high schools and community colleges to ensure that we retain them in the state. And we are committed to maintain affordability, and yet improve the quality of education we offer students and reduce the time it takes for a student to earn a degree.

To help achieve these outcomes, Oregon State has:

- Provided support to more than 2,600 students each year through the Bridge to Success program, which covers full tuition and fees for students in the program
- Raised \$150 million for academic scholarships through the Campaign for OSU in collaboration with the OSU Foundation. Each year, more than 4,000 students receive donor-funded scholarships and fellowships totaling

more than \$7.5 million.

Consolidated business services and academic units to reduce administrative costs and direct as much funding as possible to the delivery of educational programs that allow on-time graduation.

As we start a new legislative cycle, student body leaders have suggested that OSU tuition rates be frozen over the next two years. We think that requesting such a freeze is premature, until we learn what the legislature will appropriate in 2013-15 for higher education. Without knowing the extent of legislative financial support, pledging to freeze tuition could have serious consequences for students served by OSU.

To illustrate, were the legislature to pass Gov. John Kitzhaber's proposed budget for 2013-15, and tuition remained at the current rate, we can reasonably forecast the following impacts:

- A budget shortfall for Oregon State of about \$16 million in the next fiscal year.
- A \$2 million decrease in tuition waivers made available to low-income OSU students, which will result in a significant cost increase for those

students who are least able to afford it.

A \$3 million reduction in funding available for university class sections and programs, which will eliminate approximately 600 course sections that provide seats for 24,000 OSU students.

Reduced investments in facilities maintenance and development, student support services and associated areas such as staffing in financial aid, the registrar's office and business services.

All of these factors will increase the time necessary to complete a degree at Oregon State. Increased time to graduate not only results in a real increase in the total amount of tuition paid by our students, it also means that students will be delayed in starting their career and earning an income that comes with a degree. For a student earning 15 credits per quarter, an extra quarter would cost \$2,220 at today's tuition rates; an extra year would cost \$6,600. Meanwhile, an eight percent tuition increase, for example, would result in a cost increase of \$178 per quarter and \$534 per year.

As frustrating as it may be for us all, the primary factor driving tuition

increases at Oregon State and other state universities is the decrease in per-student funding provided by the legislature that now means that the state of Oregon ranks among the bottom five in the U.S. in per-student funding for its universities.

Yet we have not allowed declines in state funding to keep OSU from managing the cost of a higher education here, while we also invest in our students.

For example, the 2013 Fiske Guide to Colleges lists Oregon State as one of its "best buy colleges." Only 41 universities were so ranked nationally and only two universities were so ranked in the Pacific Northwest. Meanwhile, OSU's current resident tuition rate of \$6,660 is in the lower third of public research universities in the western United States, is \$1,350 less per year than the University of Oregon and more than \$4,000 less than the University of Washington, Washington State University and UCLA.

We are committed to work with and communicate to state legislators about the importance of how general fund appropriations help keep tuition from increasing. And we remain hopeful that by working together with student body leaders and others, we can achieve a solution that minimizes tuition increases while assuring that students receive the services and access to quality classes that they need in order to graduate in a timely manner and to succeed in the world.

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Students can not pay any more, tuition freeze needed

Amelia Harris

Guest Columnist/ ASOSU President

Students at Oregon State University are already struggling to pay for the costs of education, and we simply cannot afford any more tuition increases. President Ed Ray and members of the OSU President's Cabinet insist a tuition freeze is not viable; however, I look forward to continuing to work with them to resolve this issue. While the OSU administration believes the primary factor motivating tuition increases is the Oregon Legislature's disinvestment in higher education, I believe neither the OSU administration nor the Oregon Legislature is doing enough to prevent tuition increases.

The state's monetary disinvestment and OSU's lack of leadership behind the movement to eliminate the need for tuition increases is forcing students to cover the financial difference. Tuition increases determine whether a graduating high school senior believes that higher education is for them, whether a potential transfer student is confident that attending this university is worth the loans, and whether students struggling to pay for food, let alone books, are able to continue in their studies.

I know there are many cost drivers appearing to force OSU tuition increases, like state disinvestment in higher education and rising personal costs, including PERS and PEBB contractual state benefits. But when times are tough, we

tighten our belts, make difficult decisions, and say no to the bells and whistles. OSU's administrative costs have gone up 89 percent (nearly doubled) over the past 10 years, and some students cannot even afford to pay for the textbooks needed for class.

Steve Clark, OSU Vice President for University Relations and Marketing, has called ASOSU's call for a tuition freeze "premature." When you are not forced to choose between paying for tuition and paying for food and rent, this would appear premature. But it breaks my heart to hear the OSU administration saying students' advocacy for a tuition freeze is premature when students are the ones making the challenging decisions in order to stay in school and finish their degree. The student-fee funded Human Services Resource Center, through its OSU Food Pantry and MealBux programs, has

helped reduce the challenges of food insecurity for students, but this is not enough. OSU students graduate with an average debt of \$22,000, and this amount is increasing. A tuition freeze could help to ensure that students are not forced to drop out because they simply cannot afford to take out another loan or go another month without money for food.

Every student deserves access to a quality and affordable higher education, but this will not be a reality if the only conversation between OSU and the Oregon Legislature is about how large the tuition increase will be. The OSU administration and the Oregon Legislature are both well-aware that tuition has skyrocketed in the past several years, and yet both parties are doing little to stop this from continuing.

I thank the OSU student body for your continued commitment to my leadership here at ASOSU and at OSU. Together, let us help keep OSU affordable by calling on the OSU administration and the Oregon Legislature to freeze tuition.

Amelia Harris,
ASOSU President

When times are tough, we tighten our belts, make difficult decisions and say no to bells and whistles

Amelia Harris
ASOSU president



Beaver Tweet of the Day

"I haven't had a valentine in 2 years.. I would like one this year. #anytakers #hollaatyourgirl #illbakeforyou"

@Nat_Meiggs16 Natalie Meiggs

OSU still has something to play for

■ OSU suffered its share of losses in first half of Pac-12 play, looking for a turnaround as second half begins

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball team — having now lost nine of its last 11 games — is mired in the worst losing stretch of the Craig Robinson era.

Despite tough times, players say they haven't given up on the season yet and will look to prove it when Utah comes to Gill Coliseum tonight.

"We're last in the Pac-12, but don't sleep on us," said senior forward Joe Burton. "We're going to fight every game and it's going to be a close game every time we play."

Burton had the overall best weekend of anyone on the team, averaging 15.5 points, 9 rebounds and 6.5 assists against Cal and Stanford. Unbeknownst at the time, Burton played Sunday's game with a stomach illness — vomiting before, during and after the game, according to Robinson. The 6-foot-7 senior wants it to be known that the Beavers haven't quit on the season.

"There's always something to play for," Burton said. "If it doesn't show up on our record sheet, it's for our pride, for our school, for our fans. Just can't give up."

With just nine regular season Pac-12 games remaining, the Beavers (11-11, 1-8 Pac-12) will have to win five of their final nine games to avoid their worst league record during Robinson's tenure. The Beavers went 5-13 in Pac-10 play during the 2010-11 season and lost their conference games by an average of 13.5 points per contest. This year's squad has been much closer to getting over the hump — losing their Pac-12 games by an average of 7.3 points.

Robinson said he is trying to pinpoint what Oregon State is doing to continually drop these close games.

"I thought in the Stanford game it was more that they made plays at the end of the game that were really good plays and we didn't," Robinson said. "I thought in the Cal game we were trying not to lose as opposed to keep winning the game. It's been different things at different times and not one thing that you can just put your finger on."

Utah comes into Gill only one game ahead of the Beavers in the Pac-12 standings, fresh off a win over Colorado, 58-55, on Saturday.

"It's a game that's definitely winnable, but it's also a game that's definitely losable," Robinson said. "So we want to make sure that we are ready to play."

Oregon State vs. Utah

7 p.m., tonight
Gill Coliseum

OSU individual notes:

Roberto Nelson, junior guard: Leads Beavers in scoring at 16.5 PPG; is coming off back-to-back 20-plus point games for only the second time in his career.

Joe Burton, senior forward: Scored 31 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and collected 13 assists in last week's two-game trip to the Bay Area; leads Beavers in assists at 3.3 per game.

Devon Collier, junior forward: Scored at least 10 points in 16 of last 17 games

Eric Moreland, sophomore forward: Second in the Pac-12 in rebounding at 10.5 per game.

Ahmad Starks, junior guard: Has shot 44 percent or better from the field in four consecutive games for first time in his career.

Although they are higher in the standings than OSU, the Utes (10-7, 2-7) have the worst turnover margin in the conference and are second to last in the Pac-12 in scoring offense — averaging 65 points per game. Utah does counter its low scoring offense with a defense that is only allowing 60.9 points per game.

Robinson said he expects a close game. "We are expecting a tough game," Robinson said. "Having said that though, this is about us. We have to dictate what happens in games from here on out."

Burton and junior guard Roberto Nelson made a point of saying that despite the losses, Oregon State is not a desperate team.

"You don't want to be desperate about it, that's when you lose focus on the stuff that you prepare for," Nelson said. "Yes, we're going to play like it's our last game, but desperation, I feel like that word is just — I don't know."

"It's kind of heavy," Burton said, finishing the sentence for Nelson.

"It's extremely heavy and you don't want to be desperate for anything, you want to work hard for it and play every game like it's your last," Nelson finished.

The Beavers might not be desperate now, but that word looms more and more as the losses pile up.

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Junior forward Devon Collier is swarmed under the basket in a Jan. 12 loss to Arizona. Collier and the Beavers are looking for their second Pac-12 win tonight against Utah.

COMING SOON

Q & A: BRITTANY HARRIS

with

Gymnastics



Brittany Harris

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Q: Your dad [Steve Harris] played in the NBA for five years [1985-90]; what was it like having a pro athlete as your father?

A: At first, I just saw him as my dad. So I was like, 'Dad, you're not that cool. All you do is sleep.' But when we'd go to [University of Tulsa] basketball games, he graduated there, everyone just flocked to him. But I didn't realize how big, or how cool it was to have a dad in the NBA.

Q: Did he inspire you to pursue athletics?

A: Yeah. I just have an athletic family, me and my brother [a high school basketball player] both. I would vault over my dad while he was sleeping, and he would just wake up and freak out because I'd just fly over him and be like, 'Hi, Dad!'

Q: Was it a pretty competitive household then?

A: Oh, so competitive. Growing up, we'd be five years old playing hopscotch and my dad would still have to beat us. My mom would be like, 'Steve, just give them a chance. It'll be OK if you let them win.' And Dad would be like, 'No!'

Q: You're an avid Oklahoma City Thunder fan, how devastating was it when the Miami Heat won the NBA Finals?

A: I was pretty upset. My friends that were fans said, 'Go Heat, sorry Brit.' And I'd be like, 'Don't talk to me. We're not friends for the next week.' It was rough, but now they're doing pretty good this season so I'm excited.

Q: Heat or the Oregon Ducks, who's worse?

A: The Heat.

Q: Durant or Westbrook?

A: Durant. Easy. He got 52 points against the Mavs. And he's so humble.

Q: Talk about the differences between your hometown of Tulsa, Okla., and Corvallis.

A: If I can even put that into words — it's completely different. Tulsa, when I left, I thought it was the most boring city ever. All you can do is eat, shop, go to the movies, go to school, go to the gym. And then coming here, you have even less options. And every time I go home, Tulsa's just growing and expanding. There's so much more to do. And in Corvallis you have five restaurants, two movie theaters and Freddie's. It's different. The weather's totally different. I'd be so upset about the rain, having to change outfits three different times.

Q: Were you a Sooners fan growing up?

A: No. I don't like the Sooners. Never have, never been, never will. I'm more of a Pokes [Oklahoma State University], if I had to go for one.

Q: Why did you ultimately come to Oregon State?

A: Since I was 9, I said I was going to college on the West Coast. That has been in my mind. And I always said UCLA, because that was the top team that I heard of when I was 8 years old. But my club coach, he was [associate head coach] Michael Chaplin's roommate in college, and he told Michael about me and Oregon State. I fell in love with the [coaches]. They were the best people in the world. I knew right then and there that when I got home, I said 'Mom, I'm going to Oregon State.' And then I came out on my official [visit], I fell in love with the campus and the trees and everything.

Q: The visit was over summer though, when it was perfect weather?

A: They didn't tell me about the rain. I'm glad they didn't, because...

Q: What is your favorite moment so far at OSU?

A: I'd say winning Pac-10 Championships my freshman year. That was probably the most unforgettable moment I will ever had. We just hit routine after routine after routine, and weren't focused about on any of the other scores or other teams, or where they were. Hearing that all we had to do was hit on floor lineup and we would win Pac-10s, I never imagined that. We beat Stanford and UCLA. It was just the greatest feeling in the world.

Q: Of the four events in gymnastics, what is your favorite to do?

A: I love floor. Floor is my favorite because I love dancing. And my floor music is "Lion King" this year and I love "Lion King."

Q: You're stranded on a desert island and you get to take two teammates with you, who do you choose and why?

A: I'll take Cerise Witherby because everything will be funny with her so I won't be bored. And Hailey Gaspar. When we're all together — it would be a fun time being stranded on that desert with those two.

Q: Any of you three have survival skills?

A: Oh, we'll make it work. We'll have to.

Q: Who's the funniest gymnast on the team?

A: Again, either Cerise or Hailey. Everything they say or something that they do, I will just bust up laughing. I love them, they're hilarious.

Q: Favorite OSU sport to attend?

A: Football and basketball, definitely. Football's just fun because you have all the fans and you get to support your other friends out there. And basketball is in the family, so I totally understand the game of basketball. Plus it's an indoor sport, so I don't get wet.

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- 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



Men's Basketball Power Rankings



By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

1. Arizona (19-2, 7-2 Pac-12)

Although they've lost to each of the other two top-tier teams in the Pac-12, the Wildcats have still beaten every other team they've played. If they continue to beat the teams they're supposed to beat, they'll find themselves in the conversation for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament by the time they get a rematch with UCLA the second-to-last week of the regular season.

Last week: @ UW (W, 57-53), @ WSU (W, 79-65)

This week (predictions): vs. Stan. (W), vs. Cal (W)

2. UCLA (16-6, 6-3)

What the heck is up with the Bruins? They've lost three of four since rattling off 10 straight wins. Young teams typically get better as the season progresses, but UCLA's freshmen appear to have hit a midseason wall. I still think the Bruins will be as dangerous a tournament team as anyone in the Pac-12.

Last week: vs. USC (L, 71-75)

This week (predictions): vs. UW (W), vs. WSU (W)

3. Oregon (18-4, 7-2)

The Ducks are who I thought they were: a top-25 team with a great coach. They're not a top-10 team, as they were labeled last week — before being swept in the Bay Area. It should be noted that the Ducks have played their last three games without starting freshman guard Dominic Artis, who's been out with an injury.

Last week: @ Stan. (L, 52-76), @ Cal (L, 54-58)

This week (predictions): vs. Colo. (L), vs. Utah (W)

4. ASU (17-5, 6-3)

If the Sun Devils are going to make the

NCAA Tournament — which they very well may — they better take advantage of an easy upcoming stretch and pad their win total. They end the regular season at UCLA, at USC and at Arizona.

Last week: @ WSU (W, 63-59), @ UW (L, 92-96)

This week (predictions): vs. Cal (W), vs. Stan. (W)

5. Stanford (14-8, 5-4)

A team that couldn't hit the broad side of a barn earlier in the season has all of a sudden scored 274 points in its last three games. Is it a fluke, or can the Cardinal make a second-half push to enter the NCAA Tournament conversation?

Last week: vs. UO (W, 76-52), vs. OSU (W, 81-73)

This week (predictions): @ UA (L), @ ASU (L)

6. Colorado (14-7, 4-5)

The time is now for Colorado, which is as talented as any team in the conference outside of UCLA and Arizona. The Buffaloes underachieved the first half of the Pac-12 season, but they're more than capable of turning things around and getting into the NCAA Tournament. Picking up a marquee win over Oregon in Eugene tomorrow night would be a good place to start.

Last week: @ Utah (L, 55-58)

This week (predictions): @ UO (W), @ OSU (W)

7. California (13-8, 5-4)

Cal has won four of its last six, but three of those four wins have come against the conference bottom-dwellers (OSU, WSU, Utah) and the win over Oregon was more about the Ducks having an off weekend than Cal playing spectacularly.

Last week: vs. OSU (W, 71-68), vs. UO (W, 58-54)

This week (predictions): @ ASU (L), @ UA (L)

8. USC (9-13, 4-5)

The fact that USC and Colorado have the same conference record through nine games is absurd. The Trojans, playing under an interim coach for the rest of the season, added to their overachievement by shocking cross-town rival UCLA last week. If you're looking for someone to play the role of spoiler, look no further.

Last week: vs. UCLA (W, 75-71)

This week (predictions): vs. WSU (W), vs. UW (W)

9. Washington (13-9, 5-4)

After giving their fans a brief bit of hope by starting Pac-12 play 4-0, the Huskies have lost four of their last five. All four losses have been by single-digits.

Last week: vs. UA (L, 53-57), vs. ASU (W, 96-92)

This week (predictions): @ UCLA (L), @ USC (L)

10. WSU (11-11, 2-7)

The Cougars have defeated two Pac-12 teams: Utah and OSU. Thus the No. 10 ranking — ahead of Utah and OSU.

Last week: vs. ASU (L, 59-63), vs. UA (L, 65-79)

This week (predictions): @ USC (L), @ UCLA (L)

11. OSU (11-11, 1-8)

If you're coming looking for a bit of hope, you're in the wrong place. I will offer this, though: The Beavers will win three of their final nine Pac-12 games, and one of those wins will come tonight.

Last week: @ Cal (L, 68-71), @ Stan. (L, 73-81)

This week (predictions): vs. Utah (W), vs. Colo. (L)

12. Utah (10-11, 2-7)

Tonight's game vs. OSU is huge for the Utes to prove that they're not in fact the worst team in the conference.

Last week: vs. Colo. (W, 58-55)

This week (predictions): @ OSU (L), @ UO (L)

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FOOD

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community building as well.”

As coordinators, Vandetta and Howard attend the campus-wide meetings, but “it takes the whole committee to run the food drive around here,” Vandetta said.

OSU's chapter of the student organization Enactus (formerly SIFE), an international service organization, donated the equivalent of more than 13,000

pounds of food last year, according to the food drive website.

“Every year we participate as team in the food drive,” said Natasha Badaa, a senior in business management and initiative lead Fighting Hunger in the Homeland of the OSU chapter of Enactus.

This year, Enactus has become more involved than before, Badaa said, with students putting their skills to use and gaining experience with business and marketing.

One Enactus member is interning with Signs, another is redesigning marketing materials involved in the campaign, and the group is offering to give presentations to educate organizations on hunger issues, Badaa said.

The OSU food drive falls under one of three tiers of the Fighting Hunger in the Homeland: short-term relief.

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Community members and OSU students filled the Memorial Union ballroom for OSU's annual Recycle Fashion Show.

FASHION

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HIV and AIDS, earlier in the year.

Junior Naoko Gille “had a blast” being one of the models at this year's event, sporting a dress her roommate, Nicole Chapman, made solely out of old People's magazine scraps. Chapman is currently working on a minor in Merchandising Management.

The show was part of an ongoing series of events being held for RecycleMania, a national recycling competition held between universi-

ties each year. During the event, OSU Campus Recycling Outreach Coordinator Andrea Norris and Student Outreach Assistant Lindsey Almarode gave an opening demonstration on how to recycle around campus.

After the first week of the competition, OSU has taken the lead over the University of Oregon, 1.69 to 1.22 pounds of recycling per person. To find a listing of all of the RecycleMania events still to come, visit Campus Recycling's webpage at recycle.oregonstate.edu.

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SIFC

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spring fee of \$2.14 to the SSI. Alvarez also requested the group start with the photovoltaic project at the tennis pavilion before starting the lengthier hot water innovation project at Dixon. The committee also requested a detailed job description for the professional SSI staff position.

Michelle Marie, chair of the student parent advisory board, presented Our Little Village's budget. The proposal had three decision packages. The first was to fund operating costs for the childcare centers on campus and to pay for office assistance. The second would go toward increasing the subsidy of childcare, hopefully bringing child-

care costs under a rough benchmark of 10 percent of a student parent's income. The third would fund a paid board chair for Our Little Village, a position currently held by Marie.

Currently Our Little Village has childcare centers in Dixon Recreation Center and the Valley Library. Parents who drop off their children cannot leave those buildings and Marie noted the possibility of “satellite” centers in different classroom buildings to allow parents the opportunity to attend class while their children are supervised. Student parents make up about 14 percent of OSU's student population, Marie said.

“Student parents are an elusive group,” Marie said. “As enrollment increases, we need to make sure the drop-off sites

can meet student needs.”

Though the group only received \$4.23 per student per term, board members said they could still raise the number to accommodate the decision packaged by the final hearing.

“Some items are still unclear in the budget,” said board member Madison Parker. “We are leaning towards approving the decision packages, but we want more clear budget forms before then.”

The committee will hold an open hearing to finalize budgets on Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. Video playback of the meetings can be found on KBVR's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/user/KBVR26.

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ASSAULT

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violence awareness.

“Larry Roper said it perfectly,” said Lucas Schalewski, a grad student studying college student services administration.

Schalewski is also part of Men's Development and Engagement.

“Awareness is the first step. Then comes understanding, knowledge and application to prevent sexual assault,” Schalewski said.

The issue of physical protection, like self-defense, also came up.

The panel seemed to collectively agree, “self-defense is not always effective.” They don't discourage people from taking self-defense classes.

Giese made the point that alcohol also plays a role in reacting to a situation, such as stranger sexual assault. She and other panel members said people aren't always thinking about defending themselves, thus putting them at a disadvantage if they strictly rely on physical defensive measures.

Another audience member was looking for advice on how to diffuse a situation, at a party or bar for example, he felt uncomfortable with. Panel members jumped at this opportunity to talk about distracting aggressive people by saying, “Hey, I think your car is being towed.”

The panel also came to agreement that intervening in a public situation could easily become a collaborative effort. By asking those around you if they feel as uncomfortable with the situation as you do, it's easy to diffuse a situation with a group.

Other topics of discussion included a want for increased lighting on campus and an interest in law enforcement's involvement.

“We're trying to increase our presence,” said Lt. Mitchell, Oregon State Police. “Often times we'll go out to the community and find there were 12 more [sexual assaults] not reported.”

According to Rape Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), 54 percent of sexual assaults are not reported to the police.

If you have seen or heard something, or are involved in a sexual assault, Mitchell urges you to call the police immediately.

“Don't hesitate to call,” Mitchell said. “Time is of the essence.”

For resources on campus, the panel urges students to visit Counseling and Psychological Services or Sexual Assault Support Services in Snell Hall, or speak with a doctor or nurse in Student Health Services. For off-campus resources, students can visit Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence on downtown 3rd Street.

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Activists: Get rid of 'degrading' parts of India's sexual assault exam

(CNN) — With a glaring spotlight on sexual violence after a fatal gang-rape case, a high-profile government panel has joined women's rights advocates in demanding changes to India's sexual assault medical exam.

Advocates say the exam includes unnecessarily invasive and irrelevant procedures.

The exam can include detailed observation of the victim's hymen, the description of her nourishment level and body, and a so-called "two finger" test.

The finger exam consists of the doctor inserting two fingers into the woman's body to determine whether she is used to sexual intercourse. The underlying assumption is that if two fingers pass, the woman is used to sexual intercourse.

"Are you trying to say married women can't get raped? That only virgins get raped?" asked Donna Fernandes, of Vimochana, a women's organization in Bangalore. "That she couldn't have been raped, because she was used to sexual intercourse? It's an unscientific way to approaching whether the rape has happened or not."

Advocates like Fernandes who have called for reform in the medical exam have received critical backing from a panel appointed by India's home affairs minister.

Last week, the commission published a 600-page report calling for several policy changes, such as creating a new offense of gang rape punishable by at least 20 years in prison, making it a crime for police to fail to investigate sexual assault complaints and banning the consideration of character or previous sexual experience of the victim at a criminal trial.

The panel report came after the outrage over the gang rape and subsequent death of a 23-year-old physiotherapy student, which prompted calls for reform on how rape is addressed by India's police, courts and government. It has prompted initial changes — such as increasing the number of women working in New Delhi police stations and official pledges to strengthen laws regarding rape and assault.

The five suspects accused of taking part in the December 16 gang rape of a woman in New Delhi, are being tried in a "fast-track" court designed to bypass red tape. The sixth suspect in the gang rape is a minor and will be tried in juvenile court, according to police.

The government-appointed panel, headed by India's former chief justice, J.S. Verma, devoted a chapter of its report to medical exams, criticizing controversial aspects that delve into a woman's sexual history such as the finger test and the hymen observation.

"A test to ascertain the laxity of the

vaginal muscles which is commonly referred to as the two-finger test must not be conducted," the report stated. It also added that the "observations/conclusions such as 'habituated to sexual intercourse' should not be made and this is forbidden by law."

The two finger test "has nothing to do with the rape case," said Dr. Jagadeesh Reddy, professor of forensic medicine at Vydehi Medical College in Bangalore. "After a sexual assault, doing a two-finger test is not scientific."

The finger test is not an accurate test of sexual activity, as doctors have different sized fingers and in some cases, report opposite findings on the same patient, he said.

In obstetrics, the two-finger exam is used to check the progress of labor. But in the context of a sexual assault exam, it is used to indicate a woman's sexual history, which has enraged activists.

The report also denounced the hymen observation calling it, "largely irrelevant" and recommended that "only those that are relevant to the episode of assault are to be documented."

The hymen test has also been used to infer whether a woman was used to sexual intercourse, despite the fact that some females are born without the tissue and it can be torn for various reasons besides sexual intercourse.

The findings on whether a woman was used to sexual activity would be used to "perpetuate false and damaging stereotypes of rape survivors as 'loose' women," according to a Human Rights Watch report on India's forensic exams of rape survivors published in 2010. "Defense attorneys use the findings to challenge the credibility, character, and the lack of consent of the survivors," the report said.

The group has called the worst cases of medical exams "degrading and counter-productive."

Activists in Bangladesh are also calling for the two-finger test to be banned there. More than 100 experts including doctors, lawyers, police, women's rights activists signed a joint statement this month arguing that the "demeaning" test "does not provide any evidence that is relevant to proving the offence."

Meanwhile, reported rape cases in India — where a cultural stigma keeps many victims from reporting the crime — have increased drastically over the past four decades, from 2,487 in 1971 to 24,206 in 2011, according to official figures.

Padma Deosthali, coordinator of the Centre for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes in Mumbai has long advocated for reforms in the way sexual assault cases are handled.

"The Verma commission has made

some significant recommendations in its report," she said. "The report recognizes sexual assault as a medicolegal emergency and makes it obligatory for all doctors (public and private sector) to care for survivors immediately without waiting for any police complaint. The challenge now is to translate this into law and health policies."

The report remains a set of recommendations, unless the Indian Parliament takes action to vote them into law.

One major turning point of the report is that it calls for the mental and physical support of the patient, she said.

Survivors of sexual assault often get little to no care for the possibility of pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and psychological distress, Deosthali said. This is lacking across Indian states, in both rural and urban areas, she added.

The panel declared that hospitals are "required to preserve the life of the victim and for her recovery." It recommended that the victim first see a professional counselor, followed by a doctor and the police.

"It says that treatment has to be over and above everything. It ropes in the private sector, in terms of making them accountable, and telling them it is their obligation to provide treatment," Deosthali said.

In cases of sexual assault, some doctors refuse to treat patients. The report proposes making this a punishable offense.

"In our opinion, the duty of the medical profession to extend unqualified services to victims of such heinous offenses should be duly publicized and medical professionals and hospitals who abstain from performing the same ought to be punished in accordance with law," the commission stated.

Challenges remain with the sexual assault exam that weren't mentioned in the report, though, Deosthali said.

During medical exams, doctors take note of the physical build and nourishment of the woman. Even among medical professionals, there are notions that a healthy woman would have been able to fight back her attackers, said Reddy, who has conducted sexual assault medical exams.

The notion is perpetuated in forensic medical textbooks, Deosthali said.

If a sexual assault survivor lacks obvious signs of injury, this may bias the case, because there is such an emphasis on finding injuries during the exam, Reddy said.

"It's not necessary to have injuries in sexual assault," he said. "The absence of injury doesn't mean she has consented."

Rape cases can lack obvious signs of harm, because the victim could have been unconscious, intoxicated or the assailant could have used lubrication.

The government-appointed panel warned against relying heavily on "the marks of struggle." It cited a law commission that said: "The Indian law of evidence does not, in general, lay down that a particular species of evidence should be insisted upon any proof or disproof of a particular fact."



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Yesterday's Solution

Obama calls for short-term fix to imminent sequestration spending cuts

WASHINGTON (CNN) — President Barack Obama called on Tuesday for a short-term agreement to put off deep cuts to government spending, including the military, set to take effect next month.

Obama made his pitch in a statement to reporters at the White House, urging Congress to pass a measure that would offset some of the imminent automatic spending cuts — known as sequestration — that were part of a 2011 debt ceiling deal.

The president made clear that he still wanted a broader deficit reduction agreement with Republicans that included spending cuts, entitlement reforms and increased revenue from eliminating some tax breaks.

However, Obama said, with time running out before the sequestration cuts slash government spending and result in job losses and economic slow-down, Congress should pass a temporary fix that will allow time for further negotiations on a broader plan.

“Our economy right now is headed in the right direction and it will stay that way as long as there aren’t any more self-inflicted wounds coming out of Washington,” he said.

“So let’s keep on chipping away at this problem together, as Democrats and Republicans, to give our workers and our businesses the support that they need to thrive in the weeks and months ahead,” he added.

Before Obama spoke, House Republican leaders slammed

him for failing to produce a budget proposal the day before, which they said is a long-standing deadline to do so under federal law.

In the 2011 debt ceiling deal that ended a showdown over whether to increase the federal government’s borrowing limit to meet its obligations, Congress and the White House agreed to include the automatic spending cuts of sequestration as motivation to pass a comprehensive deficit-reduction plan.

Deep partisan divisions prevented such an agreement from happening in 2012, an election year, leading to the impending sequestration cuts this year. The government has already delayed the impact of sequestration for the first two months of 2013.

On Tuesday, Obama said he still supported a broader deal and made clear that revenue from tax reform measures previously agreed to by Republicans — such as eliminating some loopholes to increase revenue for the government — should be part of it.

However, he noted that it was unlikely Congress would reach a deficit-reduction deal by March 1 to render the sequestration cuts moot.

“If they can’t get a bigger package done by the time the sequester is scheduled to go into effect, then I believe that they should at least pass a smaller package of spending cuts and tax reforms that would delay the economically damaging effects of the sequester for a few more months until

Congress finds a way to replace these cuts with a smarter solution,” Obama said.

Earlier, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, reacted to news of Obama’s plan by saying it was the president who “first proposed the sequester and insisted it become law.”

Reiterating the longstanding position of Republicans in budget negotiations, Boehner called for replacing the sequester plan with spending cuts and what he called reforms — a reference to changes in popular entitlement programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

A last-second agreement in the previous Congress that passed in the first days of 2013 raised tax rates on top income earners as part of a limited deficit-reduction package.

That measure followed weeks of tough negotiations involving Obama and Congress in which other steps to increase government revenue, such as eliminating some tax breaks for corporations, were considered but not included in the final deal.

Obama and Democrats now want such revenue-raising steps to be part of a package that would replace the mandated deficit reduction of the sequester cuts.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky expressed his opposition to such a move Tuesday, saying “the American people will not support more tax hikes in place of the meaningful spending reductions both parties already agreed to and the president signed into law.”

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Disney: ‘Star Wars’ spinoffs there will be

(CNN) — That galaxy far, far away is apparently bigger than first thought.

The “Star Wars” franchise will get two spinoff movies, Disney chief executive officer Bob Iger announced Tuesday.

“We are in development of a few standalone films that are not part of the ‘Star Wars’ saga,” he said. “There are now creative entities working on developing scripts for what would be those standalone films.”

The two films, if they make it out of development, will be released after Episode VII, which Iger said is on target for summer 2015.

Lawrence Kasdan and Simon Kinberg each will write one of the new films and consult on the next three “Star Wars” sequels.

“Each standalone film will focus on a specific character,” Lucasfilm said on its starwars.com site. Lucasfilm will disclose more details about the spinoff in the future, Iger said.

Kasdan wrote the screenplays for “The Empire Strikes Back” and “Return of the Jedi.” He also penned the script for “Raiders of the Lost Ark.”

Kinberg has written eight screenplays, according to the Internet Movie Database. His works include “Mr. & Mrs. Smith” and “Sherlock Holmes.” He also did the screenplay for the next installment in the “X-Men” films, according to IMDB.com.

The announcement comes three months after Disney bought Lucasfilm for \$4 billion and just days after it revealed that J.J. Abrams has been signed to direct the next “Star Wars” episode.

Abrams has experience with movies in blockbuster franchises. He directed the 2009 “Star Trek” movie and his company, Bad Robot, produced “Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol,” the 2011 movie in that franchise. In addition to his film work, Abrams has a long resume on TV. He created “Felicity,” “Alias,” “Lost” and “Fringe,” among others.

Michael Arndt will write the screenplay for Episode VII, according to Disney.

The release of 3-D versions of “Star Wars” Episodes II and III, previously planned for next fall, have been postponed while Lucasfilm focuses on new episodes, executives announced last week.