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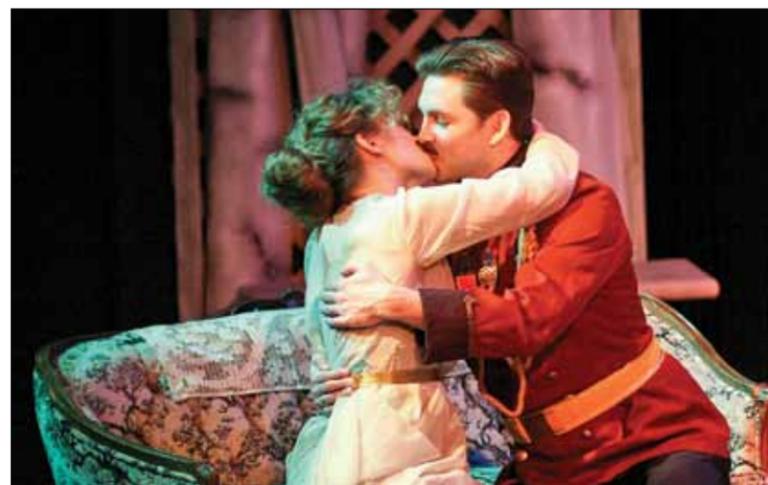
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EMMA-KATE SCHAAKE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Richelle Jean-Bart plays Irina in OSU Theatre's adaptation of Anton Chekhov's "Three Sisters." Irina is the youngest of the sisters.



EMMA-KATE SCHAAKE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Above: Andrew Beck plays the character of a soldier named Vershinin. Below: Beck kisses Masha, played by Anna Elise Mahaffey.

## 'Three Sisters' to show at Oregon State

### OSU Theatre

**What:** Three Sisters  
**When:** 7:30 p.m., Feb 14-16, and 22-23 and 2 p.m. on the 24th  
**Where:** Withycombe main stage, 30th and campus way.  
**Tickets:** \$12 for general public, \$10 for seniors, \$8 youth/students and \$5 for OSU students.

### OSU Theatre will begin its production of Chekhov's drama 'Three Sisters' tonight

By Katherine Choi  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Anton Chekhov's Russian drama, "Three Sisters," will play a part of Oregon State University Theatre's 2013 Season of Style. Director Elizabeth Helman said this year's season focuses on literary value and historical

significance.

Although the play first premiered in 1901, the production of "Three Sisters" at OSU will be set a few years later, around 1911. Helman said by moving it up a few years, the immediacy and seriousness of the play is set in motion, with the Russian Revolution and World War I right around the corner.

The classic family drama centers on the actions of four siblings, three sisters and a brother. After their father dies, the Prozorov siblings learn to take respon-

sibility of their own lives and face many challenges along the way.

According to Helman, heroes and villains are non-existent in Chekhov's play. The naturalistic style of the play allows the audience to view little snippets of the characters' lives, much like many of today's dramas. As viewers drop in on these characters' lives, they can obtain perspectives of how these characters have

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## Providing safe transportation for OSU students

### SafeRide receives more student calls, secures funding to keep a third van during evenings

By Megan Campbell  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Working as the SafeRide dispatcher, Laurel Hickam, a fourth-year student and SafeRide employee, juggled answering the phone, recording student data in a colorful spreadsheet, communicating with the vans to get pick-up wait times and relaying the information back to the students on hold.

"ASOSU SafeRide, please hold. ASOSU SafeRide, please hold. ASOSU SafeRide, please hold," said Hickam as she received calls.

Before the assaults on campus, the average pick-up wait time was 11.73 minutes. After the assaults, wait times increased drastically. Some estimates were as high as 45 minutes.

"How can we help people when we're giving them 45 minute wait times?" asked Hickam, a fourth year student majoring in education.

More than just the wait times have increased due to recent events. After the first assault on Jan. 15, SafeRide received a total of 108 calls the following evening. In 2011-12, the average number of calls was 77 per night. This year, the average

is 93 calls per night.

This sudden surge of passengers stretched SafeRide's available resources. Part of the problem, according to SafeRide staff, was a lack of funding.

"I've always said, if I win the lottery I would donate to SafeRide," Hickam said.

Previously, SafeRide had three vans on duty during the early shift, and two vans during the late shift.

"That first night [Jan. 16] we couldn't handle it," said Josh Blake, a SafeRide employee. Blake is a senior in agricultural sciences and has been driving for SafeRide since the beginning of fall term.

Since the assaults near and on campus, safety has been on everyone's mind. From giving away whistles on campus, to holding town hall meetings to further the conversation about sexual violence and awareness, Oregon State students, staff and the Corvallis community are promoting sexual violence awareness.

"Campus should be the safest area for students," said Farqan Alhejji, an international student from Saudi Arabia majoring in bioengineering. "It seems like Corvallis is not safe at all."

Alhejji is a frequent user of the student-fee funded program. She usually uses SafeRide after a late midterm or after studying at the Valley Library.

Alhejji and her twin sister alert each other about their whereabouts.

"I always update my sister, and she updates me," Alhejji said. In response to the assaults on campus, she said she "didn't feel safe at all."

Alhejji and her sister are not alone. Kerry Testa, a senior in art, is another frequent user of SafeRide.

"I live past a field and down a dark street," Testa said. "My parents saw where I lived and were like, 'Please take

SafeRide.'"

Testa used SafeRide frequently during fall term because she finished work around 10 p.m. With the recent assaults, she said it is easier for her to "justify" calling for a pick-up.

"I'm really short and tiny," Testa said. "I have a right to take it too."

Testa also calls someone while walking home when she doesn't use

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NEIL ABREW | THE DAILY BAROMETER

SafeRide is a student-fee funded program at Oregon State University. Recently, SIFC approved the funding for a third van during the late shift.

## House passes First Year Experience Resolution

### FYE passes with student support in attendance, SIFC overview before joint session

By Ricky Zipp  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

There was another full room for Wednesday night's ASOSU House of Representative's meeting. Ten to 15 students filled the back rows of the meeting room waiting to hear ASOSU's vote on the "Resolution for Student Involvement in First Year Experience."

The audience did have to wait for long. After discussion regarding the resolution by the House, and last night's passing of the legislation by the Senate, the audience went home happy.

The resolution was slightly revised due to grammatical changes and one "whereas" stricken from the record. Being a justification and not an action, the House and Senate are allowed to

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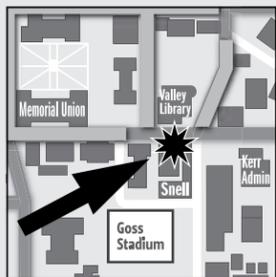
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# Keyes outlines positivity, mental health, pursuit of happiness

■ Dr. Corey Keyes from Emory University delivered a lecture on mental wellness, based on his work in sociology, psychology

By Emmett Sleipness  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Dr. Corey Keyes opened his lecture titled "The Pursuit of Happiness" earlier this week with the words of John Lennon.

"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life," Keyes quoted. "When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy.' They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."

Keyes, an associate professor in the department of sociology at Emory University, visited Oregon State University to deliver a lecture about happiness and mental wellness.

Keyes is known for his work in sociology and positive psychology, as well as coining the term "flourishing" to describe those who

are mentally healthy. Dr. Keyes describes his area of study as reconceptualizing mental health.

"Well, I'm trying to study the presence and absence of good mental health so that we can get beyond defining and operationalizing mental health as just the absence of things like depression," Keyes said.

Dr. Keyes' talk covered a variety of subjects related to happiness and mental health. One thing he said was health and illness are actually two separate things. Many people define "health" as the absence of illness, but this is not solely the case.

"Health is more than the absence of illness, and that health is much more serious than illness, and we need to privilege health above illness," Keyes said.

He used the terms flourishing and languishing to describe the two ends of his mental wellness scale. Someone who is flourishing is mentally healthy, while someone who is languishing is not.

Dr. Keyes also said while most people equate happiness with emotional health, it isn't the only factor. Psychological health

and social health are also large factors in determining mental wellness and happiness. He also says people who are mentally healthy tend to live longer and be at a lower risk for mental illness overall.

Keyes says he usually gets a good reaction to these lectures.

"A colleague used to say, 'When you start talking positively, people lean forward in their seats. And when you start talking about pathology, you often find them leaning back. So the reactions tend to be, I think, generally warm and positive.'"

The audience seemed to agree, in fact many were leaning forward in their seats, intently interested and listening to what he had to say. Stephanie Jenkins, assistant professor in the school of history, philosophy and religion, enjoyed the lecture.

"I thought it was great," Jenkins said. "I really like the move towards thinking about mental health as a communal activity that is not rooted in the absence of disease."

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## SAFERIDE

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SafeRide. Alheiji and Testa are both appreciative of the service SafeRide provides.

"I always want to be really really nice," Testa said. "By the time I get in, I'm just happy to be in the warm car."

Over the past weeks, the ASOSU budget for 2013-14 has been in a state of flux. SafeRide requested additional funding to keep the third van in use throughout the entire evening.

"Funding is hard to get," Blake said.

On Tuesday, the Student and Incidental Fees Committee passed all budgets during its open hearing. The budgets now have to be passed through the joint session of the House and Senate next Wednesday.

"It's hard to measure what SafeRide does because it's a preventative service," said Tim Daniel, director of SafeRide. "Realistically, [students] are pay-

### SafeRide

Winter term hours: 6 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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No children or open food and drink containers

ing for it. If you're paying for it, you should use it."

Though students are paying for it though student fees, some students are deterred from taking advantage of the service. According to SafeRide staff, there are several myths surrounding SafeRide protocol.

"I hear all kinds of crazy myths," Blake said.

Myth: SafeRide will call the student when it arrives at the cross-streets the student gave to the dispatcher.

Truth: SafeRide will not call students when it arrives at the pick-up site.

"Students need to treat [SafeRide] like they're paying for a taxi," Blake said.

This means waiting on the curb, on time for pick-up. SafeRide is required to wait five minutes before moving on to the next pick-up or drop-off location.

Myth: SafeRide only chauffeurs women.

Truth: SafeRide picks up men and women, as long as they are Oregon State students. Students ID is required, due to conflicts in the past where high school students or University of Oregon students abused the program.

Myth: SafeRide can only pick up and drop off students on campus.

Truth: SafeRide, in addition to taking students around campus, will pick up and drop off students off campus. This means students can travel from their off-campus housing to study on campus and vice versa.

Myth: SafeRide does not pick up people who are intoxicated.

Truth: If the person does not seem to be a liability to the car, driver or other passengers, SafeRide will pick up intoxicated

students.

"We will pick [intoxicated students] up," Blake said. "We're happy to take them. We get a lot of happy drunks."

In the instance SafeRide drivers do not allow drunk people in the car, SafeRide staff will call in for a "welfare check." The staff will call the police department's non-emergency line and an officer will make sure the person is safe.

The police officers' first priority is to keep Oregon State students safe; they are not there to arrest students if they are underage and intoxicated. If an officer thinks the student needs medical attention, he or she will call for an ambulance.

SafeRide staff continues to provide the student population with safe transportation on and off campus. With the possibility of having the third van, wait times should decrease.

"The third van is a night and day difference," Blake said.

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grown or changed over a period of time.

"It's a play about people learning who they are and figuring out: What the hell are they going to do with their lives?" Helman said. "This is a really, really good play for college students to see."

Characters like Masha, played by Anna Mahaffey, appear to be self-centered and arrogant.

"She cares about how pretty she looks, and she's very dissatisfied with the choice of her husband," Mahaffey said. "She's got this struggle going on with her husband and she's got issues with family."

But as the play progresses, Masha realizes the rights and wrongs of her decisions and the effects her decisions have imposed on her family.

Irina, on the other hand, has a differ-

ent complexity from her sisters. Played by Richelle Jean-Bart, Irina dreams of going to Moscow, hoping to find happiness and love in a bigger city.

"She's sassy, incredibly smart, knows lots of languages and she's a very big dreamer," Jean-Bart said.

Like many college students, Irina dreams of going away from home and seeking a new life in a different environment.

The eldest sibling, Andrei, played by Michael Beaton, faces his own troubles as he strives to be a respectable older brother and breadwinner. His gambling addiction and poor choices create both sad and humorous situations.

"Three Sisters" is a mixture of tragedy and comedy.

"The way that this drama is presented and written is really fascinating, how you can go from one emotion to another," Mahaffey said.

Audience members should expect a wide

array of emotional reactions.

"It gives them the rollercoaster of emotions that most of us, at one point or another, have gone through," said Megan Grassl, who plays Olga.

Helman said that Chekhov's characters are very human. They're full of flaws and mistakes, representing many different people in reality.

"I hope [the audience] can gain a sense of empathy for very flawed people and find something they can relate to in it," Helman said.

"Three Sisters," opens to the public at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 14-16 and 22-23, and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 24 on the Withycombe Main Stage, located on 30th and Campus Way.

Tickets are \$12 for general audience members, \$10 for seniors, \$8 youth/students and \$5 for OSU students.

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## HOUSE

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pass the same pieces of legislation with different justifications.

The removed line said "whereas: there is no mention to incoming student of the change." As this is not true, graduate Representative Matthew Palm placed a motion that this be stricken from the resolution. The motion unanimously passed.

Multiple representatives stressed the importance of passing this piece of legislation because of the constant tablings which have occurred in the past weeks.

"I have been contacted by several students who want us to act and act now," Representative John Aljets said. "[So] we need to act as quickly as possible."

The resolution passed by an overwhelming majority, 15-1, Palm was the only "no" vote on the resolution.

According to Palm, at some point OSU needs to adopt the First Year Experience Plan. He cited that 60 percent of OSU students are graduating in six years and retention is a problem at OSU.

Two other pieces of legislation were

brought to the House. One for its second reading and vote, and another for its first reading and vote, but standing rules were forgone in order to have a vote happen last night.

The first was the "Membership Clarification Act" for its second reading. The act will be changing who is considered an "elector" by the ASOSU constitution and contains a clarification of membership.

If passed, ASOSU members would be selected from the Corvallis campus exclusively.

The main point within the debate was around excluding major campus entities such as the Cascade Campus from the ability to participate in the election process. Representative Nick Rosoff made the motion that the resolution be postponed with the mandate that conversations be held with the Cascade Campus. This motion was passed and will be heard after the next week's joint session.

The second piece of legislation was the "Bill to Support OSU in Signing the Federal Tuition Assistance Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Defense." The bill regards the funding of students who are currently in the military and are funded by the Department of Defense.

This was the first reading and standing rules were suspended by a two-thirds vote to pass the legislation that evening.

If OSU does not sign the Memorandum of Understanding, then the Department of Defense will not supply the university with funds to assist students in the military.

The university has until March 1, 2013 to sign the MOU, and the bill requests that the administration get this done before the deadline.

The Chairman of the Student and Incidental Fees Committee, Brad Alvarez, opened up the meeting with an overview of the history, structure and operations of the SIFC. The presentation was to make representatives aware of the SIFC decision-making process before the budget presentation next week.

The budget will be presented to SIFC next Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the MU lounge. Both the House and the Senate will vote on the proposed funding for multiple student organizations. If passed, the budgets will be passed onto President Ray for approval.

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# Calendar

## Thursday, Feb. 14

### Meetings

**Baha'i Campus Association**, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Foundations of Civility - Devotions and discussion on the spiritual basis for civility.

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

### Events

**Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and SOL Multicultural Support Network**, 5-7pm, MU East/Snell Kitchen. Chocolate Truffle Workshop.

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

**Centro Cultural César Chávez**, 5-7pm, Native American Longhouse. Interactive activities, Q&A and free cupcakes! Our guest speaker will be Kathy Greaves and activities led by M.A.R.S.

**Pride Center**, 5-7pm, Pride Center. Speed Friending! A lot can happen in three minutes. Meet people from OSU and Corvallis. Food and drinks provided.

## Friday, Feb. 15

### Events

**OSU Music Department**, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: Kate Hamilton, viola and David Oliver, piano. Lyrical works from the 19th and 20th Centuries.

**Rainbow Continuum**, 6-9pm, MU Basement. Rainbow! Free LGBTQ social & bowling event. Competitions, prizes and resource tabling!

## Saturday, Feb. 16

### Events

**International Students of OSU and INTO OSU**, 6pm, Milam Auditorium. A Cultural Affair, a free multicultural showcase of international and cultural performance, art and song.

## Monday, Feb. 18

### Events

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

**Vegans and Vegetarians @ OSU**, 10am-2pm, MU Quad. Free cookies and jerky! We would love if you sign our petition.

## Tuesday, Feb. 19

### Meetings

**ASOSU Senate**, 7pm, MU 211

### Speakers

**Women Returning to Higher Education**, 12:30-2pm, MU Journey Room. Lecture: Balancing School and Life with Dr. Jackie Alvarez, Director of Counseling & Psychological Services.

### Events

**Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center**, 5-7pm, Snell 424, 4Cs. History of NAACP. Learn about the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People organization.

**IFCS - Interfaith Community Services**, Noon-1:30pm, Snell Hall Kitchen. Bag-It Better Together. Bring your own lunch. Serving OSU Emergency Food Pantry.

## Wednesday, Feb. 20

### Meetings

**ASOSU/SIFC**, 7pm, MU Lounge. ASOSU Joint Session/SIFC budget approval.

### Speakers

**IFCS - Interfaith Community Services & Pride Center**, 6-8pm, Valley Library Rotunda. Lecturer/Faiththeist Chris Stedman will discuss his new book "Faiththeist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious."

### Events

**Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center**, 5-6:30pm, Location TBA. Blacks in Media. Learn how the Black community is portrayed in the media across the nation.

**Pride Center**, Noon-1pm, Pride Center. Book Club: reading "Faiththeist: 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. 21

### Meetings

**Baha'i Campus Association**, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. The Great Spiritual Teachers - Devotions and discussion on the contributions of great spiritual teachers.

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

### Events

**Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center**, 5-7pm, Location TBA. 1 Am History. **SOL: LGBT Multicultural Support Network**, 5-7pm, Native American Longhouse. Queer People of Color meeting. An informal social gathering of queer people of color with free food and discussion.

**Reproductive Justice of OSU**, 5-7pm, Women's Center. Showing "The Pill," a film about the development and legalization of hormonal birth control. Discussion to follow. Black Graduate Student Association, Noon, Linus Pauling Science Center 402. Sharing lessons learned from Research Centers in Minority Institutions conference.

## Editorial

### Happy Feb. 14!

We feel that certain something in the air, those delivery men scrambling around, the couples out for a night on the town. We haven't forgotten what today is, and we're not ones to disappoint the ones we love.

So we're going to commemorate Feb. 14 by celebrating our one true love — the state of Oregon. Yes, Oregon became a state on this day in 1859, and we are happy to live in what we consider to be the greatest state in the union.

The Beaver state may be a little wet — or a little dry if you're from the eastern two-thirds of the state — a little rural, a little weird, a little provincial and a little cold at times, but we love calling it our home.

Oregon is the greatest state because we have a diversity of climates and topographies. In which other state can you go from the ocean, through temperate rain forest, through lush agricultural land, to tall volcanic mountains, to ponderosa pine forests and deserts full of sagebrush and juniper? It's amazing all that our state contains.

Oregon is the greatest because we make some of the best agricultural products in the world. Oregon grass seed was used to seed the fields at the last World Cup and Oregon Douglas firs are shipped around the world at Christmas time. Oregon grows wheat that goes into delicious bread, is the largest grower of hazelnuts and the largest grower of mint. Oregon wines are known throughout the world for their quality and we've eaten some of the best steak here too.

Oregon is the greatest because we make the best beer in the world. Maybe Belgium and Germany have bigger reputations, but you would be hard pressed to find the sort of diversity and innovation that is happening here anywhere else in the world. Portland has more breweries than any other city in the world and Oregon is the nation's second largest hop producer.

Oregon is the greatest because we were the first to allow the ballot initiative and to recall our public officials — the Oregon System has since spread to other states since it was enacted in 1902. Oregon was also the first to have a bottle deposit bill, which helped clean the roads of litter. All of the beaches along the coast are public land and belong to the people of Oregon and Oregon was the site of the first permanent American settlement on the West Coast — Astoria.

Oregon is the greatest because we have clean water from the tap. We have a reputation for dreamers and creative types. There are a lot of plaids shirts here and supposedly Portland is the coolest city in the country right now.

Oregon also has not only one side to its flag, but two. That's right two sides. So not only do we get to look at the state seal, there is also a picture of a beaver.

Oregon most importantly is the greatest because everyone wants to move here. They know the climate, the nice people and the beautiful scenery make for a great place to live.

Happy 153rd birthday Oregon!

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## Correction

Yesterday's guest column titled "Broaden the conversation about sexual violence, awareness" attributed the writing to the Oregon State Women's Center. The guest column was actually produced by students within the women's studies department. The Daily Barometer regrets the error.

# Porn should be respected as a consensual sexual expression

Harrison Pride

## The Daily Barometer

A group of women's studies graduate students recently wrote a guest column in The Barometer about the rape culture we live in. It listed several behaviors that contribute to this culture: Cat-calls, misuse of the word rape, etc. I loved it and agreed with exactly 99.167 percent of it. My only point of contention was the idea that "Whenever porn is tolerated, rape culture is permitted."

I'm assuming they are using the word tolerated along the lines of how one tolerates their racist family mem-

bers at the Thanksgiving feast, as something that you're glad to see the backside of. I humbly disagree; porn is not something to tolerate, it is something to use or not use at your whim. Porn holds no inherent harm to our culture, society or the individuals within it.

To be fair, I do agree some sexually explicit material can perpetuate rape

culture. Sexual images that are made without the consent or input of all parties involved or are posted without the consent of those involved, this so-called revenge porn, does contribute to a rape culture. I know I'm splitting hairs here on the semantics of what constitutes porn and sexual imagery, but porn is perhaps one of the most difficult things to define. The Supreme Court Associate Justice Potter Stewart famously said, regarding porn, "I know it when I see it." This is easily the most hard and fast legal test ever devised.

Allow me to substitute my own definition of porn. Porn is sexually explicit material, in which all parties who had a hand in creating it consented to making and distributing it for public consumption. Is that definition long-winded? Yes. Does it have flaws? Yes. But is it unreasonable? No.

I will also agree the objectification of women perpetuates rape culture, but let's not shoot from the hip and mislabel what is at fault here. Every media source in the world today objectifies our bodies. I do not think it is unfair to assume that I, and virtually everyone else, sees more objectification in magazines and television ads than I do in porn movies. Both male and female brains have been programmed to objectify a female body. That is not a porn issue, that is a general human issue. When we see objectification, we should notice it, label it and fight it. That means making better, more ethical porn, not just labeling all porn as rape culture scum to be thrown away.

Now for my disagreements. A few questions: If porn contributes to rape culture, is it just when a male views porn, or does it work the same as when a female views porn? Does lesbian or gay porn contribute to rape culture? Does porn of a solo female masturbating on camera contribute to rape culture? What if I watch porn

of a female wearing a strap-on and anally penetrating a male partner, does that contribute to rape culture? What if I watch porn of swim-wear clad women popping balloons, does that contribute to rape culture? What if I watch a video where both performers give consent to the scene, and then role-play a non-consensual sexual encounter, does that contribute to rape culture? These are all scenes that are quick Google searches away. They are just as much a part of porn as the heteronormative "guy and girl on a bed" assumed by anti-porn individuals.

Consensual sexual expression is one of the most unique human attributes we have

Watching people do sexy things is a natural human desire. To say that porn is wrong, is to say it is degrading, that the people performing in porn should be ashamed and that they contribute to rape culture. I vehemently disagree. Porn, no matter if it's just a two people having plain vanilla sex on a bed, or half a dozen people hitting each other's buttocks with floggers and whips, are people consensually having fun in a sexual manner. This combination of consent and pleasure is the antithesis of rape culture. To label it as wrong or degrading is something to be far more ashamed of.

You do not have to understand why someone wants to have sex on camera, or why someone chooses to participate in BDSM scenes with a partner while being watched on a webcam by hundreds of people. But you respecting their consensual sexual expression does not require your understanding on what they find kinky. Consensual sexual expression is one of the most unique human attributes we have and no matter how it is done, even it gives us pause, it deserves our respect.

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## At Random by Ryan Mason



RYAN MASON IS A SOPHOMORE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN.

## Letters to the Editor

Drew Pells

### Upholding values

Over the last couple of weeks, I have really enjoyed reading Drew Pells' articles. They are intriguing, addressing both sides of the argument and are all about upholding our rights. I feel all too often I read the paper and see people bashing our constitutional rights or wanting to regulate the economy for the overall good of others. Yet, by not controlling the economy and giving people their rights, the overall good of the people is better upheld. It just always seems to bring a smile to my face when I see Pells upholding these values. Thank you for providing me with this happiness, and providing the public with well thought-out arguments on today's issues.

JULIA JONES  
Sophomore, biochemistry  
and biophysics

### In response to the Feb. 13 guest column Women's studies students belittle efforts to discourage rape

I read with interest the guest column by students in women's studies on February 13. What interested me most were the gross generalities tossed about by the columnists. Terms like "rape culture," "consent," and "rape" itself were bandied about with little appreciable care as to the strict meaning of each term, or even the consequences of their use. "Rape culture," I'm told, includes a laundry list of behaviors and mentalities that encourage and condone rape. A

culture, however, is more than a list of activities in isolation; it involves a context and the conscious transmission of values and behaviors to subsequent generations. I have never been told to rape a woman. I suspect that very few people now living have ever been told to rape someone. If that were the case, then we would live in a "rape culture." Instead, I suggest that Americans live in a culture that struggles to legitimize and acknowledge the sovereignty of the individual over the integrity of their person. What this means is, although we espouse universal human rights, we struggle daily to see those ideals realized.

Catch phrases like "rape culture" do little to encourage debate, and distract from the core problem.

Nevertheless, everyone should practice discipline in their language, especially the use of words loaded with emotional weight. But, to expect phrases like "That test just raped me," lead to acts of rape is like saying the phrase "I hate vanilla ice-cream," leads to acts of hatred. Moreover, the columnists insist that rape is "an extremely common occurrence." No one should endure rape, just like no one should endure any kind of violence; but people like the columnists belittle efforts to discourage rape in particular, and violence in general, when they artificially inflate the occurrence of violent acts.

Although I tend to agree with many of the columnists' definitions of rape, I have to challenge two of their assertions. First, let's be very clear about what rape is. It is the

act of unwanted sexual intercourse. Often that sexual intercourse is coerced, which may be forceful, and sometimes the means of coercion creates an environment in which rape is more likely to occur. "Creating an environment of fear" is not the same as rape. It is deplorable, but the columnists' do an injustice to the debate by conflating this issue with the problem of rape. Second, rape is not rape "no matter what." Definitions that rest in the eye of the beholder tend to become nebulous at best. At worst, they are manipulated to include acts that lie beyond the scope of the original definition. This is the type of lazy thinking that led to the first error I mentioned above.

My last point concerns the issue of consent. I agree consent must be freely given, but beyond that the columnists make assertions that are boundless and must be contested. First, as to the matter of sobriety, I agree that consent cannot be given while under the influence of intoxicating substances — I'll restrict that to alcohol and so-called "date-rape drugs." But, sobriety entails much more than not being intoxicated. Sobriety is a careful, considered reflection on the issue at hand, with enlightened judgement as to the nature and consequences of one's actions. A sober decision is one made in the light of day, with none of the passions that sexual arousal often includes. Second, consent does require a reasonable understanding of what the given consequences of an act may entail, but I fail to see why it must be an

imaginative act. Generally, when we use "imaginative" in this context we mean "fictive," or contrary to the known facts of reality — in which case the columnists ought to reconsider the world they live in. While enthusiasm would be nice, it does not seem to be a requirement of consent — nor, for that matter, does creativity. Third, all rational adults in this context are already assumed to be informed. The only situation in which informed consent is necessary would be wherein an authority-figure abuses that authority, or a sexually mature person has not reached the age of consent, in which case they are incapable of consenting, regardless. Finally, consent does not and cannot require verbal agreement to qualify as consent. How then would those incapable of speech give their consent? Is a head-nod insufficient? What about a thumbs-up, an encouraging smile or an evinced willingness?

I'd like to finish with an avowal that rape should never occur. The women's studies student columnists are absolutely correct about that. But, rape is a violent act and ought to be regarded as an excrescence of violence in general. It is an act that demeans, dehumanizes and delegitimizes individual personhood and sovereignty. Bearing that in mind, people like the columnists can more effectively concentrate their energies to combat the root problem, not nebulous symptoms like "rape culture."

STEVEN MCLAIN  
Senior, history



"Instead of celebrating Valentine's Day this year, I'm celebrating discount chocolate Friday."

@crkibby Crystal Kibby

## OSU athlete Valentine's Day awards

\*As voted on by 76 student athletes from nine different sports

Not pictured: Most likely to get married  
Cole Baylis/Brittany Oljar

Jay-Z & Beyonce of OSU  
Joe Burton/Desiree Beltran  
Basketball/Softball



COURTESY OF DESIREE BELTRAN | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"Every superman needs a superwoman, and together Joe and Desiree can conquer the world."

- Anonymous OSU softball player



Most desirable bachelor

Josh Smith  
Soccer

"If you were to look up the definition of God's gift to women in the dictionary, without a doubt there would be a picture of Josh next to it. Not only is he obviously athletic, but he is smart. He has a body that's very easy on the eyes and his dance moves can make anyone fall in love with him. The cherry on top is that he is super funny. Sean Lowe on this season of 'The Bachelor' has nothing on Josh."

- Anonymous OSU female athlete

Most desirable bachelorette

Kathleen Bozzo  
Volleyball

"I can't count the number of guys (and a few girls) who have come up to me asking about Kathleen, and I'm over here thinking, 'uhh, I'm single too!' The best part is she has no idea how hard she makes it for the rest of us girls. She's got that natural beauty that's hard to come by."

- Anonymous OSU volleyball player



JACKIE SEUS | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Cutest couple

Seth Thomas/Hannah Russo  
Wrestling/Soccer



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"They're like the classic Disney Channel couple. Seth is like Zac Efron with his flowy, long hair, and Hannah is like Lizzie McGuire if I had to imagine it. They're just the sweetest couple. I just imagine them holding each other's hands and staring into each other's eyes communicating through telepathy for hours."

- Anonymous OSU wrestler

Most likely to spawn a pro athlete

Angus Brandt/Megan Miller  
Basketball/Soccer



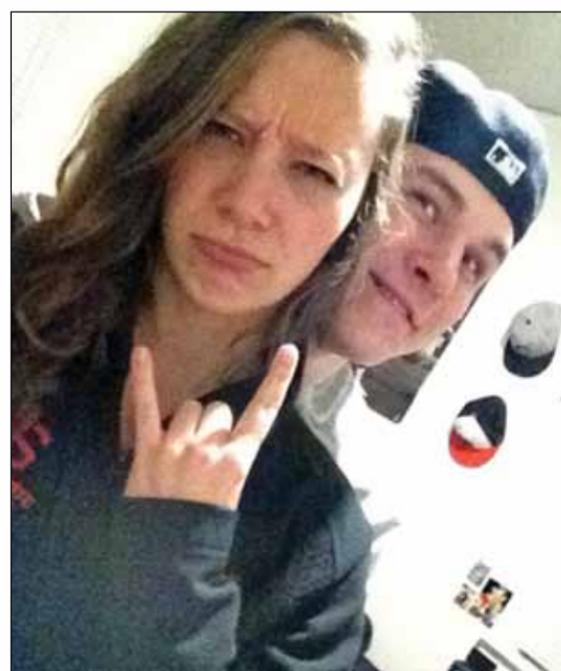
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"Obviously they'd be tall, they'd be quick, they'd be really smart... a white LeBron James. They'd be good looking. They'd be a leader. They'd probably play a ball sport, but we'd let them play whatever they want except for cheerleading and then push them toward whatever they're best at."

- Megan Miller & Angus Brandt

Most fun to go out with

Jace Fry/Kelsi Blalock  
Baseball/Gymnastics



COURTESY OF KELSI BLALOCK | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"I don't know how to put this but we're kind of a big deal. People know us. We're very important. We have many leather-bound books and our apartment smells of rich mahogany."

- Kelsi Blalock

# Awards, continued...

## Stop talking start dating



Tony Bryant  
Baseball

"I saw Hannah and Tony on a date at Buffalo Wild Wings together and it was like the stars were aligned and all was right in the world. Needless to say it's time to make that FBO."

- Anonymous OSU gymnast

Also receiving numerous votes:

- Roberto Nelson/Dani Gilmore
- Daniel Jones/Ruth Hamblin
- Langston Morris-Walker/Natalie Meiggs
- Cyril Noland-Lewis/Morgan Kennedyw
- Brian Engdahl/Katelyn Ohlrich



Hannah Casey  
Gymnastics



Matt Bersano  
Soccer

## Should be together, don't realize it

• Will Seymore/Jacy Drobney

"Brandi is so pure of heart and there is nothing bad you can say about Matt. Would you ever question the combination of peanut butter and jelly?"

- Anonymous OSU soccer player

Also receiving numerous votes:

- Matt Bersano/Cerise Witherby
- Victor Robbins/Ya Garcia



Brandi Dawson  
Soccer

## Most likely to be catfished



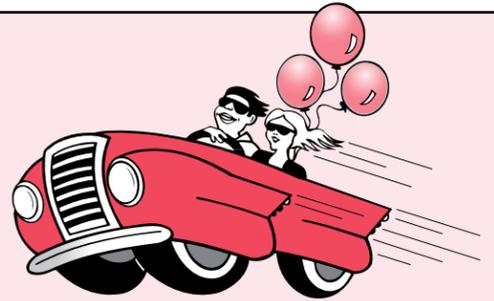
Richie Harrington  
Football

"This comes as a surprise to no one."

- Anonymous OSU football player



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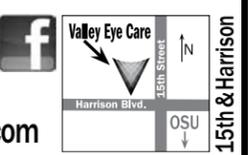
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# The love doctors of the men's basketball team

Love is very much an "every man for himself" type of game. Still, every college student has somewhere they go, or someone they go to, for love advice.

Some students ask friends, some seek out advice from online resources and the old-fashioned demographic asks their parents or reads a book.

Members of the Oregon State men's basketball team need not look outside their own roster for relationship recommendations, at least according to the players.

During a recent interview, OSU point guard Ahmad Starks was not shy in saying he and Roberto Nelson are the self-proclaimed love doctors of the OSU basketball team.

"Everyone has advice from me, even their girlfriends come to me, and Roberto's pretty good at it too," Starks said.

Throughout each level of life, athletic teams are one of the major institutions in which young individuals learn the social norms of dating, and get advice from older teammates who have been down the same road. In high school, freshmen come into the locker room like prisoners on the first night of



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"The Shawshank Redemption," and — other assimilation processes aside — they can either learn the love game or end up like that fat guy who cries and gets beaten by the prison guard in the movie.

The change to college is no different from high school. Just as the jump from high school basketball to Division I is immense, so is the change of competition levels in the dating scene.

Starks might have declared himself and Nelson as the team mentors in the love world, but it was hard to find any teammates who agreed.

"Ahmad? You can never talk to Ahmad about relationships, he don't know what he's talking about," said junior forward Devon Collier. "Berto? Berto's always getting caught up in something. I'm the best person to talk about love and relationships with."

Sophomore guard Challe

Barton agreed, saying that himself and Collier were the ones on the team to seek for advice with women.

Eric Moreland said, "Those are the last people on the team I would go to for advice with ladies." He added he is the one person on the team to come to for advice, because he knows "how to work stuff out in Corvallis."

Jarmal Reid, a freshman from Georgia, added, "Rule number one: Never go to Ahmad Starks for love advice. He'll ruin your whole relationship. But Berto, he has helped me out with some relationships that I've had ... I look toward my roommate, Victor Robbins. He helped me out with the ladies, because [he's] real smooth and whatnot."

Robbins, a freshman from Compton who sees limited playing time, agreed with Reid's statement. Although he is far from this role on the court, Robbins believes he will soon be the team's version of a leader in dating directions.

"I'm the best person to come to, but they don't want to come to a young guy for advice," Robbins said. "But if they need anything, I'm going to tell them

the right thing — whether it's good or bad. I keep it 'G,' I keep it 100 percent real. By the end of this year they're going to be coming to me, even the upper classmen."

The number one thing learned when talking to the OSU basketball team about relationships with the opposite sex: They all think they know the answers.

Most readers probably look at the basketball team as a group of guys who could get dates with nearly any girl on campus, and while this may be true, they also have their ups and downs in the relationship realm. They too have to ask their peers for advice.

Although he now appears to be severely discredited in the realm of love advice, Starks' relationship motto is a timeless and undeniable one.

"Honesty, honesty is key," Starks said.

His teammates may have chided him for saying he was the team love doctor, but Starks' advice rings true for all this Valentine's Day — not just Division I athletes.

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## Q&A: CHALLE BARTON with BARTON Men's Basketball



Challe Barton

By **Brittany Held**  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

**Q: You were born and raised in Sweden, what was it like growing up in a place so different from small-town Corvallis, Ore.?**

**A:** The biggest difference is how they treat us with sports. Back home, nobody cares about me being a basketball player. But I felt like when I came here, I'm all of a sudden somebody important to people. So I'm not used to that yet, I see myself as everybody else.

**Q: Sweden has beautiful people, blondes or brunettes?**  
**A:** Blondes.  
**Q: A very romantic holiday is [today], Valentine's Day, do you celebrate it in Sweden?**  
**A:** Yes, we have Valentine's Day too. We celebrate it the same way as here.

**Q: What's your perfect date?**

**A:** Well, I don't believe that there's such a thing as a "perfect date," but definitely a perfect couple. But if I had to pick a perfect date, we would go out to dinner, just me and her, talk about everything. But the most important part is when you get home that you get together with your girl. You set the mood with candles and let her know what's important with you two.

**Q: Have you ever been on a date where you wanted to get up and leave?**

**A:** No. I mean of course I haven't always clicked with everybody, but I don't feel that any girl I've gone out with is a dumb girl or ugly girl, everybody's beautiful in their own single way.

**Q: Do you have a valentine on this Valentine's Day?**

**A:** I do not.

**Q: So how will you celebrate? Alone?**

**A:** Well, we're traveling, so I have my teammates.

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## OSU wins in Pullman

The Beavers had heard this story before. After playing a solid first half and getting a comfortable second-half cushion, the Beavers blew their lead and saw the game slipping out of their hands in the final minutes.

After their last five losses had come by 8 points or less, the Beavers hung on and beat Washington State 67-66 on Wednesday night in Pullman.

The Beavers hadn't won in Pullman since 2009 — Craig Robinson's first year as head coach.

Led by Roberto Nelson, who finished with 17 points (his first game with less than 20 points since the last time the Beavers and Cougars met), OSU was up by seven points at halftime. The Beavers went on a 10-2 run to start the second half and led by as many as 15 points.

The Cougars hit five 3-pointers over the final 5:14 and cut the Beavers' lead to one point with 1:14 remaining but Langston Morris-Walker's made free throw with five seconds left sealed the deal for Oregon State.

The Beavers said limiting their turnovers would be key if they wanted to beat the Cougars and their 11 turnovers were a major improvement over the 21 they gave up on Sunday to Colorado.

Eric Moreland had 11 points and 14 rebounds for OSU — his ninth double-double of the season.

OSU plays again on Saturday in Seattle against the University of Washington. The Beavers won this season's earlier matchup between the two schools.



## Women's Basketball Power Rankings



By **Mitch Mahoney**  
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

**1. No. 4 Stanford (22-2, 11-1 Pac-12):** The Cardinal are outscoring their opponents this season by an average of 18.1 points and have not lost in over a month. They are one of the top teams in the nation, and for good reason.

**2. No. 6 California (21-2, 11-1 Pac-12):** Perhaps just as talented as Stanford, the Golden Bears have had a handful of close games. Their most recent contest was a 91-86 shootout against Arizona, but this team doesn't know how to lose.

**3. No. 15 UCLA (19-4, 10-2 Pac-12):** UCLA has won its last six games, but they face Cal and Stanford this weekend. The Bruins have lost once to each team already, and will need to play well to prove they are in the same class as the other California teams.

**4. Washington (17-6, 9-3 Pac-12):** Winning seven of their last eight games is nothing to scoff at, but the Huskies' loss to the Bruins for the second time this season was tough to swallow. It is clear who the top three teams in this conference are, and Washington is not among them.

**5. No. 21 Colorado (18-5, 7-5 Pac-12):** Making a run at a fourth-place conference finish, Colorado has won three in a row. The Buffaloes play Washington in a little under two weeks in a game that will answer some questions.

**6. Utah (13-10, 4-8 Pac-12):** Without a doubt, the Utes had the most difficult schedule to begin conference play. On the other side of that, though, they have one of the easiest remaining schedules. The best 3-point shooting team in the league could reel off multiple victories over the last month of play.

**7. Washington State (9-14, 5-7 Pac-12):** A loss to UCLA ended a somewhat surprising four game winning streak for the Cougars. They will have to respond to that loss as they embark on a road trip that begins in Corvallis this Friday.

**8. USC (8-15, 5-7 Pac-12):** USC has lost its last four games and they haven't won since January, but the losing streak is still the shortest of the next four teams on this list.

**9. Arizona State (11-13, 3-9 Pac-12):** The Sun Devils' streak is at five, but they nearly took one from UCLA on Jan. 27 in a 54-50 loss. Additionally, the Sun Devils had to play Stanford and California last weekend. They may be able to get a win over this next week.

**10. Arizona (11-12, 3-9 Pac-12):** The Wildcats came close to upsetting California, but came up short. They have the lowest field goal percentage in the league aside from Oregon, and have not won in seven games.

**11. Oregon State (9-15, 3-9 Pac-12):** Overtime losses to Washington and Washington State began what is now a six-game losing streak. The Beavers will play both teams this weekend, but the season has already been dedicated to the development of OSU's freshman class.

**12. Oregon (3-21, 1-11 Pac-12):** The Ducks' scoring margin on the season is minus 14.8, which tells you pretty much everything there is to know about the team.



# Guest speaker explains why farmers choose GMOs, how companies fit in

■ **University of Missouri Professor shares his team's global research on genetically modified organisms**

By **Callie Simmons**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students, farmers and professors alike came together Wednesday afternoon to discuss the economic impact of genetically modified organisms.

Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes, director of the Economics and Management of Agrobiotechnology Center at the University of Missouri, spoke to a small group yesterday at LaSells Stewart Center about the rapid adaptation of GMOs and related technology.

This "Food for Thought" lecture series was titled, "Global Economic Impacts of Genetically Engineered Crops: Who are the Winners and Losers?"

The giant seed packaging company Monsanto is currently defending its patents, and is scheduled to be discussed in a Supreme Court hearing on Feb. 19, according to an article published in The Chronicle of Higher Education.

There are 400 million acres of GMOs that have been planted throughout the U.S. and neighboring countries, which makes up one third of the aggregate land in the entire world.

Of the GMOs planted, 50 percent are soybeans, and three quarters of all cultivated soybeans are genetically modified.

When such large portions of the agricultural system in the United States is influenced by GMOs, it is important to assess the impacts on farms, supply shift, market and welfare.

In order to assess these impacts, Kalaitzandonakes and his team of researchers performed a meta-analysis of farm level estimates and extrapolated the data for the missing years.

Through these statistical analyses, Kalaitzandonakes found yield differences between conventional and roundup ready soybeans were roughly the same, and the cost to implant roundup ready soybeans and the

continual upkeep of traditional methods were roughly the same. So, why are some farmers making the switch?

When asked on surveys, farmers throughout the United States who had partial farms — half genetically modified and half conventional — said switching to GMO farms provided convenience, management and peace of mind.

Keeping this in mind, Kalaitzandonakes expresses the importance of understanding the basic reasons why a farmer chooses to switch from conventional farming to GMO farming — whether it is to increase yield of crops, management of time or improving farming practices, such as tillage, double planting and earlier planting.

"We can run statistical analyses at the farm level, and even the aggregate level, but we will never fully be able to determine the farm level impact of GMOs until we understand why each farmer decided to implant GMOs in

the first place," said Kalaitzandonakes during the Wednesday lecture.

Kalaitzandonakes also emphasizes the importance of scientists asking the right questions.

"Adaptation really does matter, and if the wrong questions are asked, we can't extrapolate enough data to get the right idea," Kalaitzandonakes said.

According to Kalaitzandonakes, big companies have recently been under public disapproval due to rumors they're taking most of the profits made from genetically modified organisms while leaving farmers with barely any.

"This couldn't be further from the truth," Kalaitzandonakes said. "Companies like Monsanto are only making about 15 percent profit, and the rest of profit benefits the consumer. The underlying demand usually leads to consumer gains."

After an hour of discussion and lecture, Kalaitzandonakes led the group through his extensive research and findings on genetically modified organisms.

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Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes  
Faculty member, University of Missouri

## A look at Valentine's Day, by the numbers

(CNN) — Americans spend quite a bit of money to show their love on Valentine's Day (Thursday just in case a few of you needed reminding). Here's a breakdown, by the numbers:

\$130.97 — The per person average estimated amount that people will spend on Valentine's Day.

224 million — The estimated number of roses grown for Valentine's Day.

51 percent — The percentage of people who buy red roses for this holiday.

64 percent — The percentage of men who buy flowers for Valentine's Day.

36 percent — The percentage of women who buy flowers

for Valentine's Day.

\$18.6 billion — The total spending that will be reached by Valentine's Day.

\$1.6 billion — The amount people will spend on candy.

\$1.9 billion — The amount people will spend on flowers.

\$4.4 billion — The amount people will spend on diamonds, gold and silver.

March 14 — The day men give women romantic gifts in South Korea and Japan; women give men chocolate on Valentine's Day.

\$4.52 — The average amount pet owners spent on their pets on Valentine's Day in 2012.

40.7 percent — The percentage of people who will use

their Smartphone to purchase Valentine's gifts.

85 percent — The percentage of men and women who say sex is an important part of Valentine's Day.

6 million — The number of people who expect or are planning a marriage proposal.

29 percent — The percentage of people who will type a romantic text message.

145 million — The unit amount of Valentine's cards purchased.

151 million — The approximate number of cards that are exchanged on Valentine's Day.

1,400 — Varieties of Hallmark's available Valentine's greeting cards.

## Sorority supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through 'Delta Dunk'

■ **Delta Delta Delta sorority will host a basketball tournament Saturday in support of St. Jude Hospital**

By **Allie Woodson**  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Most people have heard of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, but not many know what the Memphis, Tenn.-based institution does.

On Feb. 16, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be held in Dixon Recreational Center to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This is the national philanthropy put on every year by Oregon State University's Delta Delta Delta sorority, called Delta Dunk.

The basketball tournament, which starts at 11 a.m. this Saturday, runs until winners of the men's and women's divisions are announced later that evening. It is \$35 a team to enter, and \$5 for every extra member past the original three.

Last year \$1,500 was made in this one-day event which helps the sorority move towards their goal of \$15 million in 5 years. Delta Delta Delta has nationally raised over \$10 million in two-and-a-half years towards this goal.

With help from donors, St. Jude provides treatment for children with cancer without making the families pay for the treatment or housing. In order for this hospital to operate it costs around \$2 million a day.

This year Emily Oldfield, a sophomore in the house, is in charge of Delta Dunk.

"This year we are having check-ins and activities along with our coin drive in the quad," Oldfield said. "We are also trying to involve not just Greek houses, but everyone that wants to

### Delta Dunk

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**When:** Saturday, starts at 11 a.m.  
**Where:** Dixon Recreation Center  
**Cost:** \$35 per team, \$5 each additional player

be involved."

The last two years non-Greek houses have won the tournament and most years all Greek houses have at least one team representing their house. Keep a look out in the Memorial Union quad for the coin drive booth.

"My favorite part about Delta Dunk is the good competition that is always there," said Sean Bailey of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Bailey plans to participate again this year for the third year in a row.

"All the games are a lot of fun, in good spirits and for the love of the game, as well as the good cause the money goes to."

"The best part of Delta Dunk is seeing so many people participating and knowing first hand where that money is going," added Kristin O'Leary, a senior in Delta Delta Delta.

O'Leary ran the tournament two years ago.

"I have been blessed enough to visit the hospital in Memphis and meet the children who have been there. Knowing that a basketball tournament is funding those kids' treatment for their battle against cancer is a great feeling," O'Leary said.

Those interested in making a team or who have questions can contact Emily Oldfield at Oldfield@onid.orst.edu.

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