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Service members stand to lose tuition assistance

■ Approximately 95 people may lose assistance if OSU doesn't sign memorandum with Defense Department by March 1

By Don Iler

THE DAILY BAROMETER

If Oregon State University does not sign a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Defense by March 1, approximately 95 armed service members attending OSU stand to lose tuition assistance paid for by the Defense Department.

The memorandum of understanding, which came about after concerns were raised about private, unaccredited colleges taking advantage of service members, would require universities to meet new guidelines and requirements before receiving funding from the Defense Department.

The memorandum would require schools to report students' grades of those who receive tuition assistance and make sure universities have someone available to meet regulations and answer students' questions about them.

The memorandum of understanding is now in its second draft, after the first draft was rejected by around 80 percent of the schools it affected. The Defense Department issued a second memorandum in December 2012.

Gus Bedwell, veteran's services adviser at OSU, said the new memorandum still provides challenges for the university because it asks the university to release personal information on students to the Defense Department. Bedwell said officials are worried the memorandum may violate the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, or FERPA, and that the new act may create extra work for officials who will now be required to upload information about grades — work formerly done by the students themselves.

Tuition assistance is a Defense Department program designed to pay for college for active duty service members and some reserve and National Guard servicemen and women. It pays up to 100 percent of tuition not exceeding \$4,500 annually.

Both Bedwell and a Defense Department website say the Department of Defense is working on a third draft of the memorandum of understanding that will supersede the second one. However, the third draft is not completed, and schools will be required to sign the second draft if they wish to continue to receive tuition assistance funding.

Last week, the Associated Students of Oregon State University congress passed a resolution urging the university to sign the memorandum. The resolution passed with no opposition.

"I think they are going to implement it and they should. This is about protecting veterans from fraud and the university should have nothing to hide," said Matt Palm, an ASOSU representative who co-sponsored the resolution. "It just seems like the federal government is making sure its money is being spent the way it should be."

Julie Stewart, ASOSU director of veteran's affairs, said the information needed by the Defense Department is already on MyDegrees and is in favor of the university signing the memorandum.

"It doesn't seem unreasonable and it seems like something OSU can do," Stewart said. "I'm confident the administration can come up with some sort of management plan to make it happen."

If the university doesn't sign, those receiving assistance will not receive any beginning spring term.

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Singing in versatile voices



VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Injete Imbuye, Industrial Engineering major, sings as a part of OSU's Divine outside the Memorial Union last Friday.

■ Divine, OSU's all-female a cappella group, takes home awards, approaches 10-year anniversary of musicianship

By Jack Lammers

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Opening the doors of the Memorial Union on any given Friday afternoon, visitors can expect to hear ballads from Stevie Wonder, Beyonce and Aerosmith, to name a few — without headphones or sound systems.

These ballads come courtesy of Divine, Oregon State University's female a cappella group, which performs weekly on the Memorial Union steps.

Divine began 10 years ago as a small group selected from OSU's all-women choir, Bella Voce. Today, the group has greater renown and performs in the Memorial Union and local venues around Corvallis.

"We notice the shows are getting larger each week," said Courtney Solem, merchandise and sales manager for Divine. "Ever since we've made it to the semifinals we are noticed much more."

Solem, a mechanical engineering student, heard about Divine through Bella Voce and has been involved in the group for three years. Over the years with Divine, Solem has taken note of the group's development.

"We want people to maintain the sta-

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Taking shelter, assessing homelessness in Corvallis

■ Men's shelter, multi-age homeless population share concerns

By Kristy Wilkinson

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Bunks are placed side by side. Tattered blankets and stained sheets cover the beds. Card tables and folding chairs ring the room where food will be laid out.

The Corvallis Cold Weather Men's Shelter can sleep 40.

The yellow building located on Fourth Street sits

empty until the transient men of Corvallis begin to line up. While volunteers shuffle throughout the building preparing the inside of the shelter for the night, bystanders hear chatter and the sounds of a community.

Many of the men sleep under bridges and many sleep in Avery Park. None of them have a good night's sleep when the temperature drops below 30 degrees.

A man called Red around the shelter said he has been homeless for 25 years. He said he hadn't eaten very much that day. "I've had very little," Red said. "[I had] a package of Ruffles have ridges 2.78 ounces.

This afternoon I had three dollars worth of chicken salad from Safeway and a super package of wieners."

Red had just been released from the hospital for a bad cough and wheezing.

For Red, some of the simplest moments amounted to his greatest memories. He described how a cashier from Safeway had continued to be kind to him.

"There's a lady who'd I'd ask for a nickel and she'd hand me a dime from her pocket," Red said.

In Corvallis, funding for this shelter has always

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Spending a night at the ball with a touch of mystery

■ The OSU Ballroom Dance Club held 2013 winter formal with a masquerade theme

By Emmet Sleipness

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Masked revelers and music filled the Memorial Union ballroom Saturday night as the Oregon State University Ballroom Dance Club held its 2013 winter formal.

The lavish event was tied together with a masquerade theme, and attendees were encouraged to dress up and wear masks, but it was not required. President of the Ballroom Dance Club, Davis Weymann, said that while the choice of theme is usually arbitrary, there was a reason behind the choice for this event.

"For this evening we often try to have a winter formal during winter term, and every handful of years we do a masquerade and they are always really popular and we're like, 'You know what? We haven't done a masquerade in a while and we should do that,'" Weymann said.

An hour before the start of the official dance, the Ballroom Dance Club led a lesson to teach the basics of the foxtrot to those who were willing to learn. The Ballroom Dance Club often tries to hold these informative dance lessons directly



JACKIE SEUS | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kelsey Zephyr and Lucas Teeter dance a rumba. The dancers have been part of OSU's Cool Shoes, a group performing choreographed ballroom dance routines.

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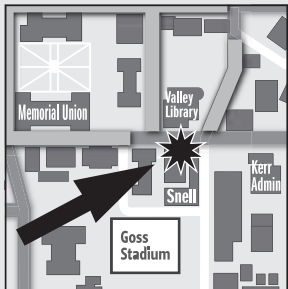
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prior to their events. This one was taught by Mark Baker, an instructor here at OSU. Weymann thought that this was an interesting opportunity.

"With Mark teaching, we knew it would be a different type of fox trot than we normally get to teach," Weymann said.

At 8 p.m., the lesson ended and the masquerade began. The lights dimmed, music began to play and people paired up to dance.

When asked if he had any hopes for the night, Weymann responded with the following:

"We always hope to get a lot of people," Weymann said. "A

good mix of people who are returning, because that means they liked it, and we always like to get an influx of new people because that means it's an interest."

One returning attendee was Kyra Nicholas, a freshman in environmental engineering. When asked why she was there, she said that it was because she liked dancing.

"So far, it's just as good [as prior events]," Nicholas said. "I like the theme this time."

More information on OSU's Ballroom Dance Club, as well as information on upcoming events, can be found on their webpage, groups.oregonstate.edu/ballroom/.

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JACKIE SEUS | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Aaron Balmer and Marissa Balough dance a nightclub two step. Both are active in the ballroom dancing community.

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tus we're at right now," Solem said.

Last year, Divine received attention by placing second at the International Championships of A Cappella quarterfinals in Eugene and competing in the semifinals at the University of Southern California. This year, freshman Diana Alarcon won the award for best soloist at the competition.

Monica Rodrigues, a senior in apparel design and two-year Divine member, said most of the groups competing were mixed gender groups and they were only one of a few all-female groups.

"We may have some limitations on our repertoire because we cannot pull off the bass, but we can perform a lot of music that men's groups cannot pull off," Rodrigues said. "We are known for our power songs."

Rodrigues explained the group's process for selecting songs to include in their repertoire. The process includes a group vote to select the music and often hiring professionals to arrange the music. This part of the process is a sizable financial investment for the group, as the professional must adjust the sheet music to fit into an all-vocal adaptation.

As an example, the group performs Sia's song "Titanium," which required key and range changes in the arrangement.

"Arrangements are a way to interpret pop culture songs," Rodrigues said. "There is an intense decision process to choose our songs."

Rodrigues and Solem point to

the diverse academic range of the group. Instead of seeing their varied music backgrounds and life-goals as a challenge, they view the variety as a means for a learning experience.

"We have many different educational backgrounds, from fashion to music to engineering," Rodrigues said. "For some, singing has really been their life and now they are going a lot more in depth. I think if everyone focused solely on music, it would be less of a learning experience. Right now we have a good sense of community."

The group typically holds two rounds of auditions to select members and the commitment includes bi-weekly practices in addition to their rehearsals before their Friday concerts.

Looking forward, group members are in the process of planning a 10-year anniversary concert. For now, Rodrigues says the group has found its niche.

"Our group has become a brand when we go into competitions," Rodrigues said. "We have overcome so much, and are continuing to give recognition to female groups."

The reward for group members like Solem, who commit a large portion of time to academics, comes from the euphoria of performance.

"Getting off the stage after singing and leaving everything out there is a really good feeling," Solem said. "That is just how we perform and now people realize who we are and what we do."

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HOMELESSNESS

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been a challenge. Aleita Hass-Holcombe, the president of the Corvallis daytime drop-in center and chair of the Corvallis Homeless Coalition, discussed how they looked at 25 other places before they found a new place on Fourth Street, and that the shelter they are in now is \$10,000 over the original budget.

"It's a struggle, but we don't give up hope," said Hass-Holcombe, sitting in the lofted area of the shelter.

The shelter is split into two levels. The small yellow building is the only place they have to go to get out of the weather. Hass-Holcombe discussed how no night is ever the same. The number of men in the shelter varies based on the weather; they haven't had to turn anyone away yet, but Hass-Holcombe worries because they have reached 38 men twice.

Christopher Helton has been without a home off and on throughout the last couple of years; he struggled to remember the exact amount of time during an interview. When asked about the homeless community he discussed how struggling with poverty is not something that can be easily understood.

"Comprehension requires experience," Helton said.

Helton said that he has been shot three times; once in the head, he described as he pointed to the inner bone in his eye, another time in his left arm and then the third in his hand. He described the ways that his injuries have affected his life.

"I feel like I'm looking through an aquarium all the time," Helton said, keeping his eyes steady. "The headache never goes away, it never stops, it's very frustrating."

Helton experiences blackouts, hallucinations and a lack of understanding from the surrounding community. While Helton described his struggles, he said that it was rare that anyone really took time to understand what he was going through.

"Most people want to give you their advice," Helton said. "They don't want to just listen."

He recently started sleeping in the shelter because it was becoming too hard to sleep in his normal spot, under a covering in Avery Park.

The men in the shelter are all different. The ages range from as young as 19 to as old as 65. In Corvallis there are only 40 beds for the men struggling with poverty. There are an estimated 150 homeless individuals.

Hass-Holcomb doesn't know yet where the shelter will be next year, or how many beds it will have.

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Calendar

Monday, Feb. 18

Speakers

School of Writing, Literature, and Film and the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program, 4pm, Owen 103. A Presentation on Fashion, Femininity, and Visibility by Ilya Parkins, Assistant Professor of Gender and Women Studies.

Events

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

Vegetarians and Vegans @ 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, Dir. of Counseling & Psyc. 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.

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. Chris Stedman discusses his book "Faithist: 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 "Faithist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious" by Chris Stedman. 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. I 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.



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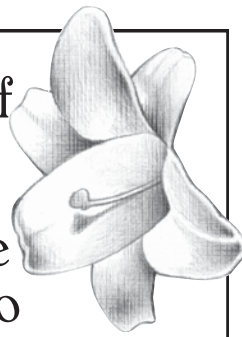
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Editorial

Executive order forces cybersecurity

Last week, President Barack Obama issued an executive order with the intent of increasing cybersecurity for “critical infrastructure” vital to the United States’ economy, security and daily life. Obama’s Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity executive order is directed toward industries such as financial, transportation and communication systems and power plants.

The U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the leading developer of the Cybersecurity Framework, announced the first step in developing a set of voluntary standards and guides to aid industries in reducing cyber threats.

In an effort to avoid a “one size fits all” solution, the National Institute of Standards and Technology will issue a Request for Information (RFI) from “critical infrastructure owners and operators, federal agencies, state, local, territorial and tribal governments, standards-setting organizations, other members of industry, consumers, solution providers and other stakeholders.”

Compiling information like current risk management practices, the National Institute of Standards and Technology will develop voluntary standards and methods for these infrastructures. These standards and guides are intended to protect vital organizations from cyber risks.

With the failed legislation like Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) and others like Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), we’re a little nervous about any governmental cybersecurity infrastructure.

Like with CISPA, companies welcome Obama’s executive order as a step in the right direction. Some, including Verizon, push for more legislation facilitating information-sharing between the government and private sectors, according to The Connected Business website.

Cybersecurity is a complex issue. There’s no doubt about it. This apparent baby step into protecting the private sector will only grow, as it is already expanding on the Defense Industrial Base information-sharing program. Put into place in 2011, the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) allows the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security to share sensitive but unclassified information with DIB company networks.

For now, NIST’s Framework program is a voluntary information-sharing system. We don’t doubt industries in compliance with the RFI will be rewarded with an incentive outside cybersecurity — though for now this is just speculation.

Whereas the non-critical infrastructures in the United States are surely relieved they won’t have to take part in the Cybersecurity Framework, we’re worried by not participating non-critical infrastructures will be at a disadvantage regarding cybersecurity. By not participating, these companies will have to continue to manage on their own.

We’re not sure what the right way is to regulate and overcome cyber threats. We think Obama is on the right track in thinking about cybersecurity, but we’ll remain skeptical of the legislation.

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Electronic sports are a thing, get used to it

Alexander Vervloet



The weekly rant --@RantsWeekly

Something I’ve known has existed for a long time, but many still don’t, is a fully competitive and profitable video gaming league known as eSports. This sounds ridiculous to many, but thanks to advancements in technology, it is only going to become more prevalent.

Every day you can turn on the television and find competitive matches going on for football, basketball, soccer, as well as many other — sometimes obscure — sports. What many don’t know is on the G4 channel, you can find a competitive video game tournament, where the winners are usually making money. In South Korea there are at least three of these channels.

If this sounds crazy to you, you might find it crazier that these tournaments have been around for decades.

In a documentary titled, “King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters,” viewers follow a competitive community of Donkey Kong players in arcades. In the 1980s, the best of the best would compete for top scores on their favorite arcade games, sometimes flying across the world in order to compete live for the chance to go down in history books.

This evolved into the ‘90s, when groups like the Electronic Sports World Cup (ESWC) and the World Cyber Games (WCG) were created, bringing gamers from all across the world together to compete for money and prizes in their favorite video games. I was actually one of these competitors for years.

Back then, first place would often be a prize of \$500 to \$1,000, awarded to a competitor who was victorious over the best players from all over the

world. In our decade, there are tournaments with prizes up to \$1 million.

A computer game called “Defense of the Ancients 2” has a yearly tournament titled “The Invitational,” hosted by the creators of the game. This competition lasts three days, with teams of five players from all over the world, playing match after match while professional commentators discuss each game as it’s happening on a giant screen in a stadium filled with thousands of people. In between each game, other professionals spend time analyzing and criticizing what happened just minutes before.

Riot Games created another game titled “League of Legends,” starting its own league, with 16 teams of five players being housed for free, and paid a \$100,000 salary to practice and play the game in live matches watched my millions on the internet — for free.

“Starcraft 2,” successor to the original, which overtook South Korea by storm in the late ‘90s, has hundreds of tournaments every year, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$100,000.

If you’re reading all of this in dis-

belief, these are just a few examples of dozens of computer and console games played daily in a competitive fashion for money and prizes. As time goes on, there are going to be even more tournaments with larger prize pools.

Now that all of this has taken off, with no signs of slowing down, the issue brought up is whether these competitors should be considered athletes. John D. Sutter, a columnist for CNN, posed the question on their website, and nearly 1,000 replies have been posted both for and against this consideration.

“If the idea of people making money by getting good at video games bothers you, I recommend doing whatever you need to in order to get used to it.”

I won’t argue one way or the other, but I will say the industries we currently recognize as athletic and the eSports industry are more symmetrical than most realize. Both have players, teams, sponsors, contracts, commentators, live

stadiums, distant viewers and even trophies.

If the idea of people making money by getting good at video games bothers you, I recommend doing whatever you need to in order to get used to it — it’s not going away.

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College Education



CHRISTIAN SMITHRUD IS A JUNIOR IN NEW MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS.

Letters to the Editor

Response to Feb. 13 guest column

Nonsensical manifesto

I suppose it was expected that representatives of a politically established professional victims group (students within the woman’s studies department) should issue its revised political manifesto in the light of the opportunity granted by the media coverage surrounding a couple acts of assault by possibly one guy. One guy in this area, whose attempted assaults on two local women have so far back-fired on him so badly in both cases he might want to form a victim’s group of his own. I’m not dismissing this creep as an actual threat to women, I’m just failing to toss myself off the emotional deep end like the folks in the women’s studies department apparently are.

The manifesto issued in The Barometer is about as perfect as left-wing identity politic fomenting screeds go: It cuts right through sanity, common sense and prudent courses of action like a hot knife

through butter, replacing reason with absurd militant feminist posturing and impotent flailing at what they see as society’s evil demons. Let’s replace relevant advice for what women can do to avoid being assaulted with “teaching men not to rape” as a serious idea to promote security. I’ll stack that nonsense right up there with posting “Gun Free Zone” stickers in public schools, but mind-numbingly ridiculous assertions of what constitutes a “culture of rape,” which include the most benign utterances — “that test just raped me” — is as about as emotionally overwrought as you can get. Whatever advice or information that was included following the screed became tainted by the rhetoric that preceded it. Was the information genuinely helpful, or merely part of the agenda?

It might be a good idea for these students in the women’s studies department to ask themselves if the politics are really worth the surrender of credibility to hyperbolic statements and the melodramatic.

I’d say not.

HARRY MALLORY
Corvallis resident

Response to Wadama’s Feb. 15 column

Attention disorders are not so simple

I feel Masami Wadama’s summary of ADD — as it appeared in the February 15, 2013 Barometer — was dangerously simplistic. Yes, ADD and ADHD are overdiagnosed and I agree that medication should not be the first treatment option for seemingly distracted children. However, Wadama opted to solely discuss technology’s effects (and by implication, parenting styles) on attention, without making it clear that attention disorders physically impair brain function regardless of exposure to TV and video games. Furthermore, proper medication can change lives for the better. Ignoring these facts in any discussion of ADD perpetuates a myth that “ADD is just drugging an energetic kid.” This myth discourages parents

from seeking clinical evaluation of a child (or adults seeking their own evaluation) when medication may greatly benefit an individual. Even worse the myth leads to outright discrimination directed toward people trying to responsibly manage a mental disorder. Studies have shown several non-technological reasons for overdiagnosing ADD, including clinicians leaning on intuition rather than diagnostic criteria, as well as a strong gender bias (males are diagnosed more than females). Whenever discussing a minority group I feel it is important to validate the experience of the group, rather than focus entirely on exceptions. This is especially true when the exceptions emphasize stereotype threats. With the above facts in mind, I fully endorse Wadama’s suggestion to reduce how much time we spend looking at video screens, and that special precaution should be taken when prescribing medications to developing children.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day

"The nerve this man Dwight Howard has to be playing in this game."

@RealLankstyboy Langston Morris-Walker

Sports

OSU's homecoming a success, knock off No. 4 UCLA

After four road meets, OSU gymnasts return to Gill, score second-highest total of season

By **Warner Strausbaugh**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As Melanie Jones finished her floor routine by throwing her hand in front of her face, Gill Coliseum roaring with applause, it was clear what the Oregon State gymnastics team had just done.

The No. 13 Beavers clinched a victory over No. 4 UCLA — 196.725-196.075 — for the first time in a dual meet since 2007. And it gave the Bruins their first loss of the 2013 season.

"For the past four years I've been here, it's always been such a tough competition to go against UCLA," Jones, a senior, said. "We've always been close, we've always done well, they always put up a good fight. So it's a really good feeling to kick butt."

Five of OSU's first six meets this season have been away from home, including a month-long stretch of four road meets leading up to Saturday's matchup with UCLA.

Head coach Tanya Chaplin was pleased with

the gymnasts' confidence and ability to stay concentrated in their "Beaver bubble," as the team calls it.

"It's always good to have that under your belt," Chaplin said. "They didn't just get caught up in what UCLA's doing, and that's easy to do sometimes when you're alternating. I was really proud of the focus that this team had."

Jones scored a 9.900 to lock up the win for the Beavers in the second-to-last routine of the night. The follow-up to Jones was the cherry on top of the meet for Oregon State. Senior Makayla Stambaugh closed out the night with a 9.950 on floor.

"She kind of set me up, so I've got to give props to Mel," Stambaugh said. "Mel went up there, killed the routine and I heard the fans get really into it so that kind of pumped me up even more."

Stambaugh had one of her best individual performances of her career on Saturday, finishing with an all-around score of 39.550 — a career-best.

Even more impressive was Stambaugh finishing in first place in the all-around, topping UCLA's Vanessa Zamarripa. It was the first time someone scored better than Zamarripa all season. Zamarripa is in first place in the nation in all-around and has been named Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week four times already in 2013.

The team total score was Oregon State's second highest of the season. Jones attributes the success to returning home for the first time since Jan. 11.

"Obviously we've been away for so long, away from our crowd, away from Beaver Nation, so being back here definitely boosts confidence," Jones said.

With gymnastics scores coming from subjective judges, there will always be inconsistencies. UCLA had its lowest team total of the year, and there were times when the Beavers were disappointed by the scores they were receiving — particularly sophomore Cerise Witherby's 9.700 on floor.

"It's frustrating because the scores are out of our control, but we only focus on what we can control and that's our gymnastics," Stambaugh said. "But overall, I'm really satisfied with the team's performance and my performance, as well."

Oregon State will likely enter the national top 10 in the rankings for the first time since being ranked No. 9 in the preseason poll. Saturday's score of 196.725 is a full point higher than the Beavers' average for the season.

The Beavers had a lot of catching up to do after scoring a 193.600 in the season-opener in Cancun on Jan. 4. The initial score put them at No. 23 in the nation, and they've since moved up 10 spots, and likely a few higher after Saturday's impressive showing.

Oregon State isn't satisfied yet, either. "Our best is still out there," Jones said.

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Senior Kelsi Blalock finishes her vault, which she received a 9.900 score on. Blalock had the highest score on vault in Saturday's meet.

Virginia Tech bests OSU in Regional Duals

■ No. 9 Oregon State wrestling lost to No. 7 Virginia Tech in the finals of Regional Duals

By **Andrew Kilstrom**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 9 Oregon State failed to advance to the Cliff Keen National Duals, falling to No. 7 Virginia Tech with a final score of 20-15 Sunday at Gill Coliseum.

The Beavers (11-4, 3-1 Pac-12) stuck with the Hokies (16-2, 5-0 ACC) early on, tying the contest 6-6 after four matches, but allowed too many bonus points down the stretch.

"I don't think we came out our best," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "We lost a lot of those close matches and some little things went Virginia Tech's way."

The turning point came in the fifth match of the meet, when No. 10 RJ Pena of Oregon State took on No. 7 Jesse Dong in the 157-pound matchup.

Pena came out aggressive and claimed a 4-2 lead going into the final period, but in a hard-fought third period Pena allowed an escape and take-down, falling behind 5-4.

With barely more than 30 seconds remaining, Pena needed an escape to force overtime, but wasn't able to separate from Dong.

"We were up 4-2 and we just



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Redshirt freshman Seth Thomas lost on a technical fall to Virginia Tech's Pete Yates in Sunday's Regional Dual championship match at Gill Coliseum.

stopped wrestling," Zalesky said. "We didn't put any more points on the scoreboard after that so we just had to finish matches. If we get a win there were a lot of matches that kind of went that way."

After Pena's defeat, Virginia Tech reeled off a technical fall and two decisions, putting the meet out of reach for good and ending Oregon State's hopes of advancing to National Duals in Minneapolis, Minn.

It wasn't all bad for Oregon State, however, as the Beavers

beat No. 19 Michigan 22-13 earlier in the day to get to the final against Virginia Tech.

The Beavers got out to a fast start, claiming a 10-6 lead before Michigan fired back. The Wolverines won a 13-7 decision in the 165-pound weight class and then a 14-4 major decision in the 174-pound weight class to grab a 13-9 lead.

With No. 19 Ty Vinson, a 184-pound senior, out of the lineup because of a nagging hamstring injury, it wasn't clear who would wrestle for

the Beavers in the 184-pound weight class until moments before the match began.

Oregon State needed a win and looked to junior Austin Morehead to salvage the match. Morehead more than answered the call, getting a crucial pin and six team points to put the Beavers up for good.

"It got us the win pretty much," Morehead said. "It got us in that tempo and set up Meeks for a big match so I think it helped out a lot. It

Beavers late come

■ The OSU women's basketball team lost by 2 to the Cougars after trailing by 13 at halftime

By **Mitch Mahoney**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's basketball team battled back from a poor first half to make it a game against Washington State on Friday night at Gill Coliseum.

But in the end, the Beavers' comeback came up just short as they dropped their seventh contest in a row.

The Beavers (9-16, 3-10 Pac-12) took 30 shots in the first half, but just six of them found the bottom of the net. It was almost as if the rim was protected by some invisible force field, allowing next to nothing pass through. By halftime, the Beavers had only scored 16 points and trailed the Cougars (10-14, 6-7 Pac-12) by 13 points.

"One of the things we talked about at halftime was that we were getting great looks, the ball was just not going in," said head coach Scott Rueck. "I thought we were executing well enough to not only be in the game, but to be ahead."

When the second half rolled around, the shots did start to fall for the Beavers, and they slowly chipped away at the Cougars' lead.

Still, they found themselves down by nine with just 1:57 to go in the game. It was then that Oregon State made an unbelievable run. In full-desperation mode, the Beavers employed a full-court press that caused three Washington State turnovers that the Beavers turned into points.

In a matter of moments, the Beavers had tied the game at 49 with 32 seconds left — but Washington State had the ball. Washington State freshman guard Lia

Galdeira brought the clock tick down before making her shot from the top of the key. The shot got stopped by a defender who hoist a quick turnover to the elbow. It went

Down two with 30 seconds left, the Beavers designed guard Jamie Weisner to screen at the top of the key and ping out of bounds back to the Cougars.

However, Khadja Diallo tried to intercept Washington State's inbound pass. It was almost as if the rim was protected by some invisible force field, allowing next to nothing pass through. By halftime, the Beavers had only scored 16 points and trailed the Cougars (10-14, 6-7 Pac-12) by 13 points.

"Shots aren't going in," Weisner said. "You're playing with your teammates and somebody can't take a shot and night out, is your job to fight down the stretch to stay in this game."

The Beavers' comeback was an overtime game against Washington State on Jan 25. The Beavers (18-6, 10-3 Pac-12)

"We'll be ready to go," Rueck said. "We're going to win this game against another team that's life in this conference." The Beavers have won five games in their last five games to start falling again against the Huskies on Friday.

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GYMNASTICS

Top OSU Performers

- Vault:**
 T1. Kelsi Blalock (9.900)
 3. Makayla Stambaugh (9.875)
- Uneven bars:**
 T1. Makayla Stambaugh (9.900)

- Balance beam:**
 1. Melanie Jones (9.900)
 T2. Chelsea Tang (9.850)
- Floor exercise:**
 1. Makayla Stambaugh (9.950)
 2. Melanie Jones (9.900)

- All-around**
 1. Makayla Stambaugh (39.550)
- Team scores:**
 1. Oregon State (196.725)
 2. UCLA (196.075)



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Senior Melanie Jones finishes her floor routine and was met with cheers from the 3,600-plus fans in the Gill Coliseum crowd.



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Senior Makayla Stambaugh received a 9.950 on floor, the highest score for any OSU gymnast this year on floor. Stambaugh also set a career-high for all-around.

“We’ve always been close, we’ve always done well, they always put up a good fight. So it’s a really good feeling to kick butt.”

Melanie Jones
 Senior OSU gymnast

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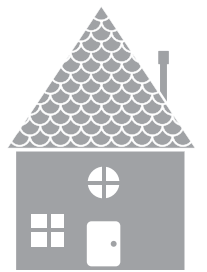
OSU freshman Samantha Siegner goes up for a basket while being contested by Washington State center Carly Noyes.

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OSU softball wins all five games in Las Vegas

By Grady Garrett
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The Oregon State softball team went 5-0 at the Easton Desert Classic in Las Vegas this past Friday through Sunday, defeating Cal State Fullerton (9-5), BYU (7-3), Idaho State (3-2), Long Beach State (17-3) and Seattle (6-2). Here are a few notes from those five games:

- **In general:** This was a tournament that OSU should have gone 5-0 in, and that's exactly what it did. Further, the Beavers dominated the opposition for the most part, scoring 42 runs to their opponents' 15.
- **Wild come-from-behind win:** Trailing BYU 3-1 entering the seventh inning, OSU rallied to score six runs in the final frame. The offensive explosion was highlighted by a go-ahead, two-run home run by senior outfielder Lea Cavestany, who hit a walk-off home run in Tempe, Ariz. a week earlier.
- **Another close call:** The Beavers' 3-2 win over Idaho State was their only game decided by less than four runs. Trailing 3-0, Idaho State scored two runs in the sixth inning



Cavestany
Go-ahead HR vs. BYU

but senior pitcher Tina Andreana preserved OSU's one-run advantage and picked up the save by retiring three of four batters in the seventh inning.


- **One-hitter:** Andreana (5.0 IP) and senior pitcher Marina Demore (2.0 IP) combined to one-hit Seattle in OSU's 6-2 win on Saturday. The two runs scored by Seattle were both unearned. Andreana did struggle with her command, however, issuing six free passes.
- **12-run inning:** The Beavers scored 12 of their 17 runs against Long Beach State in the fourth inning, when they came one batter shy of starting a third trip through the lineup. The inning was highlight by a Cavestany grand slam, her third home run of the season.
- **Hampton continues to roll:** While

Cavestany has been OSU's clutchest hitter thus far, freshman first baseman Natalie Hampton has been the Beavers' most dangerous. After hitting two dingers and driving in nine runs in her debut tournament, Hampton hit two more long balls and added six RBIs in Las Vegas. Through 11 games, she leads the Beavers in average (.444), RBIs (15), and home runs (4). In addition to Hampton, OSU has three other players who have started all 11 games and have a batting average of .300 or better: Cavestany (.429), sophomore second baseman Ya Garcia (.348) and junior outfielder Hannah Bouska (.314).



Hampton
2 HRs, 6 RBIs

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Oregon State men's basketball loses to Washington

The Beavers shot only 33.9 percent in loss to Washington on Saturday

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The Oregon State men's basketball team went into Saturday's game against Washington trying to do something they've failed to do since the Pac-12 season began in January.

The Beavers (13-13, 3-10 Pac-12) haven't won two games in a row since mid-December, and haven't won a game in Seattle since 2003. Both of those streaks will have to wait

to be broken as OSU fell to the Huskies, 72-62, on Saturday night.

Plagued by their worst shooting performance of the season, the Beavers only managed to make 33.9 percent of their shot attempts. Oregon State's previous low was 34.8 percent against Towson on Dec. 29.

It didn't help the Beavers that Washington (14-12, 6-7) shot 50 percent from the field. Prior to Saturday's game, no Pac-12 team had shot 50 percent or better against Oregon State, and only two other teams have done it all season. C.J. Wilcox—who scored 23 points the last time the two teams met—led

the Huskies with 24 points and six rebounds.

In a familiar story for OSU fans, the Beavers saw a two-point halftime lead evaporate quickly as the Huskies opened up the second half on a 14-5 run and never looked back. After losing their small lead at the 18:09 mark of the second period, the Beavers never led again.


Junior guard Amar Starks made two 3-pointers to move his career total to 181, becoming the Oregon State all-time leader in 3-pointers made. Overall, Starks had a quiet night, finishing with eight points — his two 3-pointers

were the only field goals he made.

The Huskies did a good job limiting junior guard Roberto Nelson, too. He came into the game shooting 57.9 percent over the Beavers previous six games, but only shot 18.8 percent from the field on Saturday night. His lowest field goal percentage since the Beavers played at the Astoria Coliseum in 2012. Still, Starks finished with 19 points and has been Oregon State's leading scorer in the last six games.

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OSU baseball starts 3-0

The Beavers won big over the weekend against Utah Valley, Gonzaga, UC Riverside

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 6 Oregon State baseball is currently playing in the Palm Springs Tournament in Palm Springs, Calif. The Beavers won three games over the weekend against Utah Valley (5-2), Gonzaga (9-2) and UC Riverside (14-3) to open the 2013 season. OSU plays UC Riverside again at 8:30 a.m. today.

Here are the most noteworthy observations from the weekend:

- **Moore's debut:** The highly-regarded freshman right-hander from North Eugene High School made his first collegiate start on Sunday against UC Riverside. Moore pitched 5 2/3 innings, allowed three earned runs and struck out six batters.
- **Gabe Clark:** Another freshman who may make an immediate impact for the Beavers, Clark started at designated hitter in Saturday and Sunday's games. He only went 1-for-8 in the games, but Casey seemingly

has confidence in him because he hit cleanup on Sunday and fifth on Saturday. Clark hit .511 in high school in Riverside, Calif., and was an All-State selection.

• **Danny Hayes' health:** Danny Hayes only has four at-bats so far in three games. Hayes figured to be a vital part of OSU's lineup, and when healthy last year, he was one of the main sources of power for the Beavers.

• **Boyd's first start:** Matt Boyd made his first appearance as a regular starter (started two games in 2009) for OSU on Saturday, after spending three years in the bullpen. Boyd went seven strong innings, allowing just two earned runs and six hits, while striking out four.

• **Performance of the bullpen:** The bullpen was one of the biggest question marks going into the season, but they've done exceptional early on. Between Scott Schultz, Tony Bryant, Max Engelbrekt and Zack Reser, OSU has pitched 7 2/3 scoreless innings in relief so far this season.

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wasn't just me, but I think it helped the momentum."

No. 6 Taylor Meeks, a 197-pound sophomore, followed the pin with a win on a 7-5 decision.

"It was really big," Meeks said of Morehead's pin. "It took the pressure off me and Hanke so that we didn't have to go for the big points. Anytime somebody pins

someone and gets bonus points it's big."

The win was particularly satisfying for an Oregon State team looking for revenge after falling to Michigan 21-18 in Gill Coliseum on Nov. 16, 2012.

"[Michigan] was a good test for us, both team-wise and individual-wise," Zalesky said. "There were a lot of good ranked guys on that team that wrestled well so it was a good meet for us."

Following the loss to Virginia Tech, Oregon State will get a couple weeks off before the Pac-12 Championships on

March 2 in Tempe, Ariz.

The Beavers hope to learn from their mistakes this weekend and build before defending their Pac-12 championship.

"It's just more motivation," Meeks said. "Now we need to get back in the room and work on the things we did wrong to try and improve before the Pac-12 Championships."

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Publisher draws fire for hiring anti-gay writer

(CNN) — A writer commissioned to help launch a new “Adventures of Superman” digital comics series is drawing controversy for the comics’ publisher not for his perception of the Man of Steel, but for his perception of marriage — specifically, his opposition to same-sex marriage.

Science fiction writer Orson Scott Card has been commissioned by longtime “Superman” publisher DC Comics to write a two-part story launching its new “Adventures of Superman” digital series.

Card is perhaps best known for the classic 1985 sci-fi novel “Ender’s Game,” but he also has sparked controversy with his outspoken criticism of homosexuality and same-sex marriage.

“Just because you give legal sanction to a homosexual couple and call their contract a ‘marriage’ does not make it a marriage,” Card wrote in a 2004 essay titled “Homosexual ‘Marriage’ and Civilization.” The essay concluded, “either civilized people will succeed in establishing a government that protects the family ... or the politically correct barbarians will have complete victory over the family — and, lacking the strong family structure on which civilization depends, our civilization will collapse or fade away.”

News that Card would be among writers on the new “Adventures of Superman” digital comic group prompted marriage-equality group AllOut.org to launch a petition drive aimed at DC Comics.

“By hiring Orson Scott Card despite his anti-gay efforts you are giving him a new platform and supporting his hate,” reads the petition — now with nearly 12,000 signatures, according to the group.

Card is no stranger to comic-book writing. He has written for Marvel Comics, penning series such as “Ultimate Iron Man” and comics based on his own “Ender’s Game” among others.

The new “Adventures of Superman” is not DC Comics’ long-running, flagship “Superman” comic books but an ongoing digital anthology series of short stories

about the hero that will be written by various authors.

DC Comics, a division of Time Warner, the parent company of CNN, issued a statement Wednesday defending its decision to include Card among the writers.

“As content creators we steadfastly support freedom of expression, however the personal views of individuals associated with DC Comics are just that — personal views — and not those of the company itself,” the statement said.

Card declined to comment to CNN. Mitch Cutler, whose store, St. Mark’s Comics has been open in New York City’s East Village neighborhood for nearly 30 years, seemed to agree.

“Someone did tweet to us about boycotting the series, but since the first day (we opened) we have been committed to carrying everything we can in comics,” Cutler said. “I’m sure right now on the shelves there is content I might not necessarily agree with. So while I understand Mr. Card may have advocated things that might upset people, it would be very uncharacteristic of us to refuse to carry something for that reason.”

Jermaine Exum who manages Acme Comics in Greensboro, North Carolina — the city where Card lives — has a slightly different reason for deciding to carry the comics.

“Our main focus is that other creators are working on this,” including artists like Jeff Parker who has ties to Acme, Exum said. “The public is running away with the Orson Scott Card story, but I don’t want to short-change these other people working on the series.”

Phil Jimenez, an openly gay writer and comic-book artist who has worked on

“Astonishing X-men,” “Captain America Corps,” “The Amazing Spiderman” and more, is not OK with the decision, and believes Card’s stance on homosexuality and same-sex marriage takes away certain people’s civil rights.

“I’m encouraging people not to buy his work because when they do they actively support a foully bigoted man who uses his power and influence to affect public policy,” Jimenez tweeted.

Brian Brown, president of the National Organization for Marriage, which has actively campaigned against same-sex marriage efforts and which counts Card as a member of its board of directors, says protesting Card’s comics is un-American.

“For a movement that says it’s focused on civil rights, it’s surprising that supporters of gay marriage want to attack an opposing viewpoint and become violent,” Brown told CNN.

The decision to include Card comes at a time when the world of comics, while sometimes still criticized for over-sexualizing female characters, has moved to make homosexual characters a big part of storylines.

In July 2012, in the second issue of “Earth 2,” a new series in DC Comics’ “The New 52,” reimagining of many classic DC characters, Alan Scott, the first Green Lantern is an openly gay man. The series, along with DC’s Batwoman, is up for a 2013 Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) Media Award.

Marvel Comics had its first same-sex wedding in a June 2012 issue of “Astonishing X-Men” with superhero Northstar — the first major comic-book character to come out as gay in 1992 — marrying his longtime partner, Kyle.

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National Organization for Marriage

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tor at Harvard Medical School, said the placebo effect was the most influential factor in the effectiveness of antidepressant medication.

The placebo effect is giving a person a sugar pill and telling them it is a real drug. It is usually used as the baseline to test the effectiveness of the medication against people who are not subjected to the medication. Interestingly enough, in Kirsch’s study the placebo was as effective, if not more effective, than the actual drug. Kirsch stated that the difference between taking an anti-depressant and a placebo for most people is “clinically insignificant.” In essence, the medication is not curing the problem through a chemical interaction with the brain. It is curing them through the will of the patient believing the drug will make them better.

Derren Brown, a master illusionist and manipulator of cognitive psychology, also studied the placebo effect in a television special he hosted called “Fear and Faith.” In the test, he selected a group of people

with varying fears and afflictions, and even some people with addictions. He then convinced them his miracle drug could eradicate their fears. Unannounced to them, it was a sugar pill. A boy who was previously terrified of heights stood on the edge of a sky-high bridge and looked down without his hands shaking. Another subject’s nerves prevented her from singing in the presence of others, including her mother, but after Derren’s unconventional methods she was able to perform in a concert.

The ramifications of where our will-power meets our brain chemistry is ill defined. We have the ability to influence our own mental health just by thinking about it, by reading a book, even by changing our perspective on how we view the world. People need to be encouraged and shown that they can make a difference.

It is when people begin to mentally cage themselves in that they find trouble, problems that are symptomatic of our perspective and outlook on life. It is in those moments we begin to slowly destroy ourselves and become what people call “crazy.”

It is in that estrangement that people

can begin to justify intolerable things, when people begin to shut the world out or lose value in others. In essence, we as people sometimes destroy the values and perspectives in life that allow us to live happily.

If you asked me who is crazy, I would say everyone has the potential. If you asked me who is normal, I would say no one. Our perspectives and experiences vary so uniquely that there is no “normal.” If you asked me what evil is, I would say people who are suffering and choose to pull others down with them. It is important that we make sure to differentiate between crazy and evil. They are not the same, though they may intersect on occasion.

Nonetheless, I promise you when you feel depressed or angry and left out, when you feel life is not going your way, it is important you know that your ability to change, by believing in yourself, will far exceed most changes you will ever need to make.

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Lebanese women take on Muslim judges who call rape a 'marital right'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (CNN) — Lebanese women are taking to the streets to demand that the government takes domestic violence seriously, by introducing laws to protect women from abusive partners.

Nadine Mouwad, a founder of feminist collective Nasawiya, says the prevalence of unveiled, glamorous women in Beirut can create the impression that Lebanon is more liberated from patriarchal cultural attitudes than neighboring countries.

But that's merely an illusion, she says.

"The problem is that we are sold a lot of fake freedoms that raise Lebanese women under the impression that they have freedom to go anywhere, freedom to dress the way they want to," she said.

For the past year and a half,

Mouwad and fellow feminist activists have been demanding that politicians ignore the objections of Muslim religious authorities and pass a stalled law protecting women from domestic violence.

A draft version of the Law to Protect Women from Family Violence was approved by Lebanon's Cabinet in 2010, but has since become bogged down in parliament, mainly due to the objections of Sunni and Shia authorities.

The initial version of the bill was drafted to criminalize physical and sexual abuse, so-called "honor crimes" and marital rape, create specially-trained domestic violence response units within the police, and provide the legal framework for restraining orders to be issued against abusers.

But Lebanon's religious courts — the judicial authorities presiding over each of the country's faith communities, with jurisdiction over matters of "personal status," including marriage problems — have criticized the proposed law as an attempt to erode their authority.

Dar al-Fatwa, Lebanon's top Sunni authority, and the Higher Shi'a Islamic Council both said that they opposed the draft on the basis that Sharia law protected the status of women, and should remain the basis for governing legal issues related to Muslim families.

Domestic violence cases in Lebanon are typically heard in the religious courts, which often respond with rulings focused on preserving the family unit, rather protecting women from violence.

It's a response that abused women are usually met with from police as well, says Lebanese lawyer Amer Badreddine.

"They are told to solve the problem amicably, to keep it a family issue and not cause embarrassment to themselves by bringing it to the police," said Badreddine, who specializes in domestic violence cases.

He said the law also failed to recognize marital rape as a crime — a position that some Muslim judges argue should be upheld.

Criminalizing marital rape "could lead to the imprisonment of the man," Sheik Ahmad Al-Kurdi, a judge in the Sunni religious court, told CNN, "where in reality he is exercising the least of his marital rights."

With little protection from authorities, Lebanese women in abusive marriages must

also often contend with the disapproval of their families if they seek to escape their predicament.

One Lebanese mother-of-three told CNN of being beaten by her husband from the time she was pregnant with their first child. Shortly after the child was born, he broke her nose and she resolved to divorce him. But her parents were mortified about what people would think, and said she would have to give up her son if she left.

She returned to the marital home where the abuse continued, including her husband forcing himself on her. "He used to make me pregnant, thinking that as long as I was having kids he would make me stay," she said.

She feared he would kill her. But eventually, with the help of a Kafa ("Enough") — an NGO

tackling violence and exploitation of women and children — she was able to divorce her husband and retain custody of her children.

Such an outcome is rare for abused women in Lebanon — a situation that was now unlikely to be remedied by the passing of the domestic violence bill, says Mouwad. Her organization heard of about 15 cases a year of Lebanese women murdered by their domestic partners, she said.

Mouwad said the draft bill had been watered down with so many amendments due to objections by religious conservatives, that it was virtually useless. She said she would ultimately prefer not to see it pass.

"If it passes the way it is, it's going to be disastrous and counterproductive," she said.

Republican senators still question Hagel's nomination after last week's vote delay

(CNN) — Sen. John Barrasso said Sunday that when Republicans held up a vote last week on Chuck Hagel's nomination to be defense secretary, it wasn't a political ploy, but a sign of serious questions about the nominee.

"I have grave reservations," Barrasso said on CNN's "State of the Union." "I think he's been wrong about Iran, wrong about Israel, wrong in Iraq, wrong with nuclear weapons. I absolutely plan to vote against him."

The Wyoming Republican argued Hagel, who will likely be confirmed despite the GOP opposition, is going to be "less effective (at the Pentagon) because of the fact that the president nominated him."

"There were a lot of Democrats on Capitol Hill that don't believe he was the best choice. I'm sure the White

House is very disturbed with how poorly he did during the confirmation hearing," he said. "I think it is going to impact him as he tries to limp across the finish line to get confirmed."

Hagel has taken heat for not previous statements and positions, including his refusal to back unilateral sanctions against Iran in the past, though he said in his confirmation hearing that he supports the president's sanctions strategy. Others have questioned his association with an anti-nuclear proliferation group that calls for an elimination of all such weapons.

Most Republican senators voted Thursday not to end a filibuster against Hagel's nomination, with the next vote expected to take place February 26, after the Senate returns from recess. Many Republicans said by

that time, they will be ready to move ahead and hold a final vote on Hagel.

Multiple reasons have been given for the delay on Hagel's nomination. A trio of Republican senators - Sens. John McCain, Lindsey Graham and Kelly Ayotte - refused to commit to a vote until they got answers from the White House on the September attack in Benghazi, Libya. They received those answers on Thursday.

Others, such as Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, argue that Hagel has yet to provide certain financial disclosures requested by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

McCain on Thursday said GOP opposition also stemmed from "ill will" toward Hagel over the former senator's criticisms of then-President George W. Bush and the Iraq troop

surge. McCain added that Hagel "was very anti his own party and people."

"People don't forget that," McCain said.

White House Chief of Staff Denis McDonough said Sunday he has since spoken to McCain and believes the senator will ease up on his rhetoric and vote to end the filibuster when the Senate gets back from recess.

"I think Sen. McCain and others know that we all have to work together to get this thing done, because when it comes to national defense, national security, that, at least, has to be above politics," McDonough said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Graham, however, went further Sunday and described Hagel on Fox News as a "radical."

"We're doing our job to scrutinize,

I think, one of the most unqualified, radical choices for secretary of defense in a very long time," Graham said.

Democratic Sen. Jack Reed of Rhode Island, a member of the Senate Armed Services committee, said he didn't think President Obama's pick of Hagel was designed to start a fight. A strong backer of Hagel, Reed pointed to Hagel's experience as a Vietnam veteran.

"I think in fact what's happened is very unusual, unprecedented review, asking for speeches, going back five years, asking for all sorts of material we've never requested of confirmation before," he said on CNN. "We're confident that we'll get the confirmation concluded when we return at the end of the week."



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