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Students participating in research

Undergraduates from different disciplines share their projects, plans for future research

By McKinley Smith
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Some undergraduate students at Oregon State University are seizing the opportunity to take their learning beyond the classroom by participating in research on campus.

Deepthika Ennamuri, a junior in biochemistry, student in the University Honors College and research ambassador, spoke with her academic advisor about possible mentors early in her college career. Then she began researching the biochemical processes that occur after an initial spinal cord injury from penetration and compression in her sophomore year.

"I expected to get knowledge of basic research techniques and understand science better," Ennamuri, a junior in biochemistry, said. "But I [also] learned a lot more about how to manage my time better, take responsibility and be in charge of my own project."

Ennamuri worked full time the summer between her sophomore and

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Katy Krieger records information as two people have a normal conversation. Krieger has studied interpersonal sensitivity and the psychology of lying.

State of the University

President Ray speaks out against tuition freeze, discusses enrollment cap

By Callie Simmons
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Yesterday, Oregon State University President Ed Ray gave a brief update on the important issues facing higher education at OSU and a recap of the 2012 commencement ceremony.

In the brief, open conversation with Ray, faculty, staff, students and community members had the opportunity to discuss the advances of OSU and the problems the university anticipates for the upcoming year.

Ray mentioned OSU is one of the most sustainable campuses in the United States. He also said the university is financially strong and moving forward, the research conducted at Oregon State is continually growing, and lastly, "Oregon State has, and has always, been committed to excellence, within its students, research, faculty and staff."

"The sun rises and the sun sets," Ray said. He then began to discuss some of the problems facing the university this coming fiscal year.

The major issues addressed by Ray, and later OSU community members, were compensation, university governance and institutional boards, inclusion, diversity and accessibility, along with the coming update of the university's strategic priorities.

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NASA astronaut, OSU alumnus makes return trip to Corvallis



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Donald Pettit, NASA astronaut, studied chemical engineering at OSU.

Donald Pettit will speak at OSU today for his induction to the College of Engineering Hall of Fame

By Vinay Ramakrishnan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Donald Pettit, a former NASA Astronaut and former Oregon State University student, reenters the orbit of OSU.

Pettit will speak at LaSells Stewart Center in the Construction and Engineering Hall at 3 p.m. today. He graduated from Oregon State in 1978, with a degree in chemical engineering and is a native of Silverton.

During the talk, Pettit will focus on what life is like in space.

"He'll give people a sense of what its like to be on the International Space Station," said Skip Rochefort, professor of chemical, biological and environmental engineering. "He'll talk about everyday

Donald Pettit

What: Pettit will speak on what life is like in space
Where: LaSells Stewart Center, Construction and Engineering Hall
When: Today at 3 p.m.

things, such as how you eat soup with chopsticks on the space station."

Rochefort first met Pettit when he interviewed him for a position at the University of California at San Diego in the mid-1980s. Pettit ended up taking a position at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M.

He worked there until 1996, when he was selected by NASA to become an astronaut, a goal Pettit had been passionate about since childhood.

"I always use Pettit's astronaut dreams to motivate my students," Rochefort said. "If you want something, you have to keep

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Donald Pettit Timeline

- Born:** April 20, 1955
- Education:** 1978: Earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Oregon State University in 1978 1983: Received a doctoral degree from the University of Arizona
- Nasa Experience:** 2002-03: Pettit's first space mission was on International Space Station Expedition 6 in 2002 and 2003. Dec. 21, 2011: Pettit launched to the International Space Station as part of ISS Expedition 30/31. May 26, 2012: Pettit was the first to enter the unmanned supply ship SpaceX Dragon, making him the first astronaut in the history of space exploration to successfully enter a commercially-built and operated spacecraft docked in the International Space Station in orbit.

Telling origin stories: The Big bang, creationism

Henry Schaefer, world-renowned chemist, delivers OSU Socratic Club lecture

By Ryan Dawes
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last night, chemist Dr. Henry Schaefer discussed the harmony between scientific origin theories and Christianity during his lecture at LaSells Stewart Center. The event was hosted by the Socratic Club at OSU.

"I was really fond of the subject matter of the lecture," said Socratic Club president Matt Rueben. "The harmony between science and religion from a distinguished scientist's perspective is not necessarily discussed that much."

Schaefer is a distinguished computational chemist who, with 1,300 publications, was the sixth-most

cited chemist in the world from 1981 to 1997. His research, which has earned him a number of prestigious awards, focuses on solving important problems in molecular quantum mechanics.

Schaefer focused first on questions addressed in cosmology — the study of the origins and eventual fate of the universe — which include whether the universe has a beginning and an end, whether or not it was created and whether the universe is infinite.

Addressing the issue of whether or not the universe has a beginning or end, he discussed the Big Bang Theory and several observations modern science can make to prove it. With the Big Bang Theory, he stated that the universe has a definite beginning and definite end, and that in the Big Bang everything, including time, was

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Dr. Henry Schaefer spoke at LaSells Stewart Center yesterday. He is one of the most cited chemists in the world with over 1,300 publications to his credit.

Annual 'Dance Against Hunger'

OSU to host benefit for 'The Hunger Project' tomorrow

By Hannah Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Tomorrow, students will perform, dance and raise money to fight hunger.

The annual "Dance Against Hunger" will be held at 6 p.m. in Milam Auditorium to benefit The Hunger Project. The Hunger Project is a global non-profit organization aiming for a "sustainable end to world hunger," according to its website.

There will be a variety of cultural performances as well as facts surrounding the topics of hunger and poverty throughout the night. OSU students and groups of performers from Portland will add to the entertainment.

This event will use the money and funds raised to benefit The Hunger Project.

Volunteers will collect non-perishable foods to donate to the OSU Food Drive as well. Only positive things were said about what to expect from this event.

"People will not only see and experience a great show put on by

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Dance Against Hunger

What: Students will perform, dance to raise money for "The Hunger Project"

Where: Milam Auditorium

When: Tomorrow at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$5 before the event and \$8 at the door

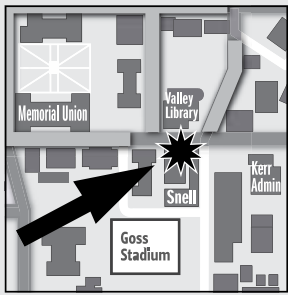
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Debate on spending cuts seeks blame, not solutions

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Both sides agree that forced spending cuts set to take effect next week will harm the economy and national security. Both sides have plans for averting the worst impacts.

So why are there no formal negotiations taking place with Congress on break this week as leaders from both parties accuse each other of intransigence?

Once again, the answer is the Washington blame game.

The same pattern of politically inspired brinkmanship that dominated President Barack Obama's first term is continuing in the early days of his second.

Now, the collective weight of Obama's re-election in November and the subsequent fiscal cliff deal in which Republicans conceded on tax increases makes compromise

seem distant, if not impossible, in the short term.

The election that returned Obama to office and gave Democrats a stronger Senate majority while reducing the Republican majority in the House led to the January agreement by the outgoing Congress in its final hours.

That deal raised tax rates on top income earners while maintaining lower rates for everyone else. It also put off until March 1 the mandated spending cuts from a 2011 agreement that extended the Treasury's authority to borrow money.

Known in Washington jargon as sequestration, the forced spending cuts to the military and other government agencies -- but not entitlement programs that drive chronic federal deficits -- were intended to motivate

Congress to come up with a comprehensive deficit-reduction plan sought by both sides.

However, such an agreement proved impossible in the hyper-political climate of an election year, and the government-wide cuts opposed by both sides now are set to take effect. That would mean \$85 billion in cuts for the rest of fiscal year 2013, which ends Sept. 30, as part of a 10-year total of about \$1 trillion.

The central issue is the same one that framed the November election. Republicans want to shrink the size of government and the spending needed to run it, while Democrats want to strengthen the safety net of government programs that help the poor, the elderly, the disabled and other vulnerable communities.

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produced.

"What I enjoyed the most from the lecture was how Dr. Shaefer had such a broad understanding of the cosmology of the origin of the universe," said James Roberts, instructor in speech communication. "Not only did he have a tremendous personality, he also spoke with a tremendous authority by how much knowledge he could unpack."

He said the universe must be created from something outside space, time and all other dimensions we can observe in natural science. He explained how he, and several other credible scientists, believe this is equivalent to the creation account in The Bible book of Genesis.

Schaefer spent a large portion of the lecture discussing the work of Stephen Hawking, Albert Einstein, Don Page and several other reputable scientists, specifically in their relation to cosmology. He noted, at the very least, they didn't completely deny the possibility of a God, and in several they actually believed completely in the existence of a God.

He concluded with his own personal views of science and religion. This included his belief of an absolute God outside of science, as he believes

is suggested in the Big Bang, that being outside the cosmos this God must be grander and more infinite than anything in it, and his belief that human beings cannot match up to this God.

This received a mixed response from the audience in the question session that followed. People from several faiths, including Atheism, Baha'i, Christianity and Islam, came up to speak to him.

Several asked questions regarding his personal viewpoint, ranging from whether this was different from simply trying to do your best to be a good person, to why a being outside of the cosmos wouldn't reveal himself in a procession of equally important spokespeople, not just a single main one. Others, however, admired him for his faith.

"The audience had a good, healthy range of questions from people with a variety of worldviews," Shaefer said. "I think the lecture was successful in stirring up people to think, and I want to remove intellectual barriers to having faith in Jesus Christ."

For the Socratic Club, this allowing of intellectual stir of beliefs is what is most important to the club. The club's next debate, titled, "God's Love and Hell," is scheduled for early spring term.

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amazing dancers, but this event is also used to raise money and awareness to fight against world hunger," Lawrence Eng, OSU network analyst, said. "It is very meaningful and a great way to support this wonderful cause."

Organizers promise attendees can expect exhilarating shows with a lot of charisma.

"[They can] expect to have a good time and to enjoy the high energy that this show has," added Edward Pham, president of the OSU Hip Hop Student Association. "They will gain knowledge and awareness of our organization, FeelGood at OSU."

This will be the fifth year this event has been put together. While there will be many similarities from past performances, there will be some differences.

This year, the event has a full agenda. The schedule includes solo acts coordinated with a disk jockey. Organizers are collaborating with the OSU Food Drive since the event occurs the same time as the drive this year. In the past, they have not been able to work with the food drive, Pham said.

"After [Dance Against Hunger], I want everyone to leave with the satisfaction [of] being entertained, but more importantly, spreading the awareness of hunger, that it is a pandemic and needs our attention. It is our responsibility as humans to put a stop to it," said Tommy Nguyen, OSU student studying microbiology.

Tickets purchased before the event cost \$5 and cost \$8 at the door.

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Calendar

Friday, Feb. 22

Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, Noon-2pm, MU East/Snell International Forum. Black Affairs Conference.

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: David Rogers Lute Duo.

Asian & Pacific Cultural Center, 5-7pm, MU 208. The Struggles of Multiracial Identity: explore multiracial identity with a documentary and discussion to follow!

Monday, Feb. 25

Events

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

Women's Center, 6-8pm, MU Journey Room. Female undecided majors are encouraged to come to a panel of speakers of women excelling in their STEM fields. Food provided.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Meetings

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, 7-9pm, MU Ballroom. Black History Month Dinner. Free, but ticket required.

Graduate School, 1:30-3pm, MU Journey Room. Deciding Whether to Go, Where to Go, and How to Get the Most Out of It Once You're There. Presentation by Dr. Richard Boone of the National Science Foundation for undergraduates who are considering graduate school, as well as current graduate students who want to maximize their experience.

Women's Center, 5-7pm, Women's Center. Open-space dialogue for women. This will be a confidence builder event! Refreshments provided.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

Meetings

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211.

Events

Campus Recycling, 5-7pm, Recycling Warehouse (644 SW 13th St.). February Repair Fair. Bring your broken bikes, housewares, electronics & clothing; volunteers will help you repair them!

Asian & Pacific Cultural Center, 5-7pm, MU 206. Henna Night. Learn about Henna and tattoos in Asian & Pacific culture. Get a free henna tattoo of your own.

College of Education/Cultural & Linguistic Diversity Work Group, Noon-1pm, Furman Hall 303. Popcorn and Video - Lunchtime Chat. We'll watch and discuss Chimamanda Adichie's powerful TED Talk: "The Danger of a Single Story."

Thursday, Feb. 28

Meetings

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

Friday, Mar. 1

Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: OSU Percussion Ensemble.

Women's Center, 4-6pm, MU Lounge. Inaugural Women's History Month Reception. Featuring keynote speaker Sara Gelsler and performances by women on campus. Refreshments provided.

Tuesday, Mar. 5

Meetings

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Events

Pride Center, 4-5:30pm, Pride Center. Tea & Topics: Come enjoy tea and discuss a wide range of topics!

Wednesday, Mar. 6

Meetings

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211.

Events

Campus Recycling, 9am-4pm, Recycling Warehouse (644 SW 13th St.). Film, Plastic & E-Waste Collection Week. Bring broken or unused electronics and clean film plastic for free recycling.

Thursday, Mar. 7

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. The Nobility of Humankind - Devotions and discussion on how we are noble with occasional slips rather than sinful with occasional flashes of good.

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

Events

Campus Recycling, 9am-4pm, Recycling Warehouse (644 SW 13th St.). Film, Plastic & E-Waste Collection Week. Bring broken or unused electronics and clean film plastic for free recycling.

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"Of course we are always concerned about the financial burden placed on students and families, and the employment rates of students beyond graduation," Ray said. "Our goal is to keep tuition low, even with decreased government funding, and still continually expand areas of research and scholarships available to students, while striving to be top."

The 2013 edition of the Fiske Guide to Colleges named Oregon State University a "Best Buy School" — one of only 41 colleges and universities nationwide and one of only two in the Pacific Northwest.

OSU's online degree program was also ranked fourth by SuperScholar Smart Choice and Corvallis was deemed the No. 5 best college town in the nation by the American Institute for Economic Research.

Ray attributed this success to its diverse and well-established faculty.

"Faculty members are the heart and soul of Oregon State University, and it will continue to be that way," Ray said.

Though the audience was generally content and pleased with the university's progress moving forward, there were still some general concerns about tuition increases, governance and institutional

boards, increasing enrollment rates and residency issues.

Recently, student leaders have called for a freeze in tuition, which, according to five-year budget plans created by the university, would be an unwise decision.

"Some student leaders have called for a freeze in tuition and at this point a zero tuition increase is not helpful," Ray said. "As a university we want to keep tuition low and manage our cost accordingly. Compared to our public school peers, we have relatively low tuition rates."

Ray also addressed issues related to increase in enrollment and space for incoming students.

"We want to cap our enrollment at 28,000 students," Ray said. "We are currently discussing and making a decision this week to decide whether first-year students have to live on campus and what constitutes student housing."

Ray mentioned the university's plan to build another dorm behind McNary Residence Hall and expand the Cascade

campus in Bend to a four-year institution.

One Corvallis community member expressed her concerns about the increase in traffic and the lack of parking and off-campus living availabilities, and asked how the university was planning on addressing this issue.

"OSU is working very closely with the city of Corvallis to create more parking options for students and community members, and we are very open to the idea of public partners for student housing," Ray said.

Ray closed by saying every innovative research project Oregon State takes on, and every generous donation or acceptance into a National Science Association research project, creates a positive difference in the lives of students and the people of the world.

"We care about the state of Oregon and every community within it, and we plan to continue to create a community of thinkers and innovators," Ray said.

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Ed Ray
OSU President

and eventually into space," Rochefort said.

During his tenure at Los Alamos National Laboratories, Pettit worked on projects involving topics like "reduced gravity fluid flow, materials processing experiments and problems in detonation physics," according to a biography provided by NASA.

Since joining NASA in 1996, Pettit has been on the International Space Station three times.

"Astronauts train daily, prepare for the next mission, help other astronauts prepare and carry out their missions and do public relations for NASA," Rochefort said of Pettit's past

roles at NASA.

On his last visit to the space station, Pettit went up and returned on the Russian Soyuz capsule.

"Space X, a commercial venture, is looking to send payload to outer space," Rochefort said. "Don captured the first commercial payload sent to space by Space X with the robotic arm, and brought it into the Space Station."

Following his graduation from OSU in 1978, Pettit received his Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the University of Arizona in 1983.

Pettit will also be inducted into the Oregon State University College of

Engineering Hall of Fame today.

"We are proud of the impact our engineering alumni are making regionally, nationally, globally and beyond," said Thuy Tran, director of marketing communications of the College of Engineering. "Don Pettit exemplifies the excellence, innovation and leadership that is the trademark of Oregon State graduates."

His lecture is titled "Techno-Stories from space," and is sponsored by OSU's College of Engineering. The talk will be free and open to the public.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to Grady Garrett. We will miss you in the office. Know your years of loyalty and selfless devotion to your craft have not gone unnoticed. You are one of the best, a gentleman and a genius.

Yea to ASOSU election season approaching. We are ready for the drama, the accusations, the backstabbing and the swaying loyalties. We're glad 6 percent of the student body will vote in this.

Nay to executive sessions.

Yea to budget time being over.

Nay to budgets going to mediation. No one wants to drag the heartache and boredom out any longer.

Nay to devising "House of Cards"—like plots in your head involving student government and university officials.

Yea to the ASOSU cabinet being full of good dancers. We've seen you at the Peacock and we are impressed. We might have to challenge you to a Snell Hall dance off. Know that we will crush you. The gauntlet has been thrown.

Nay to mid-week 21st birthdays.

Yea to wrestlers buying you a shot and a beer on your 21st birthday.

Yea to getting feedback on a staff editorial.

Nay to finding out we may have bitten the hand that feeds us.

Yea to "Downton Abbey."

Nay to not being able to wear top hats, morning coats and the like. We want a life of luxury that only involves getting dressed for dinner, hunting and galas.

Yea to nature walks to Bald Hill and discovering a newt along the way.

Yea to cupcakes.

Yea to shooting stars.

Nay to meteors hitting the earth. We don't think Bruce Willis can save us all this time.

Yea to an idea for the next "Die Hard" movie that we've recently come up with. It should be called "Bad Habits Die Hard," where Bruce Willis has to foil the plans of a group of terrorist nuns who end up fooling the entire Notre Dame football team they are dating the same woman. Throw in a bomb or something and we think this is a winning script idea.

Yea to having a typewriter in your office.

Nay to early morning meetings.

Yea to it almost being spring break.

Nay to not having any money to go anywhere nice.

Yea to new ideas about parking being promulgated by the university and the city of Corvallis. Maybe some solutions can be found to make everyone happy. Or maybe just some of the people happy.

Nay to too many late nights at work and keeping the people we care about constantly waiting for us.

Yea to our favorite OSU actor delivering our sandwiches in the middle of the night.

Yea to "started from the bottom now we're here."

Nay to another dismal weekend. Go ahead children, continue to fall behind in school, consume too much alcohol and ignore the rules. We hope you get caught.

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Tuition equity positive for Oregon, students

Amelia Harris

Guest Columnist

equitable cost of education in their own home state.

This week, the Oregon House of Representatives is voting on HB 2787, "Tuition Equity." Passage of this bill will help make postsecondary education equitable and accessible for all Oregon students. My fellow Oregon students and I, both documented and undocumented, have been through the entire K-12 education system on common ground together. We all have all graduated from an Oregon high school, and we all deserve a right to continue our educations at an affordable price in our home state.

Under current Oregon law, undocumented Oregon high school graduates are forced to pay out of state tuition to public universities here, and the state is pricing these Oregon students out of an

Tuition equity will allow more students the opportunity to attend a public university and will help the state's economy. With a bachelor's degree, undocumented and documented students will all give back to our beloved state by increasing the education level and potential of our workforce. Tuition equity will make this possible.

Tuition equity will allow our fellow undocumented students in Oregon to pay in-state tuition at Oregon's public universities if they have attended an

Oregon high school for at least three years, have graduated from an Oregon high school, have been admitted to a public university in Oregon and are working towards residency. Tuition equity will not take away any out of state tuition money from public higher education and it will not hurt U.S. citizens applying to Oregon schools. Tuition equity is legal, and passing the bill is the right thing to do.

As we were taught in high school, higher education is the key to our future. Our economy needs us to be educated and to be part of a highly skilled workforce in order to attract jobs and businesses to Oregon. Tuition equity will help Oregon's economy by increasing the number of people with college degrees

in the workforce. Without tuition equity, our state's economy will suffer and Oregon students will not have access to an equitable cost of education at a public university.

Tuition equity will not cost the state anything, but it will improve Oregon's economy and increase tuition dollars to public universities here by ensuring more students have access to an affordable and quality education at a public university here.

My fellow Oregon students deserve access to a fair and equitable education at an Oregon university, and I call upon the Oregon legislature to pass HB 2787 to make this reality possible.

Amelia Harris is a senior in history, student body president at Oregon State University.

Democrats, Republicans: Party problems on both sides of the aisle

Kristy Wilkinson

The Daily Barometer

I fully believe the Republican Party has some major shifts to make before we can operate as a player in the political arena. It's not an opinion, it's fact. It's also fact that the Democratic Party needs a reality check. Our country is filled with apathetic armchair democrats who know little more about this country, its economic policies and social structure than a third grader.

You want to be a liberal? More power to you. But liberals also need to realize hypocrisy and stupid ideas are found on both sides of the aisle. We must acknowledge the incompetency before we can begin to fix it.

The last column I wrote used 711 words to describe the way the way in which the Republican Party — my party — needs to change. The reaction

I received was interesting. Some said I'd failed in my faith; apparently asking for equality and understanding isn't up to snuff. I was taught forgiveness and love from reading The Bible, but my bad.

A few people informed me of my real political party was — thanks so much for the clarification. It's nice to finally have an explanation to the apparent confusion I have regarding party identification. It is just so frustrating none of my political science professors have been able to explain it to me. Maybe later my critics can break down the complexities of holding a pencil. Do I

use the lead part to fill in the little circle on my voter's ballot? Or is the pink hole at the end of it supposed to poke a hole through the circle? Geez, life is complex.

It's an opinion piece, I get it. Not everyone is going to agree. When I stop getting negative feedback is when I stop writing. People may disagree with me on the majority of my opinions, but the reality remains. Liberal or conservative, both parties have a lot of work to do.

A nationalized health care system was the love child of President Barack Obama's first term. He campaigned on it. We heard a harmonic choir sing "health care for everyone" with acting-conductor President Obama majestically riding a patriotic democratic donkey. The American people moved and swayed to the rhythm of hope and

change. It was a beautiful sight to see.

Then he got elected and the real government work happened.

Obama's health care bill was and is huge. It was the Big Mac of democratic legislation: too big, greasy and calorie-filled for anyone to pay a lot of attention to. Then minority leader of the Democratic Party, Nancy Pelosi, expressed her opinion.

"But we have to pass the [health care] bill so that you can find out what's in it," Pelosi said at a legislative conference for the National Association of Counties.

Well perfect. With that logic I will now be failing all my exams because first I need to take the midterm before I know what to study.

Obama marketed himself as a champion of peace and negotiation. Cool. Then he went ahead with a drone program many say rival the water boarding during the Bush administration.

According to the Department of Justice White Papers obtained by NBC news, Obama has written himself the right to kill American citizens. "A confidential Justice Department memo concludes that the U.S. government can order the killing of American citizens if they are believed to be 'senior operational leaders' of al-Qaida or 'an associated force' — even if there is no intelligence indicating they are engaged in an active plot to attack the U.S.," Michael Isikoff wrote in an article for MSNBC.

If that doesn't sound like a liberal platform, I don't know what does.

The home front isn't much better. In an interview with Democratic Representative Peter Defazio the Barometer Editor in Chief Don Iler asked him why he voted no on the Violence Against Women Act. Defazio paused, looked around and stammered.

"I can't remember," Defazio said in the interview. "It was another one of these republican tricks where they put the name on something and they really did something else and I can't remember what the problem with that was. We have about a thousand votes a year."

Defazio then goes on to describe the ways he doesn't remember what the egregious acts done by the Republican Party regarding this bill were, but he knows they existed.

That gave me a fuzzy feeling in my heart. I'm so glad Oregon's Representative can't remember the reason he voted no to a bill with the sole purpose of increasing awareness and helping women deal with domestic violence threats.

I feel more protected. Don't you?

As a nation we have a big problem. Our government isn't working, our leaders aren't listening and our citizens are increasingly uninformed. It's time we start fixing the problems. Until then, we'll never reach America's true potential. Both Republicans and Democrats need to realize they have major party problems.

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Inside OSU Basketball . . .

Beaver Dam's apathy is pathetic

Three years ago, when I was a freshman, I watched every home Oregon State men's basketball game from the first or second row of section F — the Beaver Dam section that's directly across from the visiting team's bench.

After covering Craig Robinson's squad as a sophomore, junior and senior, I returned to section F Thursday night for the first time since the 2009-2010 season.

It's downright shameful how much has changed.

Three years ago, I had to arrive at least 15 minutes early to assure myself a spot in section F. If a friend arrived late, we'd try to squeeze him in. But more often than not, the ushers would force late arrivers to relocate to the upper level.

Thursday night, I waltzed in at the 12:00 mark of the first half and found a spot in the first row of section F. I even had room to take out my laptop and set it down next to me. I counted 59 students in section F, when it could have seated 200, I'd guess.

I chose to return to section F Thursday night because I wanted to experience first-hand the student body's apathy toward the men's basketball team.

For an hour-and-a-half, I sat and observed apathy at its finest.

The fact that I sat is the first problem. The game against Utah on Feb. 6 marked the first time I can remember that the students in section F did not stand for a conference game.

Even when overall attendance has been low and the team has struggled, the Beaver Dam — sections J through F — has stayed relatively full of students who stand.

It's a common rule that applies

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Sophomore guard Challe Barton is blocked on a layup attempt by Josh Huestis. The Beavers struggled offensively in the second half, eventually losing 82-72 to Stanford.

Losing another lead

■ Oregon State men's basketball blew another halftime lead, falling 82-72 to Stanford

By Alex Crawford
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's basketball team is a broken record.

Leading at halftime, Oregon State (13-14, 3-11 Pac-12) fell behind early in the second half and ended up losing in the final minutes to Stanford (16-11, 7-7) by a score of 82-72.

The Beavers have now led at halftime in nine of their 14 Pac-12 games and have lost six of those games. The orange and black faithful have become accustomed to seeing OSU lead's slip away, but head coach Craig Robinson said

that Thursday's loss was not like the rest.

"I'm supremely disappointed in the way [this loss] came about, because I thought it came down to rebounding and toughness, something that we typically do pretty well," Robinson said. "I know those guys in the locker room know that and they're disappointed, especially coming in here for [senior] Joe [Burton's] last weekend."

After controlling major portions of the first half and taking a one-point lead into halftime, the Beavers promptly handed the game over to Stanford. OSU never led again after the 18:58 mark of the second half.

"We let them beat us with their effort in the second half as opposed

to losing it on its own key plays down the stretch," Robinson said.

Roberto Nelson led the Beavers in scoring for the sixth straight game, finishing with 28 points — his second highest point total of the season. Nelson also had one of his worst 3-point shooting nights all season, only making one of nine attempts.

After the game, Nelson defended his shot selection.

"I wouldn't say I forced it, I can make shots," Nelson said. "I'm not going to get down on myself if I miss a shot, that's not what scorers do."

Freshman forward Jarmal Reid logged his most minutes since Robinson began going to a three-

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OSU basketball player cited with misdemeanor

■ Freshman guard Langston Morris-Walker was stopped for allegedly stealing a T-shirt from the campus bookstore

By Jenson Vliss
THE DAILY BAROMETER

An Oregon State University men's basketball player was stopped for allegedly trying to steal a Nike T-shirt from the campus bookstore.

Langston Morris-Walker, 19, was walking out of the store Wednesday morning with a "Just Do It" T-shirt valued at \$25. Store security stopped him and held him until Oregon State Police arrived.

Morris-Walker told police he was taking the shirt to compare prices online, according to a report issued by Oregon State Police. He was cited for misdemeanor theft and released, according to Oregon State Police Sergeant Eric Juda. Juda could not further comment on the pending investigation.

A bookstore employee declined to comment and referred questions to CEO Steve Eckrich. Eckrich could not be reached for comment.



Morris-Walker

Post-game Update

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When informed of the details in the police report after Thursday night's loss to Stanford, Morris-Walker confirmed that's what happened but did not comment further.

Morris-Walker, who entered Thursday averaging 11.4 minutes per Pac-12 contest, did not play against the Cardinal.

Head coach Craig Robinson, who was made aware of the situation by Morris-Walker himself, spoke of the incident after his postgame press conference Thursday night.

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COMING SOON

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

Softball @ Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic (vs. Nevada/Illinois) 12:30 p.m./8 p.m., Palm Springs, Calif.

No. 6 Baseball @ San Diego State 6 p.m., San Diego, Calif.

No. 11 Gymnastics vs. No. 15 Arizona 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum

Women's Basketball @ No. 4 Stanford 8 p.m., Stanford, Calif. Pac-12 Networks (TV)

Men's Golf @ Wyoming Desert Collegiate All Day, Palm Desert, Calif.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Softball @ Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic (vs. Georgia Tech) 12 p.m., Palm Springs, Calif.

No. 6 Baseball @ San Diego State 1 p.m., San Diego, Calif.

Men's Basketball vs. Cal 3 p.m., Gill Coliseum

Men's Golf @ Wyoming Desert Collegiate All Day, Palm Desert, Calif.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

No. 6 Baseball @ San Diego State 12 p.m., San Diego, Calif.

Women's Basketball @ No. 6 Cal 2 p.m., Berkeley, Calif.

Men's Golf @ Wyoming Desert Collegiate All Day, Palm Desert, Calif.

No. 11 gymnastics hosts No. 15 Arizona, Seattle Pacific

■ Tang, Blalock have gained a larger role for the Beavers, OSU holds annual Pink Out Meet

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After a month on the road, the No. 11 Oregon State gymnastics team returned to Gill Coliseum with a bang.

The Beavers took down then-No. 4 UCLA in Saturday night's meet. OSU scored a 196.725, its second highest team total of the 2013 season.

OSU hosts No. 15 Arizona and Seattle Pacific tonight at 7 p.m. at Gill Coliseum.

Last year's team saw the same four gymnasts doing all-around nearly every week (Leslie Mak, Makayla Stambaugh, Melanie Jones, Brittany Harris), with Olivia Vivian competing on three of the four routines.

It's been evident that this season there is more depth for the Beavers. And more depth means it is becoming increasingly difficult for a gymnast to crack the lineup.

"This year, I look at it and go, 'It's getting hard to make our lineups,'" said associate head coach Michael

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JOHN ZHANG | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sophomore gymnast Chelsea Tang does the splits on the balance beam in Saturday's meet against UCLA. Tang has been an all-rounder in three of the team's last four meets.

Women's basketball travels to No. 4 Stanford

Oregon State women's basketball try to snap an eight-game losing streak

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The last time the Oregon State women's basketball team played at Stanford, the Beavers held a lead in the second half.

This season, the two teams are headed in opposite directions as the Beavers (9-17, 3-11 Pac-12) are in the midst of an eight-game losing streak. No. 4 Stanford (24-2, 13-1) have not lost since Jan. 13.

"We have nothing to lose now," said sophomore guard Ali Gibson. "Whenever you're at the top you've got a [target] on your back and everyone wants to beat you. If we beat Stanford it will be a 'SportsCenter moment.'"

Stanford is the fourth-best team in the nation and has stood alone atop the conference for several years. The Cardinal had won 81 consecutive conference games before falling to California in January.

Stanford has the conference-leading scorer and rebounder in junior forward Chiney Ogumike, averaging 22.7 points and 12.3 rebounds

per game.

Ogumike's older sister, Nneka, was drafted first overall in the 2012 WNBA draft and was also the Rookie of the Year, so there is a boatload of talent in their blood.

Oregon State will need its defense to slow Ogumike down to have a chance. OSU is holding opponents to the second-lowest field goal percentage in the conference, behind only the Cardinal.

What has been OSU's downfall is offense. Oregon State has not recorded 50 points in their last six games, and the Beavers have the lowest scoring offense in the Pac-12.

"A lot of that is experience," said Oregon State head coach Scott Rueck. "Scoring in the Pac-12 doesn't just happen overnight. It takes a while to get comfortable."

Game after game, OSU has been right up with a team near the end of the game, but have failed to close the opponent out. Six of Oregon State's conference losses have been by five points or less.

"Down the stretch in the games that we've gotten beat, there's been a playmaker, somebody that knows how to create a shot or knows how to create one

for someone else," Rueck said. "And we're so young in that spot. A year ago it was Sage [Indendi, out with an injury] and it was Earlysia [now graduated]."

The Beavers have relied heavily on their freshmen class to play well this season. The five freshmen: Jamie Weisner, Samantha Siegner, Deven Hunter, Khadidja Toure and Ruth Hamblin together account for 47.5 percent of the team's total offense.

Developing their play and building a foundation for the team's future has come at the price of a frustrating season — especially since expectations were high at the start of the year after a 20-win season a year ago.

"Losing is tough," said junior guard Alyssa Martin. "But you've just got to keep battling through it. We've talked about how much of this sport is mental, and it's just something you've got to keep battling through."

Expect the Beavers to battle through their biggest game of the season when they face the Cardinal tonight at 8. The game will be televised on the Pac-12 Networks.

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guard lineup on Jan. 31st against California. Reid — who played 12 minutes — was mostly subbed in for his defense in the second half.

"Jarmal was getting rebounds and [junior forward] Devon [Collier] wasn't," Robinson said.

As a team the Beavers were outrebounded by the Cardinal 40-37, but sophomore forward Eric Moreland did manage to grab his 10th double-double of the season. The Beavers were 10-1 going into Thursday night's game when Moreland had a double-double, but the lanky big man committed two costly turnovers in the final six minutes.

"What I actually told him is that you have to decide whether or not this season still means something," Robinson said. "It looked like it meant more to them than it did to us. And that's the danger you run in playing the way he have."

After Moreland threw it out of bounds while attempting a pass to sophomore guard Challe Barton with 1:20 left and the Beavers trailing

by 7, Burton — playing in one of his final home games — yelled at Moreland, visibly frustrated.

"I shouldn't have come at him that way, I should have just encouraged him," Burton said. "My emotions got the best of me. I apologized in the locker room."

Robinson has said the Beavers have been lacking a leader on the floor since senior forward Angus Brandt went down with a torn ACL. Nelson agreed, backing Burton's actions.

"That's what we need. Realistically that's the right thing for him to do," Nelson said of Burton's frustrated outburst.

The Beavers take on California in Gill Coliseum on Saturday afternoon — their last home game of the season. Despite the conference struggles, Nelson doesn't think the season's lost.

"We still have a chance to go out and compete in the Pac-12 Tournament," Nelson said. "I'm not counting us out yet and I don't think you guys should either."

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VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior guard Roberto Nelson was frustrated after Thursday night's loss to Stanford. Oregon State's sixth Pac-12 game of the season in which they took a lead into the second half.

Q&A: ALYSSA MARTIN

with



Alyssa Martin

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Q: When did you first play basketball?

A: I was in kindergarten.

Q: Were you the star?

A: I played with boys, actually, so I don't know.

Q: How quickly did you

pick it up?

A: Fairly quickly. I played all the time though.

Q: When did you start to like it?

A: I loved the game as soon as I started playing it.

Q: What sport would you play if it weren't for basketball?

A: I'd be a swimmer. I did that up until high school, when my mom made me choose between them. I made the right choice.

Q: What hobbies do you have?

A: I do triathlons. I like to read a lot, actually.

Q: What do you read?

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A: Right now I'm reading the "Game of Thrones" series, but my favorite book would be something by Jodie Picoult. "Nineteen Minutes," probably.

Q: So you're into fantasy novels?

A: No. No, not really.

Q: Wait, so why are you reading Game of Thrones?

A: Someone was like, "You know you should read this," and it ended up being really good.

Q: Favorite TV show?

A: Probably "Bones."

Q: What music do you listen to?

A: I actually listen to a lot of country and pop, or whatever's playing on the radio.

Q: Favorite band?

A: Sugarland, they're country, or Rascal Flatts. One of those two.

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"We're very aware of what happened, and we're going to let the process work its way through," Robinson said. "Obviously he didn't play tonight, but I don't want to mete out too much until the process is over."

Robinson said Morris-Walker's punishment was a one-game suspension "for now," adding

that he reserves the right to add on to it.

"I wanted to send a message," Robinson said. "Now I will let him sort of work it out."

Robinson said he's been fully clued in on all the details and that Morris-Walker's status for Saturday's game against California remains up in the air.

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Chaplin. "There are some good routines that may not get in. You have to have a good week and a good warm-up if you want to compete at the meet. That's a good thing."

For most of the season it was only Stambaugh and Harris competing in the all-around, but Saturday's win over the Bruins might allow some gymnasts to take on bigger roles for the rest of the season.

Senior Kelsi Blalock and sophomore Chelsea Tang both competed all-around Saturday.

"For both Kelsi and Chelsea, it's great because it makes us stronger," Chaplin said. "It's good to see them reaching their potential."

It was just the second time this year for Blalock, who led the Beavers and placed third overall in the Metroplex Challenge on Jan. 26.

"Most of us train for all four [events], and we want to be in all four apparatuses," Blalock said. "It's a personal triumph to be in all four lineups, but it's not going to be like that every week."

Blalock has been a mainstay on vault, balance beam and floor exercise for the last two years, but uneven bars had always been the Achilles' heel that kept her from being an all-arounder.

"It's a fight each week in the lineup," Blalock said. "I definitely want to be in all-around each week, but with the bar lineup, we have nine good bar routines. It's going to be a fight, but I think it's going to be good for all of us because it's making us all better."

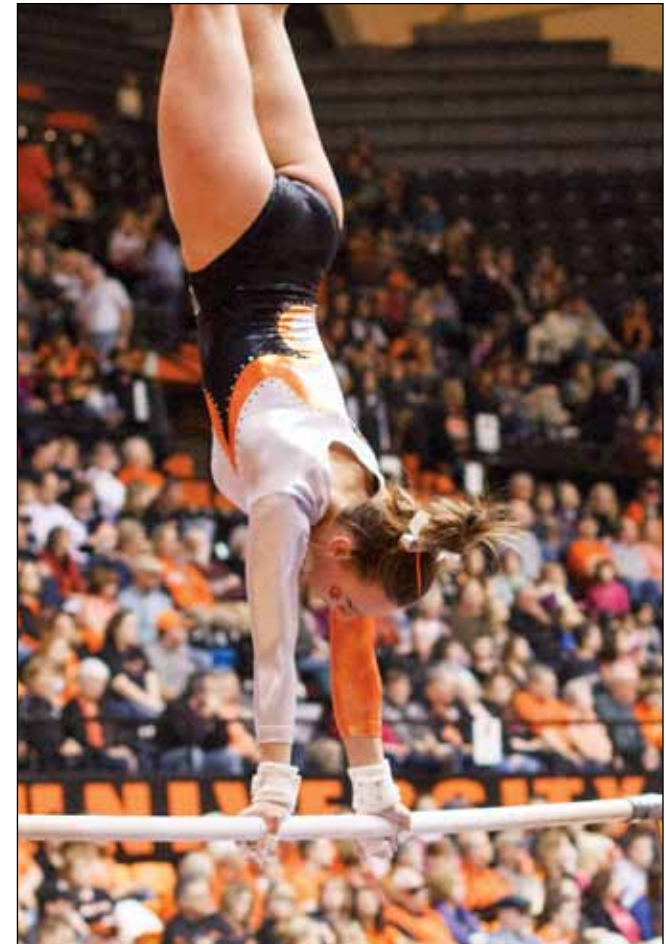
Consistency has been key in Blalock's progression on bars, Chaplin said.

For Chelsea Tang, it's been a progression over time for her to become an all-arounder. After only competing in one event in the first two meets, Tang has been in the all-around lineup in three of the past four meets.

"This past couple months I've gotten a lot more consistent in practice," Tang said. "That has really made my confidence go up."

Tang's emergence has extra importance for the future of this team, since there will be five seniors leaving after this year.

"Chelsea has just gotten better and stronger," Chaplin said. "It's good because she's a sophomore, and next year she's going to be a junior and one of our



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Senior Kelsi Blalock's weakest event has always been uneven bars, but she scored a 9.800 on Saturday.

leaders. The experience this year will help us next year."

After a disappointing 193.600 team score in OSU's opening meet in Cancun, Mexico, the team has risen in the rankings all the way from No. 23 to No. 11 now.

"We've kind of turned our Cancun competition into a verb," Stambaugh said. "We say, 'Don't Cancun it.' We started off pretty weak, but every competition we've improved in some area. I see the confidence in everyone."

Other than the Beavers' top score of the year (Jan. 26 at the Metroplex Challenge), each week the team has improved its score.

There's still plenty to work on. Blalock said head coach Tanya Chaplin wanted to see improvement on floor landings after the UCLA meet. The Beavers are clicking, but it's making the small details in a routine flawless that will vault them through regionals and nationals.

"Come postseason, they're not going to just give you scores," Blalock said. "So we

need to clean up and make sure we're ready for tight scoring in postseason."

Aside from the importance of the meet itself, it will also be the eighth annual Pink Out meet. A silent auction and the Pink Out Breakfast will be held at the club level of Reser Stadium on Saturday at 10 a.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Corvallis Clinic Foundation's Project H.E.R., which is a "comprehensive breast health services program available to women in Benton, Linn and Lincoln counties," according to the clinic website.

"It's exciting because, obviously, it's a big meet for us with Arizona and SPU coming to town, but it's also a great way to give back to the community and show our support for Project H.E.R. and cancer awareness issues," Michael Chaplin said. "It has extra meaning to us and the team responds well to that."

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Lead investigator booted in Pistorious case

PRETORIA, South Africa (CNN) — The bail hearing for Oscar Pistorious wheeled toward the bizarre Thursday with the revelation that the lead investigator in the case against the famous Olympic sprinter is facing attempted murder charges.

The South African Police Service pulled lead investigator Hilton Botha from the case after prosecutors reinstated attempted murder charges against him in a 2011 incident. Botha is accused of seven counts of attempted murder in an incident in which he and other officers allegedly chased and fired on a minibus full of people while drunk.

Prosecutors are trying to keep Pistorious jailed pending his trial on a charge of premeditated murder in the February 14 shooting death of his girlfriend, model Reeva Steenkamp, 29. The hearing ended Thursday with no decision on bail and is scheduled to resume Friday.

It's unclear what impact the accusation involving Botha will have on the case against Pistorious, the acclaimed Paralympic and Olympic sprinter known for running on prosthetic carbon fiber blades in place of legs amputated when he was a child.

Police Commissioner Riah Phiyega announced in a news conference that Botha would be replaced by the department's most senior detective, Vinesh Moonoo.

Bulelwa Makeke, the spokeswoman for South Africa's National Prosecuting Authority, said before the announcement that even if Botha remained in charge of the case, the accusations would be little more than a "speed bump."

"But the important issue here is that the state was not relying on just his oral testimony, it's really relying more on forensics and that real hard evidence that came out of the scene," Makeke said.

Pistorious, 26, is accused of the premeditated murder of Steenkamp after, according to prosecutors, a heated argument in the early morning hours of Valentine's Day.

The sprinter, however, says he thought an intruder was hiding in a toilet room inside the bathroom of his Pretoria home. He says he fired into the room in a fit of terror before realizing the person inside was Steenkamp.

Final arguments

In arguments capping the three-day bail hearing, Prosecutor Gerrie Nel said Pistorious' defense team has failed to explain why investigators found two cell phones and the gun believed used in the shooting in front of the shower.

That goes to the prosecution claim that Steenkamp didn't merely get up to relieve herself in the middle of the night, but in fact had locked herself in the bathroom with her cell phone to protect herself from Pistorious.

Early in the prosecution statement, Magistrate Desmond Nair interrupted to ask if it is possible that Pistorious could have repositioned the phones and gun after the killing.

Nel also said Pistorious has shown a lack of realization of what he has done and cast doubt on Pistorious' claims that one of the reasons for his extreme fear that night was that he had been a victim of burglary and violent crime in the past.

Where, Nel asked, are the court cases from those incidents? Why, Nel asked, didn't Pistorious whisper to Steenkamp or try to wake her up when he heard noises?

During his argument, defense attorney Barry Roux told Nair that the prosecution's case had suffered a monumental collapse.

He said Botha acknowledged that investigators had failed to collect any evidence that counters Pistorious' argument that he mistakenly shot Steenkamp. Realizing what he had done, Pistorious says, he broke down the door to the toilet, scooped up the mortally wounded woman and ran downstairs in a vain attempt to rush her to the hospital.

Roux has also questioned police claims that a witness who lived at least 300 meters (328 yards) from Pistorious' home had heard a raging argument coming from the home.

He also blasted how police investigated the crime scene, saying his forensic investigators had found a spent bullet in the toilet that police had missed. He also said officers had trooped through the home without wearing foot covers and had failed to properly investigate and catalog evidence found there, including ammunition and a bottle of what Botha first called testosterone before backtracking.

Roux said the substance is an herbal remedy.

Authorities have argued that ballistic evidence shows Pistorious had to intentionally target the toilet to strike Steenkamp, and that evidence shows he was standing on his prosthetic legs when he shot through the bathroom door.

Pistorious said in his statement that when he shot through the door, he was feeling vulnerable to an intruder because he was not wearing his legs and had limited mobility.

Prosecutors are fighting bail because they worry that Pistorious will disappear if he's released, and they say that he has a history of police encounters that suggest he is a threat to public safety.

Pistorious has pledged to stay in South Africa and fight the charges if released, adding that he's unlikely to escape notice as a well-known athlete who walks on prosthetic legs.

Anger about detention

Prosecution arguments began late Thursday afternoon, and Nair did not rule on bail for Pistorious, who has been held since his arrest last week in a police station holding cell.

Nel is expected to finish arguments Friday morning, followed by a defense rebuttal and, finally, a decision on bail by Nair.

That arrangement angered the women's branch of South Africa's ruling party, which accused authorities of giving Pistorious special treatment by holding him at the police station instead of a South African prison where it says suspects awaiting trial or bond are more typically held.

"If there is some special circumstance that permits this, authorities must share this with the public as they are setting a bad precedent," the statement from the African National Congress Women's League said. "All should be treated equally before the law no matter your standing in society."

Nike pulls away from sprinter

Also Thursday, Nike announced it had suspended its contract with Pistorious.

"We believe Oscar Pistorious should be afforded due process and we will continue to monitor the situation closely," the sports apparel company said in a prepared statement.

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to high schools and colleges across the country. If you're in the student section, you watch the game from your feet. When the situation calls for it, you jump up and down and make as much noise as possible.

While the fact that section F did none of this made eavesdropping on conversations around me easy, it didn't do anything to help Craig Robinson's squad.

At halftime, I approached OSU junior Kelly Christensen, who was comfortably seated in the first row of section F, and asked him why he didn't stand during the first half.

"I'd stand if everyone else was standing, but it's all about the atmosphere," Christensen said. "If people aren't into it, they're not going to stand."

I can't blame him. While Christensen appeared engaged throughout the game, I can't say the same for those around him.

The majority of the conversations I overheard had nothing to do with basketball. I often turned around from my front-row seat and found half the people behind me on their phones.

Three years ago, I stood in section F among dozens of students who heckled an Arizona player until he flipped us the bird.

After speaking with Christensen, I walked over to section G, the section at mid-court. To their credit, the students in section G, as well as sections H and J, stood during the game — though I should note that said sections were half-full, if that.

I asked OSU junior Chad Speers, who was standing in the first row of section G, how he felt about the students in section F sitting.

"It's ridiculous," Speers said.

"Everyone's always stood for the 20 years I've been coming to games."

At that point, I thought maybe if the game got close in the second half, the students in section F would stand and make a little bit of noise.

It didn't happen.

When sophomore guard Challe Barton was called for a questionable foul — it should have been a jump ball — with 5:50 remaining and the Beavers trailing by five, I counted three students in section F who stood and voiced their displeasure with the call.

I turned to the security guard next to me and said, "Three years ago, even last year, the entire section would have erupted and you would have had to tell a bunch of people to watch their language."

She disappointedly nodded her head in agreement.

I approached the three students who stood and told them I admired their passion.

"Normally it's loud and people can't hear us," said Brandon Westover, an OSU freshman.

"It feels like I'm at a high school game," added freshman Cameron Wood.

Don and Polli Butzner, an elderly couple, have sat court-side — directly in front of section F — at every OSU home game the past eight seasons.

When I talked to Polli after Thursday night's game, I could sense the sadness in her voice as she spoke of the lack of student support this year.

"They're not as enthusiastic," Butzner said. "It used to be so packed that we couldn't hear the game."

Butzner said the student support this year has been the worst she's ever seen — even worse than it was in 2008, when the Beavers infamously didn't win a conference game.

"I think we only have half as many students as we did last year," Butzner said. "The whole

area behind us used to be full."

I'm not sure whether to blame the fans or the players for the general apathy. If the players had quit on the season, I'd blame them — but they haven't.

When I asked junior guard Roberto Nelson why fans should still come to games, he said it's all about support.

"Joe [Burton] and I and a few of the other guys, we support

other Oregon State teams," Nelson said. "We're all a family. I wouldn't give up on my family."

"Beaver Nation, that's what it's all about," Burton added.

As sad as it is, the majority of Beaver Nation doesn't give a lick about its men's basketball team.

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Barometer staff Oscar predictions

Best Actor in a leading role

Daniel Day-Lewis, "Lincoln"

So Daniel Day-Lewis doesn't quite drink your milkshake in his latest Oscar nominated role, but he deserves to be the Academy's first winner of three Best Actor awards for his portrayal of the 16th president.

Well researched, using the reedy high-pitched voice Lincoln was said to have, Day-Lewis envelopes the role of the nation's best loved commander in chief. Looking haggard and tired after years of war, shrewdly plotting out his political moves and strategy as he tries to pass the 13th amendment through congress, Day-Lewis' Lincoln is a force to be reckoned with.



Don Iler
Editor-in-Chief

Best Actor in a supporting role

Christoph Waltz, "Django Unchained"

Christoph Waltz plays a loveable and open-minded bounty hunter in antebellum America in "Django Unchained," Quentin Tarantino's homage to spaghetti westerns. He does much to distance himself from everyone's favorite scary Nazi in "Inglorious Basterds," and his dentist Dr. King Schultz rolls through a vague South helping Django play out his slave revenge fantasy. Once again Waltz steals the show, showing up solid acting by Samuel L. Jackson, Jamie Foxx and Leonardo DiCaprio to become the film's martyred hero.

—Don Iler

Best Picture

"Zero Dark Thirty"

The Best Picture category will likely come down to two films about foreign relations in the Middle East — "Argo" and "Zero Dark Thirty."

"Argo" was intense, well-written and Ben Affleck does a damn good job as the lead actor and the director. But "Zero Dark Thirty" was the best film of the year.

The film is a true epic, and it delivers on a sensitive subject, which could have been a disaster.

Director Kathryn Bigelow tells the story of a CIA operative, played by Jessica Chastain, going down the rabbit-hole on a journey to find Osama bin Laden. It has a beginning, middle and end of Chastain's obsessive nature over this case. It deals with water boarding, without promoting torture. It deals with American tragedy, without getting overly patriotic.

There isn't a question to me that it's the best film of the year, but there is question as to whether it will win Best Picture. The controversy surrounding the torture scenes and what information was or wasn't given to Bigelow by the CIA could be the downfall of "Zero Dark Thirty" claiming victory.



Warner Strausbaugh
Managing Editor

To quote Mark Lisanti, a writer/editor from Grantland.com: "It makes 'Homeland' seem like an episode of 'The Cleveland Show.'"

I've seen it twice and might just go back for a third time.

Best Actress in a leading role

Jessica Chastain, "Zero Dark Thirty"

If "Zero Dark Thirty" is the best film of the year, you have to give the nod of Best Actress to Chastain. The plot on the surface is about capturing bin Laden, sure. But it's Chastain's character that makes this film so incredible.

It took her 10 years' worth of obsessing over finding bin Laden through any means possible, even when she's scraping the bottom of the barrel of the al-Qaida network.

She does an exceptional job of making the moviegoers believe in her character's transformation over the 10 years without needing to explain it. You just get sold on it.

This is probably the most wide-open category of the big Oscar categories, and Chastain may not win. Her performance is worthy of a victory though, and good enough to pay the price of admission.

—Warner Strausbaugh

Best Visual Effects

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey"

I could probably geek out for a couple of hours talking about special effects for "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey." Instead, I'm going to focus on one important aspect of the film: size.

Not only are the characters all different heights, but the buildings, statues and other props the characters interact with are too. In combination with other items, size and proportion is everything. In a fictitious world where size defines who the character is and where the character is, if proportions are askew, the audiences' are pulled back to reality.

The actors are obviously human, but it isn't until Peter Jackson's Weta Digital studio works its magic do I believe Bilbo is a hobbit living in a small cutout house in the Shire.

The blending of layers is seemingly flawless. Throughout the entire movie, Jackson's team uses the tools available to them to masterfully convince our eye into believing Gandalf is interacting in real time with dwarfs, or dwarfs are fighting large trolls.



Megan Campbell
Forum Editor

Best Animated Feature Film

"Brave"

Animation holds a special place in my heart. As someone who has dealt with 3D animation, I can say I'm always amazed when I sit down and watch a Pixar film.

When I saw "Brave," I was lost for words. The main character's hair alone is enough of a reason for the film to win Best Animated Feature.

The plot — which I admit was easy to predict — was simplistically entertaining. As Merida, a teenage princess frustrated with her mother, walked, ran, ate or talked, her hair moved with her. Not in a glued-together-head sort of way, either. Her hair had life of its own.

Merida's fire-orange hair is curly and long. It bounces and sways realistically. It reacts to Merida's movements.

According to a USA Today article, "it took six Pixar research engineers and artists more than three years" to perfect Merida's hair. Time well spent.

"Brave" is truly a beautiful film.

—Megan Campbell

Best Actress in a supporting role

Sally Field, "Lincoln"

In "Lincoln," Sally Field acts as Mary Todd Lincoln, taking on the powerful personality and the crucial role the First Lady played in Abraham Lincoln's presidency. Field's role was a difficult one to land. Upon receiving a personal call from Daniel Day-Lewis, Field met with him and the two improvised an entire conversation between the President and the First Lady. Field's performance encapsulates the strength of Mary Todd's love for her sons, in particular Robert, played by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, who leaves home to fight in the Civil War. Field helps her husband in the monumental undertaking to pass the 13th amendment, which would help bring an end to slavery and the Civil War. "Since you're sending my son into the war, woe unto you if you fail to pass the amendment," Field's Mary Todd suggests to Day-Lewis' Lincoln in the film.



Jack Lammers
News Editor

Best Directing

Ang Lee, "Life of Pi"

For those who have read Yann Martel's "Life of Pi," they probably consider this to be one of those books that just couldn't be adapted to the screen. Then Ang Lee came along. Lee's direction of "Life of Pi" in coordination with vibrant visuals and animal animation lends to an effective translation of the novel to the big screen. Lee's work can be considered as Oscar-worthy simply for his artistic vision. While most 3D movies accentuate a few key scenes, Lee goes all the way. Nearly every scene features an animated component, blending seamlessly into live-action. In the book, Pi spends much of his time trying to survive in a life raft.

In the movie, Lee emphasizes the imaginative qualities of the book, personifying the animals in the raft and creating a bond between audiences and his characters.

—Jack Lammers

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junior years preparing samples in the morning and analyzing them in the afternoon.

Her goal is to understand the mechanisms for secondary injuries as well as to test preventative treatments. She hopes to present her thesis next fall.

“One of the most rewarding components is knowing that even as an undergraduate, I can actually make an impact on something,” Ennamuri said. “I’m not the primary investigator or anything, but just knowing that I was able to contribute to something that I think is really important, that’s really rewarding.”

Ishan Patel, senior in bioengineering, is also an Honors College student and a research ambassador. He said he realized that in order to do research at Oregon Health and Science University, he would have to begin researching early, and started volunteering in a lab his freshman year.

The following summer, Patel was researching at OHSU, modeling blood flow to test the ability of drugs to prevent clotting.

“I created this model for blood flow, and they use that model to test various medicines,” Patel said. “We wanted to kind of mimic the heart and how it works outside of the body so we wouldn’t have to use humans or rats anything like that.”

Patel worked two more summers at OHSU, and presented a poster at an international conference in Japan for the International Society for Thrombosis and Haemostasis.

“More so than me presenting at this place was me learning about the scientific world,” Patel said.

Last summer, Patel did preliminary work serving as a bridge between the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York and OHSU.

OHSU wanted to identify cancer patients who are more susceptible to blood clots, Patel said. The process is called novel cancer detection technologies.

“[The Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and OHSU] really wanted to work together,” Patel said. “Now, they can easily transfer these technologies between the two labs, write grants and try to get research into this area so they can further develop these tools so that it might one day be used [in] the clinic.”

Carmen Gondhalekar’s work involves non-human subjects. Gondhalekar is a senior in fisheries and wildlife specializing in disease ecology, and

first got involved with research after taking a class offered by zoology professor Andrew Blaustein. She applied for a position helping graduate students — changing water, feeding amphibians and performing basic lab cleanup.

That summer, Gondhalekar worked in Blaustein’s lab conducting her own research with funding provided through the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

“We would explore the susceptibility to this pathogen [a chytrid fungus] among three different species of amphibians,” Gondhalekar said. “My specific project regarded studying this in larval amphibians [tadpoles].”

Gondhalekar then transferred to Anna Jolles’ buffalo disease lab. Jolles is an associate professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine. Under Jolles, Gondhalekar counted and identified ticks on South African buffaloes using photographs taken over a four-year period. The purpose of this is to measure the number of ticks from season to season across different geographic areas.

“It allowed me to travel to South Africa and participate in the data collection that was going on there,” Gondhalekar said.

She spent 23 days conducting her research at Kruger National Park in the northeastern corner of South Africa.

“You could definitely hear all the wild animals walking around, right next to your tent, outside the fence, and roaring and everything. It was terrifying,” Gondhalekar said. “But it was also really, really exciting.”

Research allows her to focus on something and apply it to larger issues. The research she’s doing with ticks is relevant to herders, and her work with amphibian pathogens is pertinent to conservation.

“The downsides about research are that it is very time intensive and it can be really stressful, and getting funding for it can sometimes be difficult,” Gondhalekar said. “It involves a large degree of commitment, which isn’t necessarily a bad thing. It can be hard, at times, to live up to that commitment.”

Gondhalekar has written a fact sheet for the United States Geological Survey on the Northern Spotted Owl and plans to follow that with a fact sheet on the sage grouse.

As a student in the College of Liberal Arts, Katy Krieger defies expectations about what is considered research. Krieger is a junior Honors College

There’s definitely this myth out there that [only science and engineering majors] can do research, but that is not true.

Katy Krieger

Junior in College of Liberal Arts, Honors College, majoring in psychology and English



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Stacy Sim, a junior in psychology and Ameer Almuaybid, a senior in Psychology, participate in Katy Krieger’s psychological study.

student majoring in psychology and English, and volunteers as a research ambassador.

“There’s definitely this myth out there that [only science and engineering majors] can do research, but that is not true,” Krieger said. “You can pretty much do research in any area, and professors would love to talk to students about doing research and possibly bringing them on to help.”

Krieger dove into research her freshman year, working in the lab of Frank Bernieri, associate professor of psychological sciences. Then she received grants to do her own research and presented a poster at a conference sponsored by the Society for Personality and Social Psychology. Currently, she is working on her honors thesis as well as serving as lab coordinator.

The first project she worked on focused on interpersonal sensitivity, entering data and proofing. Later, she researched the language associated with lying.

“We work a lot with hard numbers,” Krieger said. We do statistics. It’s all the same thing. We write articles and everything like that, and even [the English field] has incredible research that’s being done on certain texts or genres or periods.”

Shannon Cahill-Weisser started interning through Apprentices in Science and Engineering before she even came to OSU. Cahill-Weisser is an Honors College senior in electrical engineering who also volunteers as a research ambassador, and is involved in a medical cloud research group.

“The goal of this project is to create a platform for scientists to be able to manage and visualize

their data better,” Cahill-Weisser said.

Cahill-Weisser spent last summer developing a smartphone application that manages data so that users can analyze how they walk.

“Walking, features of gait, such as ability and speed, have been known to be affected by, and possibly predict, problems with mobility,” Cahill-Weisser said.

Cahill-Weisser started school as a bioengineering major, but through her research, she discovered she gravitated more toward understanding the equipment, Cahill-Weisser said.

“I became really, really interested in that aspect of research, more interested than in doing actual chemical measurements, so I switched majors,” Cahill-Weisser said.

She responded to an ad from Patrick Chiang, an associate professor in the school of electrical engineering and computer science. Chiang was looking for students to help with a clinical trial. Though she was only a sophomore at the time, he accepted her application.

“Any kind of experience that gets you to do something hands-on is a good thing to do, and research is very good because it allows you some flexibility and learning,” Cahill-Weisser said. “If you don’t have a lot of experience, there are definitely some places that will help you build skills, and it can really give you a sense of what it’s like to actually work.”

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