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OREGON STATE UNVEILS 'REBRANDING' OF ATHLETICS

'Rebranding' of OSU athletics unveiled

■ Oregon State, Nike show off new Beaver logo, uniforms

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State sophomore wide receiver Brandin Cooks put it best.

"It's a young life, sometimes you have to be honest—you want the new flashy things," Cooks said.

The Beavers unveiled those new flashy things Monday night at the CH2M HILL Alumni Center.

Two years ago, while negotiating a contract, the topic of rebranding came up between the university and Nike. The OSU athletic department wanted a new look for the Beaver logo.

"But Nike wanted to push, like a demanding head coach," said OSU Athletic Director Bob De Carolis. "If we're going to do this the right way, they said, we need to put everything on the table for discussion."

Former basketball player Lamar Hurd led off the event as the master of ceremonies, followed by speeches from De Carolis and Todd Van Horne, Nike's vice president and creative director for football and baseball.

In his speech, Van Horne mentioned reaching out to student athletes, students, alumni and fans about the "universal set of values" that signify Oregon State.

"These sets of principles were our yardstick," Van Horn said. "We said, 'Everything we design has to measure up to these.'"

But the biggest goal Nike had was for the new brand of Oregon State to be unique.

"We wanted an evolution," Van Horn said. "We wanted something that's contemporary. And we actually wanted something that was really distinctive from everybody else in the nation, and certainly from everybody in the Pac-12."

The nearly two-year process came to a conclusion Monday night with the introduction of a new brand for OSU athletics.

Oregon State introduced its new



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Junior Rashaad Reynolds, and sophomores Brandin Cooks and D.J. Alexander come on stage to model the new football uniforms for Oregon State. The football jerseys feature three sets of helmets, jerseys and pants in black, orange and white.

Beaver logo and new uniforms for the fall and winter sports, with the new uniforms for spring sports to be released soon.

Athletes went into this event with the same anticipation of the unknown as the students, alumni and fans in the crowd.

"I was a little shocked. I didn't know

what to expect," said Rashaad Reynolds, cornerback on the football team. "When I saw them, I was happy and glad that Nike did it for us. It's a big step, not just for the team but for the organization."

The new football uniforms feature three sets of new helmets, jerseys and pants, which come in black, orange and

white, with a hint of metallic bronze.

The black helmets go back to a throw-back look with no logo on the sides, similar to the Nike Pro Combat helmets the Beavers wore in the 2010 Civil War. The white helmets show off the new

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Breaking ground, exploring new terrain

■ OSU's Geo-Science Club prepares for an experiential learning trip to Costa Rica

By Kate Virden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Geology is the study of the earth, and the students involved in the Oregon State University Geo-Science Club will be doing just that on the club's trip to Costa Rica on March 17.

Twenty-three OSU students will visit Costa Rica, the Central American country with endless supplies of sunshine, coffee beans and an incredible chain of volcanoes.

Taryn Bye, Geo-Science Club's president, and McKenzie Mark-Oser, vice president, are looking forward to the amazing experiences awaiting them.

Both girls voiced excitement about the complex subduction zone featured in Costa Rica, which essentially means an expansive range of volcanoes that are very active in comparison to our Oregonian volcanoes. For example, there is a likelihood they could witness volcanic action the average person would only see in a movie.

Three professors and one geo-science alumnus will provide structure and spontaneous lectures through-

out the 16-day trip.

"I am really looking forward to the opportunity to get to know our professors outside the classroom," Bye said.

The journey to Costa Rica is meant to be an instructional tool to broaden students' understanding of materials taught in class and how they are applicable in the real world. Since the geo-sciences are heavily based in fieldwork, the trip to Costa Rica provides a "chance to get [their] feet wet," according to Mark-Oser.

She notes the trips often help students figure out what path they want to take within the geology major.

The students' interests in the geology field of study vary and include tsunamis, rock formations, the history of Earth, large-scale geological hazards like earthquakes and many more.

The students have been fundraising for months to accumulate enough funds to make the trip. The Geo-Science Club is established in the Corvallis community through the Corvallis Furniture Company where students paint and move furniture.

The students put on a Super Nerdy Movie Night, where they showed the film "Super Volcano,"

and they had a Valentine's Day raffle. The members also completed yard work for local residents.

"The alumni have played an important role in raising funds, as well," Bye said.

The students mailed over 50 letters explaining the need for donations.

The excursion to Costa Rica is not the first of its kind. The Geo-Science Club has consistently done national trips since 2005 and every other year travel internationally, like this year's adventure to Costa Rica.

The students in the Geo-Science Club welcome everyone, no matter their major. The only thing potential members need is an interest in the geo-sciences. The club has various fun-filled activities throughout the year like hiking and exploring the outdoors.

Within the College of Earth, ocean and atmospheric sciences at Oregon State, the geology programs provide a great way to make connections with faculty and staff.

The students involved in the Geo-Science Club have put in hard work to travel to Costa Rica, a "ground breaking" experience for everyone involved.

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Guilty until proven innocent

■ Two falsely-convicted men who spent time on death row will present at OSU on Thursday

By Ryan Dawes
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Pi Sigma Alpha, Oregon State University's political science honors club, will be hosting a presentation regarding reasons against the death penalty that will likely provide a platform for interesting thoughts and discussion. The presentation will take place on March 7 at 3 p.m. in the Construction and Engineering Hall of LaSells Stewart Center.

"I think this will be a great opportunity for the community to see that there are valid alternatives to the death penalty," said senior Tyler Phelps.

Pi Sigma Alpha is a national political science honors society, whose members include Former President Bill Clinton. In 1980, an OSU chapter of the society formed, but later was disbanded. Last year it was once again reinstated.

"We're trying to make a community where political science majors who have classes together can get know each other and be exposed to multiple opportunities not otherwise experienced in class," said OSU senior Tara Newell.

The event this Thursday will feature two innocent men who spent time on death row before being found innocent: Juan Roberto Meléndez-Colón and Greg Wilhoit, as well as Peter Fahy, a death penalty defense attorney. They will tell their stories and perspectives regarding the use of the death penalty in the United States.

Fahy served for 12 years as a prosecutor in Lincoln County, eventually rising to the rank of chief deputy district attorney. He has since entered private practice in Corvallis, where he works exclusively on defending clients in capital trials.

Meléndez-Colón spent nearly 18 years on Florida's death row for a homicide crime he did not commit. Unable to afford an attorney, he was convicted and sentenced to death within a week despite the absence of physical evidence incriminating him.

His conviction rested on the testimony of two questionable witnesses, a police informant with an unsavory criminal record and a co-defendant who was threatened with the electric chair, but ultimately received a sentence of a two-year probation after he testified against Meléndez-Colón in trial.

Had it not been for the discovery of a transcript of the taped confession

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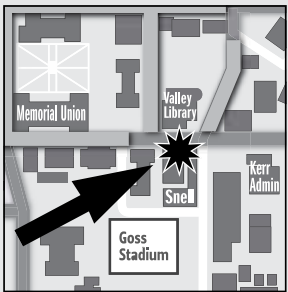
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Stoic statue at home outside Valley Library

■ Bronze replica statue by Ivan Mestrovic depicts a humanitarian

By Jodie Davaz

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BAROMETER

Outside of the library sits a man, larger-than-life, oblivious to the world around him. As students pass by, as day goes to night, and as seasons change, he remains sitting on his tree stump, pondering the next words of his book, undeterred by pranksters dressing his face with googly eyes or strangers holding meetings mere inches away.

The statue of the man in bronze depicts Slovakian writer, physician, humanitarian and refugee, Matej Bencúr, who lived from 1860-1928. He is better known by his pseudonym, Martin Kukucín and noted for his book, "Seven Slovak Stories," which features tales of village life from his childhood and stories about Slovakian farm communities, according to a pamphlet called "Art at Kerr Library." His other works are virtually unknown to an English-reading audience.

Kukucín studied medicine in Prague, and later emigrated to Chile. There, Kukucín served as a medical officer for the Red Cross, according to a 1972 press release about the statue.

The Slovak community in Buenos Aires, Argentina, commissioned a statue of

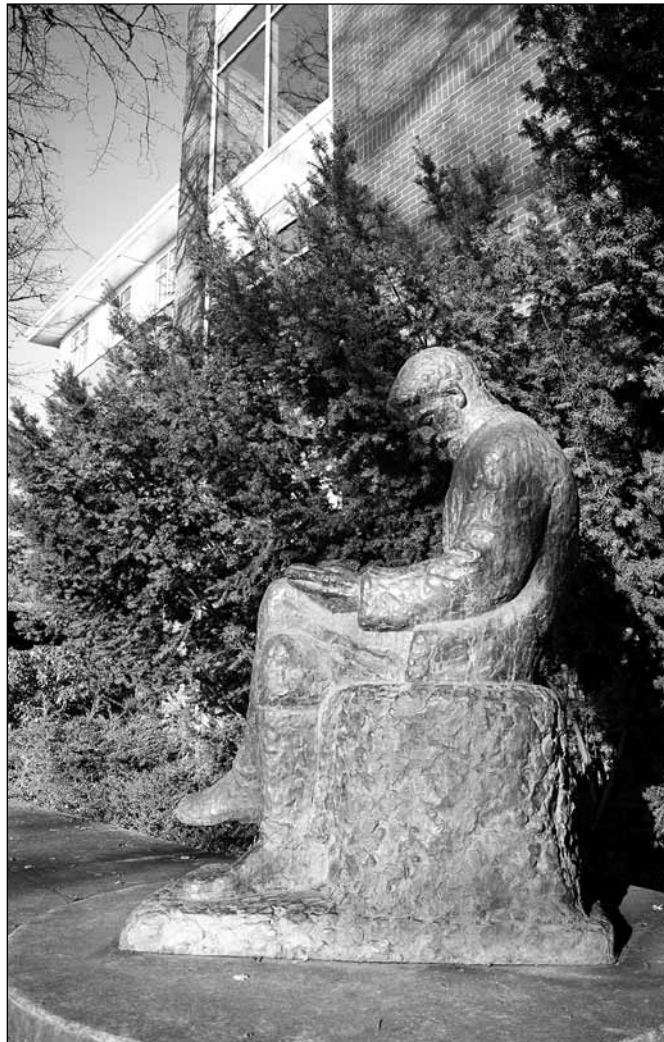
Kukucín from another man of eastern European descent, Ivan Mestrovic. Mestrovic and Kukucín never met, however. Mestrovic depicted Kukucín based off the memories of people who knew him well. Mestrovic cast the statue in plaster, as there was no money to cast it in metal. The plaster statue stayed with Mestrovic until his death in 1963. Ten years later, the statue was finally cast in bronze. Three replicas were made; one is located in Toronto, one in Bratislava, Slovakia and one in Corvallis, according to a Report of Findings conducted in 1978.

Julian and Norma Rudinsky, both Oregon State University professors, purchased the Corvallis replica for \$6,700 and placed it at its current site. Dr. Julian Rudinsky was born in Slovakia, and Professor Norma Rudinsky translated Kukucín's "Seven Slovak Stories" into English and published it in 1980, according to "Art at Kerr Library." The book can be checked out from the Valley Library.

The statue remains outside of the Valley Library, a quiet reminder of love for one's homeland.

As Alexander Matuska said, "When we begin to pick this nut from its shell, we see that Kukucín's simplicity is not so simple."

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A statue of Martin Kukucín stands outside Valley Library. The bronze work is one of three replicas in the world.

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logo, while the orange helmet has numbers on the side.

The all-orange look was the biggest hit for the football players.

"The orange [uniforms] are clean," said Kevin Cummings, wide receiver on the football team. "We have to bring those out against USC and the big boys."

Athletes from all sports were excited with what they saw.

"Everything's awesome," said Alyssa Martin, guard on the women's basketball team. "The logo's cool, the uniforms are light and fit really well. It's a step in the right direction."

"I love them," said Roberto Nelson, guard

on the men's basketball team. "I wish we could wear them right now."

De Carolis emphasized the two biggest purposes for the rebranding of OSU: creating a classic and contemporary look fans can be proud to wear and recruiting.

As Cooks said, it's a young life and everybody wants the flashy uniforms. Having the attention rebranding will attract is crucial toward enticing high school players of all sports to come to Oregon State.

too, did not commit. Accused of murdering his wife in 1985, the case against Wilhoit was built on faulty forensic evidence.

His parents hired a top defense attorney whose alcoholism impaired his ability to deliver the defense in court.

As Wilhoit recalls, the judge said to him, "You are to die by lethal injection. If that fails, we'll electrocute you. If the power goes out, we'll hang you. And if the rope breaks we'll take you out back and shoot you."

Through several appeals with the help of a newly assigned attorney, the faulty forensics were ultimately rejected and

"When guys see this, they know that we're up there with the other teams that are trying to be flashy," Cummings said. "They'll know that we're winning games, we're doing good in that part of the game. Now, we're going out there and looking good."

This university-wide rebranding will shine the spotlight on Oregon State in the upcoming year, but players want to make sure their on-field performance will match the hype.

"We have a lot of expectations now," Cummings said. "We have to make those look good."

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Kevin Cummings
OSU wide receiver

DEATH PENALTY

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of the real killer 16 years after Meléndez-Colón was sentenced to death, he would have been executed. It also came to light that the prosecutor had withheld exculpatory evidence.

Since his release from death row in 2002, Juan has shared his story of supreme injustice, survival and hope with tens of thousands of people in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Wilhoit, from Tulsa, Okla., spent five years of his life on death row for a crime he,

Wilhoit was found innocent in 1993. Greg lost eight years of his life, the opportunity to raise his two daughters, his livelihood, and his physical and mental health. He now serves as an advocate in the effort to end the death penalty in the United States.

"I think this will be really fascinating, because often people don't think of the fact that someone [on death row] may be innocent," Newell said.

The presentation is free and open to the OSU student body and general public.

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Calendar

Tuesday, Mar. 5

Meetings

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211
Socratic Book Club, 7-8pm, MU Talisman Room. Reading and discussion group studying Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World." The discussion will focus on the chapters 4, 5 and 6. Open to the public.

Events

Pride Center, 4-5:30pm, Pride Center. Tea & Topics: Come enjoy tea and discuss a wide range of topics!
Women's Center, 4-6pm, Women's Center. A representative from CAPS and a nutritionist will talk about healthy eating habits and how to maintain low stress levels, especially around finals.

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.

Women's Center, 5-7pm, Women's Center. Movie Night - two movies, When the Bough Breaks and We Always Resist. Discussion to follow.

Friday, Mar. 8

Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: OSU Clarinet Mafia.

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.

Monday, Mar. 11

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.

Tuesday, Mar. 12

Meetings

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Events

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

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.

The Asian Pacific Cultural Center, 5-7pm, The Asian Pacific Cultural Center. Deadweek Feast: Providing study and focus tips for students along with a full meal.

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Editorial

University wrong to give exception

Oregon State University decided, on Feb. 27, to allow select Greek life organizations to participate in the First Year Experience program. We respect this decision, but we do not agree with it.

Being that this is an editorial representative of the majority opinion of the editorial staff — apparently it has been unclear as to what an editorial is — we have the freedom to disagree with the university.

If the 25 eligible organizations wish to apply to participate in Oregon State's First Year Experience program, they must first write a letter of intent by April 1. The university will set the deadline for applications, though it is clear those expressing intent must complete the applications during the summer so Oregon State can present the organizations to incoming students next year.

It's a good thing Greeks are particularly gifted when it comes to raising money. The application itself — without guarantee of being included in the First Year Experience program — costs \$10,000. This number is an estimate based off the assumption that 15 organizations will participate. Once an organization is approved, it must pay \$15,000 annually.

Again, these numbers could vary depending on how many organizations participate. Overall, the total cost projection for organizations wishing to participate is around \$400,000. It's nice to know Oregon State will let you play in the playground if you have a big enough checkbook.

Despite the many opinions we've received via letter to the editor or the opinions we've confronted in classes, at work or walking down the street, we still don't think Greek life should have an exception to the First Year Experience program.

If the university is going to create a new program and create new rules, it should apply them to everyone. Special groups should not get special privileges. What does this say about our university when those with enough money are able to sway policy here?

In many colleges throughout the country fraternities and sororities rush during the spring, and it works well for them. Perhaps giving new freshmen extra time to explore the university and what fraternities and sororities have to offer will result in better, stronger groups.

When freshmen arrive at OSU, the first thing they should do is become familiar with Oregon State. Seeing how the dorms works, being around others experiencing it for the first time, eating in the dining centers, exploring the campus, visiting Student Health Services for a checkup because it's free and mapping out the route to classes are all part of the first year experience. Many freshmen learn about Greek life while they live in residence halls, and this extra time would help fraternities and sororities recruit the best men and women.

That is why we don't think Greek life should have an exception to the First Year Experience program. But, hey, if Greeks are willing to write the check, why shouldn't Oregon State cash it?

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Women need to enter race, Rosoff charged again

Even in one day, the election field is narrowing and growing. I followed up with some of the people mentioned in yesterday's column and got some updates, including another name to add to the list of those running.

NEW FACES, NEW CHARGES AND ONE LEAVING THE RACE

Brandon Southward — Apparently, Southward is much more serious about running for president than I thought.

"I'm definitely seriously considering running for president right now," Southward said. "I'm talking to some people to see if it would even be viable, but count me in for now — unofficially, of course."

Southward, former editor-in-chief of the Barometer and a political science major, could really bring a new element to the election. He is an ASOSU outsider, but he knows how the system works. Either as vice president or running his own campaign, he could be a powerful figure in Snell Hall.

Matt Palm — Palm told me he unfortunately won't be attending OSU next year, so we can rule him out of the running. Which is a little sad really, I was sort of looking forward to a Francis Urquhart/Francis Underwood style of leadership — minus all the murder, of course.

Jeffrey Evans — Evans is running for president this year as well, which I wasn't aware of Sunday. Evans has been an ever-constant thorn in the OSU administration's side the last few years, agitating for accessibility and Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, and has been president of the Able Students Alliance.

Evans is abrasive, a bit of curmud-

geon, doesn't like compromise and has no qualms about picking fights with university officials — or whoever for that matter. He could be a powerful voice in getting the university to comply with ADA, but I'm not sure how he is going to be able to build a campaign team or get his name out to constituents to win. Also, if he does win, I imagine some incredibly awkward OSU cabinet meetings up on the sixth floor of Kerr.

Nick Rosoff — The elections committee is calling Rosoff to appear again before them on Wednesday at 8 a.m. An email sent by ASOSU Vice President Dan Cushing yesterday said the committee will review "the materials you provided at your event last Friday at the NAL regarding elected and appointed positions in ASOSU."

It looks like Rosoff hasn't been able to keep his nose clean, and considering he was almost disqualified last week, I wouldn't be surprised if the committee really cracks the whip this time. If he wants to have any chance of staying in this election and having a chance to run or be on the ballot at all, he needs to keep a low profile between now and April 1. And that would mean following the mandates of the election committee.

ELECTIONS RULES, ARE THEY GOOD?

While Rosoff is obviously violating the election rules and the parameters

the committee set for him, are those rules really enforceable? And why is the committee singling out Rosoff?

Rosoff is being silly by flouting the election's rules, but at least he is open and honest about it. The other campaigns are putting together campaign teams, feeling out the terrain and planning moves, whether that is picking a running mate or getting a campaign manager. What the other campaigns are doing behind closed doors and on the sly, at least Rosoff is being honest about. And can we really fault him for admitting doing what everyone else is obviously doing?

Perhaps the rules should be changed. Why can't candidates start campaigning until April 1? Two weeks is impossible to put together a campaign and make a run for the presidency, and anyone who isn't starting to put a team together now is going to lose. So, instead of pretending it isn't happening and punishing the one person who is at least being honest about it, maybe the rules should change.

WOMEN CANDIDATES STEP UP

After writing my column yesterday, I realized there was something severely lacking from the lists of candidates I provided — women. And it is sad that among those openly considering running none are women.

I'm not sure how to fix it, but women should seriously consider running for office. There are many viable women out there, and they need to jump on a great opportunity like ASOSU president. But, that's for them to decide.

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Drew Pellis

Can't trust Congress to make decisions

Recently, the sequester has been a big topic. Congress has been debating the sequester in an effort to strike a deal to avoid the "catastrophic" problems we would otherwise face. The political left says without an agreement, cuts would send us into another recession and people wouldn't be able to eat. The right says that without coming to an agreement, the military would face huge cuts, leaving us vulnerable to attacks.

But the sequester isn't alone in topics debated by Congress this year. As the calendar approached Jan. 1, Congress was debating the debt ceiling to avoid the fiscal cliff. We technically went over the fiscal cliff since a deal wasn't made by Jan. 1.

When we "went over the fiscal cliff," nothing happened. The earth didn't collapse inward. The sun didn't burn out. And with the sequester, we don't have anything to worry about either.

But the real questions and debates shouldn't center on whether Congress will make an agreement in time, or which side is correct about the repercussions if a deal isn't made.

The real question we should ask is, "Why does the decision of only 535 congressmen in Washington, D.C., control what happens to all 300 million people in the country?"

Why do we rely on Congress? Are we too stupid as individuals to make decisions on our own? We can't decide for ourselves what to pay for? Does the government really know best and should tax us, or build things for the "common good?"

Congress, and other government employees as well, don't have special knowledge the people don't have. The government doesn't know the exact input for an economy to produce the best output. Individuals know what is best for themselves, not legislators in Washington, D.C.

We don't ask the right questions about politics or the government for a reason. We don't ask the right questions because the government "educates" us. The government doesn't "educate" the people to make them smarter. They took over education to indoctrinate the people.

If the government controls information, we will never learn true history, but an abridged version approved by our wise overlords. Ever heard of the depression of 1920-1921? Most likely not. In 1920, the economy experienced a huge decline, but President Harding, although not a pure non-interventionist, did not intervene in the economy much. Within a year and a half, the economy returned to pre-depression levels.

With the government in charge of education, we don't, and we won't, hear about that. The government will not tell us about how their lack of action actually made the economy turn around quicker.

Government is not the answer, only the problem. One small group of people doesn't know what's best for everyone. The only special knowledge congressmen have over citizens is the knowledge to get elected and re-elected.

The government only teaches us about how great it is, that it saved America from the Great Depression under Former President Franklin Roosevelt. Roosevelt did not save the country though; he made it worse. The taxing, the government spending, only inhibited a quick recovery. Roosevelt took office in 1933, while most main-

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Beaver Tweet of the Day

"I AM IN LOVE WITH THE NEW UNIFORMS"

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Special energy surrounding rebranding

I was sandwiched within a group of eight-12 football players toward the front rows of lined seating in the Alumni Center during the rebranding ceremony last night.

Sophomores Sean Mannion and Dylan Wynn sat two rows to the front of me. Junior wide receiver Kevin Cummings was directly in front of me, and sophomore running backs Terron Ward and Tyler Anderson sat two seats to my left.

Football head coach Mike Riley and baseball head coach Pat Casey sat three or four rows in front of Mannion and Wynn.

I could tell they had no idea what to expect. No one did.

Looking around the room, which probably sat around 300 people, it was impossible to ignore the large audience.

Every single seat was filled and there were at least 100 people standing along the walls. Additional people who showed up for the event were ushered across the street to watch on the JumboTron in Gill Coliseum.

As former Oregon State basketball player Lamar Hurd, OSU athletic director Bob De Carolis and vice president and creative director for Nike football and baseball Todd Van Horne all talked about the new duds, people began to stir. Everyone was anxious, we wanted to finally see it.

You could feel the energy in the room.

When the speeches were finished and the athletes for each sport came out one by one, that energy continued to grow. Each sport seemed to have better jerseys than the last.

Soon all that was left was football. The tension level climaxed as Rashaad Reynolds, Brandin Cooks and D.J. Alexander walked out from behind the curtain.

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Junior cornerback Rashaad Reynolds, sophomore wide receiver Brandin Cooks and linebacker D.J. Alexander show off Oregon State's new look Monday night at the Alumni Center.



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Tom Van Horne, VP and creative director for Nike football and baseball, and Bob De Carolis, OSU athletic director, shake hands before the big reveal.



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OSU uniforms combine old with new

When I walked into the Alumni Center to watch the so-called "ReBeaving" ceremony, I was worried.

Oregon State's entire brand was at the hands of Nike, the multinational corporation responsible for the Day-Glo fashion show at that other school down south. I was worried what that could mean for Beaver Nation.

I had visions of robo-Beavers, jerseys busied with a variety of unnecessary insignia and an overall OSU aesthetic that wasn't true to the old school Beaver way.

I left the Alumni Center pleasantly surprised. OSU got it right.

Although most teams were on display on Monday night, it's the football jerseys that set the tone for the entire rebranding process.

Players' numbers on football helmets, a Fiesta Bowl era cursive "Beavers," and socks that read "Hip Hip Hooray." The rebranding wanted to combine Beaver tradition with a modern and technologically advanced look to create a new visual identity that was inherently Oregon State.

They did just that. "If you take the Terry Baker era and what that represented, especially the only Heisman trophy winner from the state of Oregon; what a powerful history that is," said Todd Van Horne, vice president and creative director of Nike football and baseball. "You have to take that into account and bring it forward and continue to tell that story, and I think if you look at the uniform designs, you see definite nods back to that period, that era, that time."

Oregon State athletics has always been about substance over style. The beaver itself is one of the most hard working, tenacious animals on the planet. There is a reason beavers have been chosen to represent the state of

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Former OSU running back Malcolm Agnew to transfer to Southern Illinois

■ **Sophomore running back Malcolm Agnew announced he will leave Oregon State**

By **Warner Strausbaugh**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sophomore running back Malcolm Agnew of the Oregon State football team announced Monday he will no longer be a Beaver.

Agnew has opted to transfer to Southern Illinois University, a Football Championship Series program that plays in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"It was hard," Agnew said. "I love this school, I love Beaver Nation and I love my teammates. It was a really hard decision because I invested a lot in the place."

After breaking out in the first game of his collegiate career as a freshman — 223 yards and three touchdowns against Sacramento State on Sept. 3, 2011 — it went downhill for Agnew.

Limited with nagging hamstring injuries, Agnew only played in five games for the rest of the 2011 season. He was still the team's leading rusher that year, with 423 yards and five touchdowns.

Heading into the 2012 season, it was a race between him and redshirt freshman Storm Woods for the starting running back position.

Woods won the job and kept it. Agnew was the backup running back, but eventually got passed over by sophomore Terron Ward, and was subjected to special teams duties and being third in the pecking order for carries.

"No one likes to slip on the depth chart," Agnew said. "It was the longest season of my life."

Agnew only saw double-digit carries in three games in 2012 — against Wisconsin, Washington State and Nicholls State — and was third on the team in rushing attempts.

He saw his carries go down from 89 to 63 from 2011 to 2012, and after Ward's emergence against Arizona State, received only 13 carries in the final four Pac-12 games.

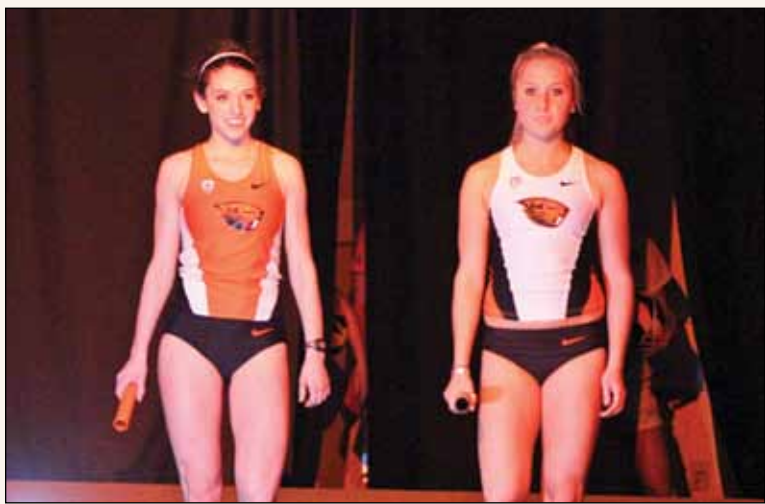
In the final three conference games, he did not even see the field in two key games for the Beavers — against Stanford and Oregon — and only had six carries against California, all in the fourth quarter of a blowout.

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Sophomore Malcolm Agnew received 11 carries in the win over Wisconsin on Sept. 8, 2012. Agnew was the third-string running back by the end of the season, and decided to transfer to Southern Illinois.



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What did you think of the rebranding?



“We’re a unique sport because we wear so many different combinations. We’re one of those sports that will have a lot of creativity with the uniforms. It’s going to be fun.”

Pat Casey
Baseball head coach



“I’m in love with the all-white uniform, that’s my favorite one by far.”

Kevin Cummings
OSU wide receiver



“I love the uniforms, but I think the logo is going to have to grow on me a little bit.”

Gale Borde
Corvallis resident, season-ticket holder



“I actually really like them. I saw the spoiler online, but it’s nothing like it was online so I really liked them.”

Shahana Ahmad
Freshman, sociology



“I thought it was awesome. I’m liking the new football gloves ... as well as the uniforms for all the sports. I really like the new logo. I think it’s modernizing our brand.”

Josue Morales
Sophomore, business marketing

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"I learned how to be a good teammate through it all," Agnew said. "You have to swallow your pride and just really root for the guys."

Woods winning the job over Agnew may have proven awkward, as they were roommates their freshman year and grew to be close friends in their time here.

But Agnew didn't let it faze him, he embraced it instead. "I really learned to root for Storm," Agnew said. "It actually brought us closer. When I won the job as a freshman, he was my biggest fan. So when he won the job, it was my turn to do the same for him."

Losing playing time was the main factor that led to Agnew's decision to leave OSU. He chose SIU because it was close to home.

Carbondale, Ill., is just a 114-mile drive to his hometown of Chesterfield, Mo.

Another reason behind joining the Salukis is joining forces with his brother, Ray Agnew, a senior fullback on the team.

Nothing's ever given to me. They see me as being 'their guy,' but I have to go and earn it just like I would anywhere else in the country.

Malcolm Agnew
Former OSU running back

"When we were in high school together, we had a chance to [play together], but we never did," Agnew said. "I'm really looking forward to that and think we could really do some damage together."

Agnew had been to Southern Illinois games in the past to see his brother, and is acquainted with the coaches.

He's also familiar with Cleve McLeod, SIU's head strength and conditioning coach, who spent four years as an assistant before taking a job with the Salukis.

Aside from the teammates, friends and fans Agnew leaves behind, his girlfriend, Amanda, a sophomore at OSU, is who he'll miss the most.

"She's been very understanding," Agnew said. "She actually wanted me to leave, because she saw I kind of was not really myself ... She realized the toll it was taking on me. She wants the best for me, and wherever I'm happy, she's happy."

Agnew will leave OSU at the conclusion of winter term and has to take spring term off. He'll join the Salukis for summer workouts.

It's clear this was a big catch for SIU, and Agnew hopes to be the starting running back with his brother blocking right in front of him.

"Nothing's ever given to me," Agnew said. "They see me as being 'their guy,' but I have to go and earn it just like I would anywhere else in the country."

Agnew ran for 692 yards and six touchdowns on 152 carries in his two years at Oregon State.

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Oregon and this university. OSU produces farmers and engineers, the football team has turned walk-ons into national award winners, and the 2006 baseball team is the only team to lose two games in the College World Series and still win it.

The new OSU brand has captured that tenacious identity. Although the new Beaver logo itself looks a little too similar to the Portland State Viking for my taste, I think the overall package presented on Monday night is the exact direction Oregon State needs to go in.

A brand is defined as the name, term, design, symbol or any other feature that identifies one seller's goods or services as distinct from those of other sellers. At the end of the day, college athletics, and universities in general, are a business. Oregon State's rebranding captures who the Beavers are — and identifies them as a unique entity almost to a T.

My main worry about this entire rebranding process was that OSU would move in the wrong direction. I wanted to see uniforms from the "Giant Killers" era, and the simplicity that embodied the jerseys worn by the Beavers when they won the Fiesta Bowl. I've lived through the "sports bra" era of jerseys, worn by those like Yvenson Bernard, and I was worried what would happen when OSU let Nike have another stab at it.

My fears were quelled when, in the grand finale of the rebrand fashion show, DJ. Alexander walked out in an all-white football uniform that would have made Dee Andros, former OSU football coach and athletic director, proud.

"The thing that [Andros] would appreciate, if he was here and he could look back, is that there are some elements from the Giant Killers that are right here in these uniforms," said OSU football head coach Mike Riley. "I was here for the Giant Killers, I watched as a kid, and those stripes down the helmet are right on line with that."

The best part of the new uniforms is the font. Oregon State doesn't need some fancy font that shows off the latest and greatest in



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Junior cornerback Rashaad Reynolds holds up the new Oregon State logo at the rebranding ceremony last night.

graphic design. Block letters and numbers represent that lunch pail mentality and hard work that are Beaver athletics.

Junior basketball player Roberto Nelson recognized the new basketball jerseys gave a nod to the past as well. The era when Ralph Miller was smoking cigarettes in Gill Coliseum and the times when Gary Payton was on the cover of Sports Illustrated are woven into the fabric of the new Beaver basketball uniforms.

"I like the orange ones especially, because it kind of brings back the history of Oregon State with the 'OSU' across the chest," Nelson said.

The new design is about as good as it can get. You can't please everyone, but by respecting the past and representing the future, OSU's rebrand is a positive move.

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The football players around me erupted, literally jumping out of their seats when they saw what they'd be wearing next season. They were all ecstatic.

"They look clean," Alexander said. "It's not too much and it's not too little."

Even the usually stoic Casey was all smiles.

"It's going to be fun," Casey said. "I think that logo will look pretty good when you're on national TV, playing in a big game."

While the initial reaction from the general public to the leaked Beaver logo was mostly negative, it seems that reaction has been replaced by a new one

— a positive one.

"The logo's really grown on me," said OSU student Jordan Lichty. "Actually seeing it on the jerseys was dope."

The older generations of Beaver Nation were impressed too.

"I love the new look," said 1972 OSU alumnus Doug Schultz. "I was a little skeptical at first, but I really like it. A lot of it is old school."

As the players decked out in their new uniforms walked around the stage, and various media scrambled for interviews, the initial energy I sensed still remained.

It was an energy level I honestly hadn't felt since the 2009 football season, when OSU nearly went to the Rose Bowl. I hadn't even felt last night's

level of energy during the 6-0 start this year.

There's no question, there is a renewed excitement among the fan base and the athletes.

On the surface, rebranding and unveiling new uniforms isn't that big of a deal. You would think it's nothing more than a glorified fashion show. But, while new apparel won't make OSU athletics magically better just by putting them on, this rebranding meant something.

After a disappointing finish to the football season, down years in men's and women's soccer and a surprisingly bad basketball season thus far, this is exactly what Oregon State needed.

Sports at OSU have been re-energized, even if it is only because of new jerseys.

From watching everything unfold last night, I got the feeling something had somehow changed. The old cliché, "look good, play good," suddenly seemed to have some truth to it.

No, the change of apparel won't solve the quarterback controversy or fix men's basketball's late-game troubles, but it could impact recruiting and the overall confidence level of OSU athletes.

During De Carolis' speech, he emphasized one thing above everything else. "Really, it's about the three R's: Recruiting, recruiting, recruiting."

Whether it's a good reason or not, uniforms are a legitimate

selling point for high school athletes these days. Every athlete I spoke with said uniforms would have had a significant impact on their recruiting process.

"Young guys like looking clean," Alexander said. "Oregon has all those uniforms and it pops. When recruits look at that they get excited and they want to be a part of that."

Oregon's De'Anthony Thomas once said he had never even heard of the Ducks until he saw their jerseys. No doubt Nike and all the jersey combinations played a role in his recruitment.

The rebranding makes OSU's student athletes proud to wear the orange and black. The majority of them aren't from Oregon. They don't necessarily know the strong tradition.

Oregon State has never been a "cool" school like Oregon, Miami, or Virginia Tech, but that may change now.

If nothing else, it's another step in the right direction. Overall, athletics at OSU have improved as a whole in the last decade.

Rebranding could accelerate that trend even further.

So while last night might not seem like anything special, don't be fooled. If the energy I felt last night carries over to the field even a little, it could mean great things for Oregon State sports.

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Little immediate impact from cuts, but another showdown looms

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Congress returned to work on Monday amid the first full week of forced spending cuts, with President Barack Obama and Republicans sticking to deeply entrenched positions that have caused a series of showdowns manufactured by Washington politics.

Most predicted impacts of the \$85 billion in cuts that took effect on Friday night — such as unpaid furloughs for government workers — won't be evident until April at the earliest, officials say.

But some impacts were already being felt.

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told reporters that customs lines for passengers arriving from overseas at some international airports over the weekend were longer than usual due to the spending cuts.

At New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, more than 50 flights had wait times exceeding two hours and 14 were over three hours, according to Jenny Burke, a spokeswoman for Customs and Border Protection.

"These wait times are not typical for this time period, and are related to decreased booth staffing," Burke told CNN.

In Cody, Wyoming, the local chamber of commerce said Yellowstone National Park will delay the opening of its North and West entrances by a week until April 26, and its East, South and Northeast entrances by two weeks until mid-to-late May due to the impact budget cuts will have on snow removal. The delay will cost related businesses several million dollars, according to the group's estimates.

At an education conference in Washington, school superintendents outlined the impact of the federal government's latest

fiscal saga on their operations, which included job cuts in some cases.

Susan Smit, a superintendent in Wagner, South Dakota, said her district prepared last year in anticipation of reduced federal funding.

"We had to make the cuts," Smit said, noting that changes included reduced health benefits and staff members who were not rehired.

Meanwhile, the partisan rhetoric by both sides seeking to cast blame on the other continued unabated, signaling continued political brinksmanship over tax and spending issues beginning with the March 27 deadline for Congress to authorize funding to run the government until the current fiscal year ends on September 30.

In a first salvo by House Republicans on Monday, their proposal for the government funding measure — known as a continuing resolution — sought to soften the impact of the spending cuts on defense and security spending.

Under the proposal unveiled by House Appropriations Committee Chairman Hal Rogers, R-Kentucky, the total government spending for the fiscal year would adhere to the figure negotiated by Obama and Congress minus the cuts.

However, the proposal would allow Pentagon officials to shift funding to protect top priority programs, and also include provisions to maintain FBI and border security spending.

In addition, it would prohibit any spending for transferring terrorism suspects from the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, detention facility or for renovating a mainland prison to accept such detainees — a political issue rather

than a core spending matter.

House Speaker John Boehner, the top Republican negotiator on fiscal issues, told NBC's "Meet the Press" in an interview broadcast Sunday that he was "hopeful" for a funding agreement to prevent a partial government shutdown on March 27.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell offered a similar prediction on CNN, saying, "I believe we're going to be able to work out passing the continuing resolution later in March on a bipartisan basis through both the House and the Senate."

In reaction to Boehner's comments, the White House issued a statement that stressed its support for a continuing resolution that is "clean" from unrelated items.

It said Congress should act separately to replace the forced spending cuts with alternatives

that will be less harmful to the economy.

Obama made clear Friday that the current law requires cuts this fiscal year, which are the first installment of about \$1 trillion in spending reductions over the next decade, to be reflected in the continuing resolution to fund the government.

At his first Cabinet meeting of his second term on Monday, the president warned of impending hardship from the forced spending cuts.

"We're going to do our best to make sure that our agencies have the support they need to try to make some very difficult decisions, understanding that there are going to be families and communities that are hurting and that this will slow our growth," Obama said. "It will mean lower employment in the United States

than otherwise would have been, but we can manage through it."

In the NBC interview, Boehner said he was uncertain if the forced cuts — known in Washington jargon as sequestration — would hurt the economy, as predicted by Obama, economists and most Democrats and Republicans.

Boehner argued in a recent op-ed that the cuts would threaten "U.S. national security, thousands of jobs and more," but he told NBC that "I don't think anyone quite understands how the sequester is really going to work."

Obama had argued at a news conference on Friday — a few hours before he signed an order implementing the mandatory cuts — that any resulting harm to the economy would be the fault of GOP intransigence.

"Every time that we get a piece of economic news over the next

month, next two months, next six months, as long as the sequester is in place, we'll know that that economic news could have been better," he said then.

The two sides remain ideologically opposed on how to reduce the nation's chronic federal deficits and debt.

Republicans seek to shrink the size of government to lower costs, while Democrats argue some new tax revenue is necessary to maintain the social safety net that protects the elderly, disabled and impoverished.

Polls show the public is about as politically divided as its leaders. While most Americans support a deficit reduction plan that includes spending cuts and increased revenue, as well as entitlement reforms, there is little agreement on the formula for such a package.

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stream education says the Depression ended in World War II. Interestingly though, this false notion that World War II ended the Great Depression takes place in 1941, when the United States entered the war. Roosevelt held office for eight years before the economy is said to have improved.

And we see the same interventionist policies today. Regarding the 2007-2008 recession, the government, under both Former President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama, has tried to combat recession with government policies. Both have used bailouts, expanded

the power of federal government and held back any recovery.

The policies worked "so well" in the '30s that the Depression wasn't over until after World War II. The policies have worked "so well" now that we still are significantly below pre-recession levels.

In school, we have classes about the government and how to navigate it. We have classes on how a bill becomes a law. We have classes on how to comply with the Securities Exchange Commission. But we don't have classes on economic harmonies. We don't have classes on the nonaggression principle. The government only teaches us what it wants us to know.

The government tells us we're all equal — except for government officials. The government is special and doesn't have to

follow the law. Penalties for breaking the laws that protect the government are more severe than those for crimes committed against an individual. The government will get you for not paying taxes, for not registering for the draft, even though you haven't hurt someone.

The government has no clue what to do in any situation. The only right move is to stay out of the way; we can't rely on government to make decisions for us. We need to start making our own choices, and not look to government. We don't need the government. We shouldn't want the government.

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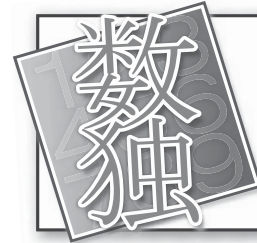
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Yesterday's Solution

Oberlin College in Ohio cancels classes Monday to address racial incidents

(CNN) — Oberlin College in Ohio suspended classes Monday after a student reported seeing a person resembling a Ku Klux Klan member near the college's Afrikan Heritage House.

The sighting of the person wearing a white hood and robe was reported early Monday morning and follows a string of recent hate incidents on Oberlin's campus that have ignited shock and confusion among the student body.

"Since the beginning, there's been anger, frustration, sadness and fear, but we've been working toward a concentrated effort toward change," said Eliza Diop, 20, a politics and Africana Studies major who serves on the college student senate and is a resident of the Afrikan Heritage House, which offers programs focused on the African diaspora, according to the college's website.

Oberlin College is a small liberal arts college in Oberlin, Ohio, with almost 3,000 students. An emergency meeting among the college's officials was immediately called after

the report.

In lieu of classes, college administrators asked students, faculty and staff to "gather for a series of discussions of the challenging issues that have faced our community in recent weeks," a statement on Oberlin's website said.

"We hope today will allow the entire community — students, faculty, and staff — to make a strong statement about the values that we cherish here at Oberlin: inclusion, respect for others, and a strong and abiding faith in the worth of every individual," the statement said.

The programming included a campuswide teach-in led by Meredith Gadsby, an associate professor and chairwoman of the Africana Studies Department; a collective demonstration of solidarity, including musical performances by campus groups and speeches by campus leaders; and a community convocation entitled "We Stand Together."

Gadsby has been teaching at Oberlin since 2000 and

was notified of the incident at 3 a.m., just hours after the sighting was reported.

"I am worried about the students who have been made to feel incredibly unsafe and still feel targeted," Gadsby told CNN Monday.

The reported sighting of KKK regalia is the latest in a spate of incidents on Oberlin's campus. According to an incident report provided by the Oberlin Police Department, 15 hate-related events have been reported in the last month alone.

Police have not yet been able to substantiate the reports of the alleged KKK regalia sighting.

"We're looking into it and we're trying to talk to other students to see if we can verify the incident," said Oberlin Police Sgt. David Jasinski.

The other incidents have included several posters containing multiple racial slurs and other derogatory statements targeting various student communities placed around campus. Other reports include various fliers placed around campus containing

racist, anti-Semitic and homophobic language and swastika graffiti.

"The frequency of these reports is astounding," Gadsby said. "Over the past four weeks, there has been a concentration of bias incidents in such a short period of time. I have no idea why this happened, no idea who the culprits are, no idea where this is coming from. Students are saying this is not what they came to Oberlin to experience."

Shimon Brand, Hillel director at Oberlin for more than 30 years, noted that these types of incidents were "exceedingly out of the ordinary" but that students have worked together to address the incident.

"Instead of students acting as victims, they reacted through understanding and engagement. There's a real sense of sadness and anger, but solidarity that there's work to be done," he said.

Chris Landers, 21, an English major and co-editor-in-chief of the college's newspaper, the Oberlin Review, said the paper has welcomed

letters to the editor and has asked people to contact the staff with any incident reports to encourage dialogue from all groups on campus.

"We value every member of Oberlin. We know we're not the perfect place, but we strive to be an inclusive place. We want Oberlin to be a place where every member of every community feels valued and feels that they have a legitimate voice," he said.

These incidents are being investigated by both Oberlin College security and the Oberlin Police Department.

Scott Wargo, director of media relations for the college, said, "No official disciplinary action has been taken."

No official charges have been filed.

But Jasinski said that two students had been removed.

"It's an ongoing investigation. At this time, college security caught a couple of students. Two students have been removed from campus," Jasinski said.

Vicki Anderson, special agent for the FBI's Cleveland

Division, said, "We have been made aware of the incidents and we have been in contact with the Oberlin Police Department and will continue to assess the situation accordingly."

Gadsby still feels that Oberlin can be a model for other campuses that have dealt with hate-related incidents. She hopes students will continue to mobilize and share information with law enforcement.

"It's good to be made uncomfortable; it strengthens our resolve," she said. "These incidents don't just happen at small liberal arts colleges. These moments are important for students to engage in the theories that we teach and put them into practice."

For students, it's a reminder that they need to remain vigilant in their fight against hate on their campus.

"Racism is still here. It may not be as visible as it was 50 years ago, but it's still visible. We still need to fight it, even in 2013," Diop said. "I want us to remember that hate is unproductive. Love reigns supreme."

Dominican woman says she was paid to say she had sex with U.S. senator Robert Menendez

(CNN) — After asserting in a video that U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez had paid her for sex, a Dominican woman now says she was paid to make those claims and has never met the New Jersey Democrat, a court document states.

According to a notarized document, Nexis de los Santos Santana said she was filmed without her knowledge when she claimed to have had sex with Menendez.

"I am the person in the video, that is me, and those are my words, but this statement is not true," Santana said. "I never agreed to

be recorded."

Menendez has vigorously defended himself against claims by unidentified accusers. In addition to criticism over accepting unreported plane flights and allegedly advocating on behalf of a business, he was accused of partying with prostitutes in the Dominican Republic — accusations he said were "unsubstantiated."

"The bottom line is all those smears are absolutely false," Menendez told CNN on February 4.

The confession document was presented at a press conference Monday by lawyer Vinicio Castillo, who said Santana was recruited to make the claims against Menendez by another lawyer, Dr. Miguel Galvan.

Galvan, in a notarized confession, pins the blame on a third lawyer, who Galvan said asked him to assist in a divorce case by finding "witnesses" to claim they had sex for money with Menendez.

CNN has attempted to reach both the lawyers who allegedly recorded the escort making the claims against Menendez, but has not yet received a response.

Questions revolve around his relationship with Salomon Melgen, the Florida man who owned a plane Menendez admits having flown three times — once on official Senate business, and twice for personal reasons — to the Dominican Republic in 2010.

Melgen, his wife, Flor, and his daughter, Melissa, have been generous donors to Menendez, his fellow Democrats and related causes in recent years. Castillo is Melgen's cousin and spokesman.

In January, Menendez paid approximately \$58,500 to Melgen for the flights he took in 2010, chalking up the lapse in payment to his busy schedule.

In January, Menendez told CNN the claims he'd partied with prostitutes were "absolutely false," calling the allegations "smears."

A law enforcement official said last week the FBI was continuing to "pursue all leads" surrounding the Menendez allegations, including the prostitution charges.

The same law enforcement source said federal agents had gone to the Dominican Republic in hopes of finding the women who claimed to have had sex with Menendez, but that the women had not yet been located.

The video of Santana claiming she had sex with Menendez for money originally appeared on the Daily Caller, a conservative website. The video features a second escort.

In her statement Monday, Santana said she was told she would be paid well for reading the script. Both she and Galvan requested legal protection in making their confessions.

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