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SPORTS, PAGE 4: OSU SWEEPS TEXAS STATE, **REMAINS PERFECT**





ALEX MILLER | THE DAILY BAROMETER Keith Nishida prepares for a photo shoot for DAMchic Magazine. Nishida is an instructor in OSU's school of design and human environment.



DAMchic magazine goes from a hands-on assignment to an attention-grabbing publication

By Gabriella Morrongiello THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last summer, eight students enrolled in the school of design and environment's class, DHE 299, hoping to learn and explore the elements of fashion styling. Instead of tradi-tional lectures and tedious homework assignments, the three-week course took an unusual hands-on approach.

In the course's first week, instructor Keith Nishida assigned his eight students their final project: Create a fashion magazine. With their sights set high, the students worked tirelessly on the assignment, eventually leading to an end result beyond anything they had originally anticipated.

DAMchic Magazine began as a fictitious class project and developed into a full-time endeavor.

"I wanted to focus not just on personal styling but editorial styling," Nishida said. "The final project for the course was put in the context of a fashion magazine and the rest was history.'

The final product was released on Sept. 6, 2012, and drew more attention than Nishida and his students were expecting. Within one month of the online publication of DAMchic's first issue, the 40-page magazine was nominated by the Portland Fashion and Style Awards for best fashion and style publication.

"It was an honor to be nominated among magazines that have been in existence for years," said Erin Hatley, an OSU senior and editor-in-chief of DAMchic. "These were full-time professionals and we were students doing this for a school project.'

Support from the magazine's readership and Oregon State University community motivated the students to pursue the magazine more seriously and become a Student Sponsored



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Vinay Bikkina and Jeffrey Basinger take photos at Avery Park for DAMchic magazine on March 9.

Organization (SSO) on campus. A general meeting regarding the magazine was held and students looking to get involved with the magazine were asked to fill out an application and attach their resume.

'We received over three dozen applications and, from there, we picked a team of about 25 contributors," Hatley said.

When the original eight students behind DAMchic wanted to become

an SSO, Nishida was happy to volunteer as the faculty adviser. Going from a staff of eight students to more than two-dozen was an unexpected growth spurt, but Nishida believes the magazine's overall potential has increased because of it.

Nishida refers to the staff as his DC (damn chic) angels, and jokes that he is the "Charlie" of it all.

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Cultural exhibit shows 'The Many Faces of Africa' | OSU choirs united in song Africa's savanna grassland, Gallery of Corvallis and Giustina Gallery of Corvallis. More than 60 artists show-

diverse wildlife, tribal ceremonies exhibited at LaSells

By Katherine Choi THE DAILY BAROMETER

Five years ago, Kevin Clark, Tina Green and Bill Shumway, art curators of Kevin Clark Studios, Giustina Gallery and Pegasus Gallery, respectively, decided to put together a cultural art show.

The fourth annual Cultural Connections Exhibit one-night-only reception was held on March 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., at the LaSells Stewart Center.

The three curators from the galleries announced this year's winners and honorable mentions. Two sets of first, second and third place winners were organized for the north and south regions. The Curator's Choice Award went to Wendy Mamattah's "Rhythms of Africa" quilt.

This year's theme focused on "The Many Faces of Africa," and the show is a collaboration of three Oregon galleries: Kevin Clark Studio of Roseburg, Pegasus cased their work at this year's art show. and much of the art is for sale.

'There are zebras in Africa, there are giraffes in Africa, there are cheetahs in Africa," said Carol Young, one of 60 artists at the art show. "I love to [paint] animals."

While Young loves to paint animals, other artists expressed themselves differently.

"The painting is of a dhow boat, a native mission boat, and basically what's happening is there are four children and they're only 10 feet off of the shore, but for them, they're way out there," said James Sampel, who's "African Journey" was the first-place winner for the south region.

Sampel said he wants viewers to be moved by his paintings.

"Whenever you look at any of my paintings, they have been completed in one sitting," Sampel said. "The reason why I do that is because however I'm feeling is coming out on the canvas, and if I were to come back later and touch it, my hand might be off and it might



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More than 60 artists displayed their work at the Cultural Connections Exhibit themed, "The Many Faces of Africa," on March 8.

change the mood of the painting."

Artists like Sampel have never been to Africa, but hope to visit after creating art that resembles African life.

"I would like my artwork to fund

my travel, to then get inspired by other cultures and people and leave a mark there," Sampel said. "Through paint, I think I can touch many more people."

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Bella Voce, Meistersingers, **OSU Glee sing at First United Methodist Church**

By Hannah Johnson THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University's choral groups have distinct ranges and strengths, and all showed their unique repertoires and came together with the other groups last weekend.

The First United Methodist Church in Corvallis hosted Bella Voce, OSU Meistersingers and OSU Glee on Saturday. The choirs united and offered a sampling of each group in individual and cooperative performances.

OSU Glee is a non-auditioned coed choir open to all students. Glee includes students of many different majors and levels of musicality, from beginners to advanced students.

This choir sings a wide range of

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Teeny-tiny Portland park has an itsy-bitsy theft

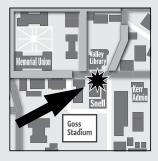
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(CNN) — The last time Mill Ends Park was own park. in the news, it was full of teeny-tiny plastic

According to the parks department, Fagan planted flowers in an unused hole in the median outside his newsroom office way back in 1948

He frequently wrote about it in the years before his death in 1969, frequently weaving in fanciful tales involving O'Toole and other leprechauns, according to numerous accounts of the celebrated little park

The city took it over on St. Patrick's Day in 1976, and good-natured park workers have tended to the tiny plot ever since.

So, on discovering the tree was gone, of course they quickly scraped up \$3.25 for a new one, hurried downtown and planted the replacement before the notoriously fickle-tempered leprechaun could make any trouble, KATU reported.

The new tree is a Douglas fir sapling, CNN affiliate KPTV reported.

"It was important to replace it so the leprechaun there had some shade from the sun," a suitably deferential park official, Mark Ross, told KATU.

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Kevin Clark's preferred medium is woodblock printing. Woodblock printing is a technique for printing images or patterns from a woodcut. This technique was widely used in East Asia, and the medium is still used by many artists today.

"Sometimes it's just an intense feeling or amazing experience, sometimes I don't know, it just turns out," Clark said about his artwork inspirations. "Once I did a hummingbird, but it ended up being a butterfly. Sometimes I start out with something but end up with something totally different."

Today, the annual Cultural Connections Exhibit has become far more than a place where art collectors come to purchase art pieces. It has become a place for cultural immersion and appreciation.

"Many Faces of Africa" will be exhibited now until March 27. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on 875 SW 26th St. on the Oregon State University Campus.

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Recreation Department.

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Melissa Magnuson, a junior at OSU and DAMchic's production assistant director said that while people often think DAMchic is a women's fashion magazine, it features men's fashion too.

police officers, a whole lot of teeny-tiny pro-

test signs, and one scrawny evergreen tree.

inches of it.

That's the kind of place it is, all 452 square

What's billed as the world's smallest park,

It's the site of itty-bitty protests — including

tucked inside a concrete circle just two feet

that 2011 Occupy Portland protest covered by

CNN affiliate KATU - teensy-weensy swim-

ming pools and way small diving boards

- for the diminutive butterflies, of course.

And then, for a short time it seems, some-

one stole its lone tree. The diminutive ever-

green disappeared sometime last week from

the downtown street-corner park, KATU

reported, citing the Portland Parks and

It was more of a crisis than you might

think: The place is also reputedly the home

of leprechaun Patrick O'Toole, whom the

late Oregon Journal columnist Dick Fagan

claimed granted him a wish of having his

across, is a quirky Portland kind of place.

The spring publication will have pieces on health, beauty and fitness," Magnuson said. "There will even

be a pop culture section that includes movie reviews.

"Wanderlust," the theme for the spring issue, is meant to focus on renewal with spring break and the urge to go out and travel.

According gone into developing the spring issue has been collaborative. However, while the magazine's team of editors, executive positions and volunteer contributors work collectively, they also take on responsibilities that correspond to their positions.

"We need the talent director to get the models, the creative director to develop the concept and the photo editor to edit the photos," Magnuson said.

Hatley estimates that, altogether, the staff has easily spent more than 500 hours this term pitching ideas, gathering content and assembling the spring issue. She joked that sometimes she spends more time on the magazine than school.

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The 50-page spring issue is set to be published on DAMchic's Facebook page no later than March 18, and will include a piece on architecture, a section on DIY hair fixes and a profile of a PSU student, Jacob Keller, who won an award for his unique style. In addition to clothes straight from the closets of staff members, the fashion spreads will feature clothing articles

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Keith Nishida,

OSU Instructor

donated by local businesses, such as Second Glance and Gold Crane.

The magazine is currently made possible

through donations and generous local

to Nishida, the work that has vendors, but as of now is still looking for opportunities for funding.

> Nishida dreams of having the magazine available at the OSU Beaver Store in Portland, but is satisfied with what he and the staff have already accomplished.

> "I wanted to foster a creative place where students can develop hands-on experience before they graduate," Nishida said.

Those interested in involvement with DAMchic are encouraged to message via Facebook. The DAMchic Facebook page and online publication can be found at www.facebook.com/ AMchicMagazine.

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music genres and styles and performances include concerts as well as flash mobs around campus. OSU Glee Choir is directed by James Davidson and Jessica McKiernan is the assistant director.

On Saturday, they performed an a cappella arrangement by Pentatonix of the song, "Somebody That I Used to Know," by Gotye, "With a Lily in Your Hand," by Eric Whitacre and "Bohemian Rhapsody," by Freddie Mercury and Queen.

"I was looking forward to the Eric Whitacre song because it is beautiful and I felt that we were going to nail it," said Frank Chiou, a member of the OSU Glee choir.

Bella Voce is a female-only choir directed by Tina Bull, accompanied on the piano by Andrea Black. Erica Westendorf, a graduate teaching assistant, also helps conduct the choir. They performed the songs "Ukuthula," "Bright Morning Stars are Rising" with a solo by soprano Diana Kramer, "For the Beauty of the Earth," "Domini fili unigenite," "Beside Still Waters" and "Wedding Qawwali."

The Bella Voce groups represented a softer and beautiful kind of music.

"My favorite part about performing is the way that the music brings energy," said Amanda Hammond. "A member of Bella Voce. I love the joy you get from singing in a group."

The Meistersingers is a male-only choir directed by Russ Christensen, accompanied on the piano by Elizabeth Atchley, and student-directed by Daniel Fridley.

This choir sung several songs before finishing with "Beaver Medley" and "Fight Song." The Bella Voce and the OSU Glee Choir came back on stage to finish the song with the Meistersingers.

"My favorite part about conducting and performing is watching the guys enjoy themselves singing with a lot of spirit," Christensen said.

Each choir faced its own stumbling blocks in the process of making this concert and the performances were considered a success.

"We had to tackle some difficult literature [and] work hard to improve vocal technique and intonation, but they really focused and pulled through," Christensen said. "I'm proud of their efforts."

> Hannah Johnson, news reporter news@dailybarometer.com

Calendar

Monday, Mar. 11

Events

Campus Recycling, 9am-4pm, Recy cling 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, 9am-6pm, Women's Center, Want a new wardrobe? Want to get rid of that loud sweater that no longer fits? Come to the Clothing Swap!

Tuesday, Mar. 12

Meetings ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Speakers

Premed Society, 2pm, Kidder 128. Speakers from Northwest Acute Care Specialists Scribe Program will talk about job opportunities in Portland.

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 Pacicif Cultural Center. Deadweek Feast: Providing study and focus tips for students along with a full meal

Women's Center, 9am-6pm, Women's Center. Bring what you don't need, score something new!

Wednesday, Mar. 13

Meetings

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211.

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Thursday, Mar. 14

Meetings

College Republicans, 7pm, StAg 107. General meeting

Events

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Music

Women's Center, 9am-6pm, Women's Center. Bring what you don't need, score something new!

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU

Lounge. Music å la Carte: Lark. Irish

Women's Center, 9am-6pm, Women's

Center. Last day to attend Clothing

Swap! Bring what you don't need,

Friday, Mar. 15

score something new!

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Editorial

Dead week at OSU

appy dead week, everyone. In combination with losing an hour thanks to daylight saving time — hope everyone remembered to set their clocks ahead we're a little stressed about finals.

Surely, we're not the only people worrying if we'll pass that class we barely attended. Surely, we're not the only ones having to cram six or so weeks of information into our heads in one week. Surely, we're not alone in losing sleep because that seems to be the only thing we can reasonably give up in order to write that final term paper.

Unfortunately, last-minute cramming isn't the best way to go about passing classes. Nevertheless, we often find ourselves doing just that, especially at this point in the term. It's pointless and counterproductive to kick ourselves for not continuously studying during the term.

Fortunately for the slightly more than 26,000 students, Oregon State University realizes this. The Valley Library will be extending its hours on Friday and Saturday until 1 a.m. The Bexell computer lab hours will also be extended by two hours during dead week.

The Memorial Union has two study rooms designated for those searching for a quiet place. Rooms 110 and 212 will be available during dead week and finals week, including the weekends in between.

In the past, the Valley Library has set up tables in the lobby that displayed numerous coffee and tea containers, which were free for students. This year, we hope to see the same sort of setup it was nice having the hot liquid fuel our late nights at the library.

The Memorial Union also offers free study food for students during finals week. Starting Monday, March 18, expect to find free oranges, bananas and apples throughout the MU.

Unfortunately, it seems the dining centers will not be hosting a moonlight breakfast this term. We remember these late-night refueling breakfasts were just the pick-me-up we needed in the dorms. We wish current dorm members had the opportunity to enjoy them.

Throughout this week and next, Oregon State will host various events that are free for students. Whereas we know you have lecture notes to read over and group projects to perfect, it's never a bad idea to take a break and let vour brain refresh.

Take a walk around campus for 45 minutes on Move it Monday with Beaver Strides. They meet at noon next

Dating in college: Be honest, communicative

ating in college is common for students. We are away from home and feel free to make our own decisions without our parents getting involved.

Yes, it's fun to meet someone new because you think he or she is special and will make you happybut don't get it twisted. It's easy for college students, or anyone, to get involved in an unhealthy relationship. This goes for any relationship – friends, family, Facebook official or unofficial.

Specifically regarding dating, due to our changing social nature and technology, intimate relationships are becoming less "traditional" which leaves a larger window for relationships to be unhealthy. The ways in which we meet people are no longer restricted to meeting through friends or at a low-key event. Students mingle more often at parties where the presence of drugs and alcohol can blur judgments. Students keep in contact over Facebook and through text messages, rather than phone calls or face-to-face interactions.

Relationships are becoming less intimate and less sincere.

Because of this insincerity, it's become common to be involved in a violent relationship — which is a huge problem. There are several factors that come into play when discussing violent behavior; but people often forget violence refers to physical pain, mental pain and emotional pain. Due to the lack of intimate communication in our generation, our judgment as to what is acceptable, and what is

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Masami Wadama **The Daily Barometer** not, has become obscured.

More than 40 percent of college students have been a victim of a violent relationship, according to the July 2008 article "Relationship Violence Common in College.³ The article also stated emotional violence is just as common as sexual violence during college relationships.

Inflicting physical pain, extreme jealousy, belittling in any way, threats or forced sex are all signs of violent relationships, according to Syracuse University and University of Michigan's counseling and sexual assault prevention pages.

The emotional signs in violent relationships, however, are the hardest to catch. If you don't talk to your partner about what makes you feel bad, they won't know. Boundaries have to be set from the beginning, and respect must always be implemented.

Respect, trust and fun times are some things to look forward to in a good relationship. It is the time to do things together that you both enjoy. We need to remember that relationships are supposed to make our lives better, not worse. Communicating regularly leads to trust.

There is absolutely no point in "relationships" you are not willing to put the effort into or ones that make you unhappy.

I hate to say it but it is becoming harder to find someone in col-

The nudists' soccer game was

going well until a clothed

hooligan disrupted play.

AFF Rancom by Ryan Mason

lege worth being committed to. I wouldn't even consider "looking" to be the hardest part. Once you find someone you think is great and you start a relationship, staying in one becomes the harder challenge.

Relationships in college are great, but make sure you do them the right way. If you feel uncomfortable, that should be a red flag. It's up to you and your partner to establish a healthy relationship with each other.

Don't let yourself be involved in something unhealthy, because in the long run, someone is going to get hurt, and it's not worth it.

Know what you want from your relationship before you get into one. Sure, your priorities might change but as long as you know your values and what's important to you, you won't have to worry as much about a bad situation. If you trust your instincts, you'll know when you're happy or you'll know when something isn't right.

It can be scary to start something new with someone you don't know well, so be careful. Unfortunately, our dating habits are rapidly changing and most people just aren't on the same page about dating anymore - especially in college. Be honest, open and communicative with yourself and your partner. In the end, go with your gut. You will know when it's right.

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ecently, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Ldecided to allow small pocket knives (six centimeters and under) and other "sporting equipment" on U.S. airplanes, beginning April 25. Apparently they feel the law put into place after Sep. 11, 2001, is no longer necessary. This decision is a terrible one for many reasons.

I can understand where the logic for the decision is coming from. One of the main supporting arguments in the heated gun debate is if more lawabiding citizens carry guns, armed criminals are more easily stopped. This argument is raised by the National Rifle Association. According to Time Magazine, Wayne LaPierre, the executive vice president of the NRA, said, "The only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.

I'm not going to argue for either side of that argument, but it's pretty clear to me the logic is parallel with this knife decision.

Gun laws are in effect on the ground, while this knife law is for airplanes – not schools, malls or streets.

I spent multiple years training in the combat art known as Krav Maga. The Israeli-founded practice is a framework of skills designed to allow an unarmed person to disarm and suppress an attacker in the fastest and most effective way possible. After years of practice, I was trained to deal with attackers with both knives and guns. With that background, I would still have difficulty defending myself against a knife on a plane, even with a knife of my own.

Airplanes are enclosed spaces. According to a 2006 article published in Boeing's company magazine, the length of a 747 is slightly more than 235 feet, and its height is just slightly more than 70 feet. This may sound like a lot, but the area of the cabin is less than that. Try doing a 100-meter dash down a tiny aisle with seats and people all around you. It wouldn't be easy.

When defending yourself against someone with a knife, your success is greatly increased in open areas. You need room to dodge and move around. This space doesn't exist on an airplane.

With the "fighting knives with knives" argument rendered moot, are there any other reasons knives would be useful to have on planes? Not really.

You're not going to have a greater chance of saving yourself with a knife than without one if something goes wrong with the plane you're on. And it's not like there's any packages of food only a knife could cut open. Defensiveness in airports and on planes will also go up. Many will wonder who has a knife on them, and whether they should be afraid. Just imagine sitting next to a stranger pulling out a knife mid-flight. That's just what we need in America - more fear. Finally, because it needs to be addressed, small knives aren't any less lethal than large ones. One good stab to the throat and you're a goner. The jugular isn't even an inch into the throat. You can also cut off fingers, toes and reach some organs. Knives of any sort have no place in domestic airplanes. What I find hilarious is box-cutters and razorblades still aren't allowed. Apparently a sixcentimeter blade is less deadly than a one-inch blade. Sometimes I wonder what our government is thinking.

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to the Plageman building.

Take an hour to participate in RecycleMania and recycle some of that unused or broken stuff that's been clogging up your study area.

Check out the "brown bag" lunch concerts in the MU on March 15, at noon.

Remember, you're not alone, and you'll make it through to spring break. Taking a breather every now and again is good for your brain.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day "If your gonna wear all Oregon gear into goss expect to get yelled at"

@rileywilk32 Riley Wilkerson



Small ball, long ball is a recipe for **SUCCESS**

oing undefeated in any sport is nearly impossible. Going undefeated in baseball - at the college or professional level - is impossible.

No college or pro team has ever gone undefeated in baseball. Understandable, considering the amount of games played (60-70 in a college season).

The best winning percentage of alltime in the NCAA was the 1972 Arizona State team (when ASU was a member of the Western Athletic Conference). The Sun Devils went 64-6 that year, but still didn't win it all - losing to USC in the championship game of the College World Series.

As of now, No. 4 Oregon State is 15-0 after completing a three-game sweep of Texas State.

The grind of the baseball season is taxing, to say the least. The Beavers have now played 15 games in 25 days, and are currently in a stretch of having 12 games in 18 days

Head coach Pat Casey said the team's energy wasn't sustained throughout Sunday's game.

"I think we came in today a little bit lackadaisical, which every once in a while happens, unfortunately," said senior Ryan Barnes following Sunday's game. "It was almost a nice wakeup call for us.

In a three- or four-game series in baseball, it's commonplace for a team to falter in one of the games, even against an inferior opponent like Texas State.

But what the Beavers have done, and why they're able to keep winning games, is they are finding different ways to produce runs.

OSU was down 2-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning. The team came in a little lackadaisical, like Barnes said

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COMING SOON

MONDAY, MARCH 11 i's Golf @ San Diego Classic (San Diego Country Club) All day, San Diego, Calif. **TUESDAY, MARCH 12** Men's Golf @ San Diego Classic (San Diego Country Club) All day, San Diego, Calif. No. 4 Baseball vs. San Francisco 5:35 p.m., Corvallis



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Oregon State celebrates a three-run home run from senior shortstop Tyler Smith in the sixth inning of OSU's 6-4 win over Texas State on Sunday.

Baseball still unbeaten

No. 4 Oregon State wins three straight against the Bobcats, marks program's longest winning streak since 1986

By Andrew Kilstrom

THE DAILY BAROMETER No. 4 Oregon State is still undefeated after a three-

game sweep of Texas State this past weekend at Goss Stadium.

The Beavers (15-0) set the tone early in the weekend, blowing out the Bobcats (5-10) by a score of 16-4 on Friday night. OSU won again comfortably, 6-3, on Saturday, setting the stage for what was the closest game of the series.

Junior left-hander Ben Wetzler got off to a rocky

a 1-0 lead in the first inning.

Wetzler allowed another run in his final inning of work — the third inning — as he continues to recover from a pulled back muscle.

Needing a boost, the Beavers put pressure on the Texas State defense to get on the scoreboard. After junior catcher Jake Rodriguez led off the fifth inning with a single, three consecutive Beavers reached base successfully without hitting the ball out of the infield.

Junior second baseman Andy Peterson laid a bunt down the first base line, which resulted in an error from Texas State pitcher Scott Grist.

Senior shortstop Tyler Smith reached the same way, before senior right fielder Ryan Barnes drove in another run with yet another bunt. Sophomore outfielder

start, allowing a leadoff double that gave Texas State Dylan Davis plated the final run on a fielder's choice. "That's a thing we always like to do is put pressure on teams," Smith said. "We're not afraid to lay bunts down all day, because we work on it so much in

practice. It's good to have it work in a game like that." The Bobcats tied the game at three runs apiece in

the sixth inning before Smith came through again, this time doing it with the long ball. Smith turned on a 1-0 fastball, driving it over the wall in left field, giving Oregon State a 6-3 lead.

"I was looking middle-in and I knew that guy was going to throw a lot of fastballs because he couldn't control his offspeed," Smith said. "So my approach was to sit fastball middle-in, try to turn on it and luckily I got that pitch and was able to hit it hard."

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OSU scored a season-best

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197.275 at home against Washington and Sac State

By Warner Strausbaugh THE DAILY BAROMETER

In the last meet of the regular season, the Oregon State gymnastics team continued to climb further up the ladder that is the national landscape.

For the sixth straight week, the No. 10 Beavers improved upon their score from the week before. They closed out Saturday's Senior Night with a 197.275 - a team total only six schools in the country can say they have bested.

The Beavers never come away satisfied after a meet, even after setting a new team high in the last two meets.

"There's still lots of room for improvement," said senior Makayla Stambaugh. "I'm never satisfied with my performance or my team's performance. We need to keep pushing, keep grinding and it'll pay off in the end."

Even though satisfaction isn't being met, Stambaugh still has much to be satisfied about.

She has been named the Pac-12

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The Oregon State gymnasts celebrate after Makayla Stambaugh scored a 9.925 on her floor routine. OSU honored Stambaugh on four other seniors on Senior Night.

Men's basketball beats Colorado in last game of regular season



COURTESY OF ROBERT R. DENTON OF THE CU INDEPENDENT I CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Senior forward Joe Burton takes a sweeping hook over a Colorado defender on Saturday. Burton joined the 1,000 point club, the first at OSU since legendary guard Gary Payton.

Oregon State won in Boulder, Colo., for the first time in program history, knocking off the Buffaloes, 64-58

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The Beavers saw three miserable streaks come to an end on Saturday afternoon.

By defeating Colorado, 64-58, Oregon State (14-17, 4-14 Pac-12) men's basketball ended a five-game losing streak, won its first game this season when trailing at halftime and won for their first time ever in Boulder, Colo.

OSU was 0-9 this season when trailing at halftime before Saturday's game, and 0-6 alltime in Boulder.

Down by two points at halftime, the Beavers took a one-point lead with 18:41 left in the game and never relinquished it.

Defense was key to the Beavers' victory on Saturday, as they held Colorado (20-10, 10-8) to 35 percent shooting from the field and outrebounded the Buffaloes 36-28.

Both sophomore forward Eric Moreland and senior forward Joe Burton finished with double-doubles, their 11th and sixth of the season, respectively. Moreland, the Pac-12's

second-best rebounder with 10.5 per game, was also the Beavers' leading scorer with 17 points.

Burton added 10 points for Oregon State to become the 39th player in the 1,000-point club, and the first Beaver ever to record 1,000 points, 700 rebounds and 300 assists. Burton also surpassed Seth Tarver to move to second all-time in career games played with 129, and will be tied for most games played in a career following Oregon State's next game.

The question remains: Will this last-minute change of fortune be enough to generate some momentum for the Beavers as they head into the Pac-12 Tournament?

Last year, Oregon State ended the regular season with a victory over Colorado in Gill Coliseum and then went on to pull off two upsets in the tournament before falling to Arizona in the semifinals. The Beavers will have to repeat history as they enter the tournament as the lowest seed, with a rematch against Colorado in the first game.

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Softball stays hot, goes 3-0 on weekend

No. 23 Oregon State has now won 18 of its last 19 games, all of which have been on the road

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The No. 23 Oregon State softball team just keeps on rolling.

Thanks in large part to an eight-run inning Sunday against San Diego State in Fresno, Calif., the Beavers picked up their sixth-straight game and their 18th in 19 games.

Trailing 4-0 entering the bottom of the fifth, OSU (20-4) reeled off five straight hits to start what turned into an eight-run inning. After Ally Kutz and Hannah Bouska singled to start the inning, Dani Gilmore delivered a two-run triple to make the score 4-2. Gilmore scored one batter later on a single by Ashley Sanchez, who then scored on a triple by Elizabeth Santana to knot the score at four. The Beavers took a 6-4 lead when Desiree Beltran drove in two with a one-out single to right field.

OSU extended its lead to 9-5 with one run in the bottom of the sixth before senior pitcher Marina Demore shut the door on SDSU in the top of the seventh. Demore, who was the winning pitcher for the 14th time this season, allowed four hits and one run in three innings. Senior Tina Andreana started the game in the circle for

OSU and lasted four innings, allowing six hits and four runs.

Four players — Sanchez, Santana, Bouska and Ya Garcia — finished with two hits for the Beavers, who collected 11 as a team. Eight of those 11 hits came in the fifth inning.

Earlier in the weekend, the Beavers beat Iowa State by a score of 9-1 and Saint Mary's,

Against Iowa State on Saturday, the Beavers scored nine runs on 13 hits in five innings. Freshman slugger Natalie Hampton and Beltran collected three hits each and combined to drive in five runs. Demore pitched five innings of three-hit ball.

Friday against Saint Mary's, OSU was once again led offensively by Hampton (three hits) and Beltran (two hits). Freshman pitcher Sarah Shadinger picked up the win in the circle, allowing six hits and striking out eight over seven innings of work.

After playing their first 24 games on the road, the Beavers will play their first home games Thursday against New Mexico. First pitch is slated for noon at the OSU softball complex, with game two of the doubleheader scheduled to begin shortly after the conclusion of game one.

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GYMNASTICS Continued from page 4 Gymnast of the Week for the last

three weeks, and came away with her career-high in the all-around. Other gymnasts around the nation have only exceeded Stambaugh's score of 39.600 four times this season.

It was fitting on Senior Night for one senior to pick up another. Kelsi Blalock — who tied a career-high 9.950 on vault earlier in the night fell on her beam routine to begin the

the apparatus.

"She stayed focused all the way through," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "She did a fabulous job after [Blalock's] fall of getting things back on track for us. It's really wonderful to see that she's trusting herself on everything."

There was across-the-board consistency from the Beavers in their first-place finish over Washington and Sacramento State in the meet. Seven routines (from four different gymnasts) saw scores of 9.900 or higher, and the team scored at least a 49.175 in each event.

Freshman Nicole Turner was called on again during warm-ups before the meet to compete on floor. Blalock, who didn't perform

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Junior Brittany Harris scored a 9.850 on her floor routine. Harris scored at least a 9.825 on uneven bars, balance beam and floor.

on bars or floor in the March 1 meet at Stanford, was scratched for the second-straight week on floor.

Turner scored a 9.875 at Stanford and a 9.750 on Saturday.

"Nicole did a pretty good job," Chaplin said. "Unfortunately she stepped out of bounds. But for going in at the last minute, she did a really good job."

Oregon State will have its first week off since the season began on Jan. 4. Two weeks of practice will be used to prepare for Pac-12 Championships on March 23 in Corvallis.

"They're definitely ready for cham-

pionship season," Chaplin said. "Obviously there are things we need to clean up, but it'll be nice to get finals over with and be able to focus on gymnastics for a little bit.'

Stambaugh said she didn't think Saturday's 197.275 was the team's peak performance yet. With NCAA Regionals following Pac-12 Championships two weeks later, it seems the Beavers are saving the best for last.

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rotation for the Beavers. Stambaugh followed it up with a 9.825 to set the tone for the rest of



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Freshman left-hander Max Engelbrekt allowed one more Texas State run in the ninth the second earned run the OSU bullpen had allowed all season but shut the door, extending the Beavers' perfect mark to 15-0. Even with the winning streak

growing with every game, Oregon State isn't worried about the pressure of an undefeated record.

"I think it's good," said head coach Pat Casey. "Pressure comes when you're not playing well, when you're not winning games. We expect to win and guys should expect to play that way."

"It's weird, I feel like we don't have any pressure," Barnes added. "I feel like we just keep finding ways to win.'

Oregon State's record says the Beavers are perfect, but Casey maintains there is still work to be done with Pac-12 conference play right around the corner.

"I want [to see us] sustaining some energy throughout the game," Casey said. "I thought [Sunday] was a day where you're going for a sweep and should be charged. I thought we were for a couple innings but I thought a couple innings we weren't energized, and we can do a better job at that.'

The Beavers also want to continue improving offensively. Oregon State scored 28 runs over the weekend on 36 hits, but has scored the majority of their runs in spurts.

'We just need to have consistent at bats in every inning and never get satisfied when we have a lead," Smith said. "We always want to be in attack mode."

"We've just got to keep swing-ing it," Barnes added. "Better approaches throughout the game, and I think we're locked and loaded for any game."

Oregon State should be heavy favorites in both games with San Francisco this coming week, which would make OSU 17-0.

Only three other teams in the nation are still undefeated -North Carolina (15-0), Florida State (15-0) and Dartmouth (3-0). Smith thinks the Beavers are as good as their 15-0 record.

"I think we're as good as anyone and I think we can beat anyone on any given day if we play our game," Smith said. "With our pitching staff and our lineup, the things we can do up and down our lineup, I think we have good team speed too, I think we have it all."

OSU will host San Francisco on Tuesday and Wednesday before traveling to Tuscon, Ariz., to take on the No. 17 Arizona - the defending national champions.

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Ryan Barnes lays down a bunt on Sunday against Texas State. The bunt was the third consecutive from an OSU player and led to a three-run fifth inning.

Senior outfielder

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The hitting wasn't where it needed to be.

So what did OSU do? Casey and company went to small ball. Don't forget, it was a botched throw by North Carolina on a sacrifice bunt that scored the winning run in the deciding game of the College World Series to

Senior shortstop Tyler Smith, Francisco like it should (don't who was the catalyst for the first run scoring in the fifth inning, sent a three-run home run over the high wall in left-center field to give the Beavers a 6-3 lead. Three innings later, OSU remained one of four undefeated teams left in the nation.

avoid the one slip-up in the wea- within a two-inning window.

yes, the "Dons" — as they did outscore No. 20 Arizona 15-13 in three games in Tucson), the Beavers will be sitting at 17-0 heading into the Pac-12 opening series against Arizona. Casey has made it known

count out the Dons though

exposed Texas State.

Oregon State has separated itself so far in 2013 by not getting complacent and allowing for the random loss here and there to occur.

The last time this team lost was nine months ago in the NCAA Regional in Baton Rouge, Smith was the prime example he wants to see more from the La. Motivation can play a major of the balance OSU needed to offense. OSU scored all six runs role in avoiding that lackadaisical nature in a season jam-packed with games. "I think the big thing was how we felt after that loss at LSU," Smith said. "It's that feeling of experience losing so far [this year] and we're trying to keep it going." They've shown they can keep it going. Now it's time to see just how far.

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give the Beavers their first ever riness that is a baseball season. national championship.

On Sunday, down by two runs, it was three consecutive bunts, a fielding and throwing error by TSU, and the third run scoring on a double play that gave the Beavers the lead.

"We're still effective at manufacturing runs like we did," Barnes said. "We had three bunts in a row. That's kind of the Beaver way."

The next inning?

"I like to have both parts of my game in there," Smith said. "In the past I've been that smallball guy hitting in the two-hole, so it was nice to ... be able to lay a bunt down and still get a pitch and be able to drive it for a home run."

Finding different ways to win will be vitally important in the near future for the Beavers.

If OSU takes care of business against the University of San nents field their position. And it

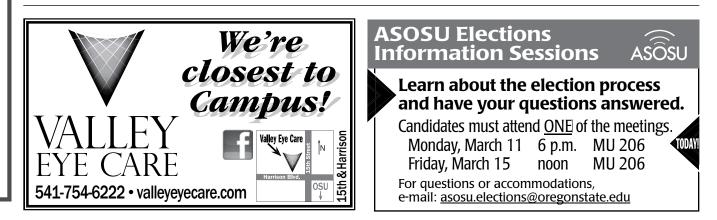
After all, Michael Conforto can't hit four home runs in three games every weekend.

But even with some reservations about the offense, the pitch- never wanting the feeling of losing remains dominant, and the ing again. We haven't had to offense has done its job to get a lead and let the bullpen keep it that way.

The Beavers showed that, when in doubt, there's nothing wrong with laying down a few bunts to make their oppo-

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The first-round ballgame devolved into a full-fledged brawl, ripe with tussling, takedowns and tossed punches. Four Mexican players and three Canadians ended up getting ejected from the game at Chase Field in Phoenix, with more penalties possibly to come.

'We got hit for playing the game, and that happens, but at the same time, you got to stand up for yourself," said Canadian first baseman Justin Morneau. "You can't just get pushed around.

The drama started with the game's fate seemingly cinched. Canada led 9-3 when its catcher, Chris Robinson, led off the ninth inning with a bunt single. His rationale was to give his

team a better chance of scoring more, since total run differential is a factor in determining which Whitt said one of his coaches

(CNN) — The World Baseball teams advance in the tourna- was hit in the head with a bottle, ment. But Mexican players saw it as a slap in the face since the result seemed out of reach, and pitcher Arnold Leon then hit Canada's next batter, Rene

Tosoni, on his upper back. That's when the fisticuffs began.

'When you're playing professional baseball, things like this arise," Mexican manager Rick Renteria said. "According to what he's used to ... (Leon's) mind went somewhere else. ... He just lost it a little bit.'

After players from both teams stormed the field, video showed several throwing punches and yanking opponents to the ground.

The hubbub didn't end when the fighting did.

According to a story on the World Baseball Classic's official website, a Canadian player provocatively raised his arms at the largely pro-Mexican crowd. A bottle then flew from the stands, hitting a Canadian player in the face, who seemingly tried to climb into the crowd only to be held back, the story said.

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while another was nearly struck by a ball.

After the game, Renteria said none of his players got seriously hurt in the brawl. The same held true for their foe.

'You can't hurt us Canadians," Whitt said with a straight face, even as his remark spurred laughter in the press room.

The 10-3 final score dropped Mexico's first-round record to 1-2. Canada improved to 1-1 and will face the United States on Sunday.

Taking into account run differential, the top two teams in their four-team bracket will move onto the tourney semifinals in Miami. That group includes Italy, which won its first two games.

The World Baseball Classic is the sport's only elite, major international competition now that baseball is no longer in the Olympics. Started in 2006, this year's edition features 16 teams and first-round play in Taiwan, Puerto Rico and Japan as well as the United States. The championship game is slated for March 19 in San Francisco.

While many top American

players declined to play for their national team - because of injury or choosing instead to stay with their Major League teams preparing for the upcoming season - the World Baseball Classic has generated significant buzz internationally.

It's also proved to be highly competitive at times, something that Morneau says Saturday's contest shows.

"Whoever says that guys are just here as an extra spring training game or just here to say they represented their country and then go home obviously didn't see how intense that game was and what it means to everybody that was involved," said the Minnesota Twins player.

"... It was a good game, and something unfortunate happened towards the end of it."





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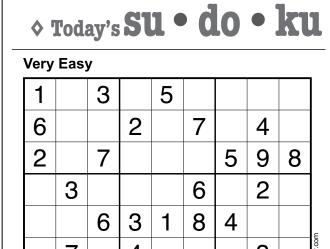
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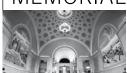
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He filled that time, in part, by talking to U.S. investigators. It was an odd end to a journey that began just weeks earlier in Iran.

Abu Ghaith, for reasons still unclear, left Iran and entered Turkey using a forged Saudi passport, Turkish media reported. The CIA tracked him to a Turkish hotel room.

He was detained by Turkish officials in early February, but they refused for a month to turn him over to the U.S.

Instead, Turkey expelled Abu Ghaith and put him on a plane to Kuwait, where he was born, sources said. U.S. law enforcement took him into custody during a stopover in Jordan. Members of HIG — the High Value Interrogation Group, which includes the CIA - were also involved in the operation.

Abu Ghaith apparently wasn't quiet during his overseas flight with U.S. authorities. The conversations, confirmed by a U.S. official with knowledge of them, are expected to be part of the government's case to prove Abu Ghaith helped conspire to kill Americans and recruited members for al-Qaida.

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read his Miranda rights after his arrest. However, intelligence experts say that is required if prosecutors intend to use his lengthy statement during trial.

"That would be the way it was done," says Mitchell Silber, an executive managing director with the security firm K2 Intelligence and the New York Police Department's former director of Intelligence analysis.

Sources and intelligence experts told CNN it's questionable how helpful Abu Ghaith, one of Osama bin Laden's sons-in-law, could be in terms of current intelligence, because he has been out of the loop for years. He has lived in Iran since 2002, mostly under house arrest.

"He's a low-level target with high political value," Silber told CNN. "His main value would be (if he's) able to help quantify and assess the former top al-Qaida leaders with him under house arrest in Iran," Silber says.

Silber added the U.S. would want Abu Ghaith to "describe the nature of the Iranian treatment of them," including "how adversarial the relationship is between Iran and al-Qaida." There is concern former al-Qaida leaders in Iran could rise to power again.

But the relationship between the predominantly Shiite Iranians and the largely Sunni

the extreme Sunni philosophy of the group too much for them? It's something investigators would like to know, and Abu Ghaith may have insights

On Friday, the fiery former al-Qaida spokesman walked into federal court with his hands cuffed. He was only about a mile from ground zero in the very country he had targeted in multiple video messages, warning Americans they would be attacked again after 9/11 by "airplane storms" and biochemical attacks.

Just how do the Iranians view al-Qaida? Do a not guilty plea was entered on Abu Ghaith's they see opportunities for cooperation? Or is behalf by Philip Weinstein, the attorney appointed to represent him. Abu Ghaith told the court, through an Arabic interpreter, he had no money to pay for a lawyer.

Prosecutors didn't reveal what Abu Ghaith had said to them, only telling the court he had made an "extensive statement" after his arrest that filled 22 pages.

The charges in the indictment were sealed until his arrest.

He is being held without bond until his next appearance in April. No trial date has been set. At his arraignment, his cuffs now removed, If found guilty, Abu Ghaith faces life in prison.

Obama outreach to 'defuse' GOP opposition, Pelosi says

sequester and by all accounts

lawmakers and the White House

never got close to reaching com-

with Republican senators. Meeting with the GOP House and Senate caucuses. Sitting down to lunch with the GOP's budget point man — who tried to bump him from the White House last year.

under way? The top Democrat in

Pelosi said in an exclusive inter-

view to run Sunday on CNN's

"State of the Union" that Obama

has "been very bipartisan in his

a job done for the American

people, and certainly that is the

case with the president of the United States," Pelosi told CNN

chief political correspondent

Candy Crowley. "I think that

these meetings are not some-

thing to say, 'Well, I'll do this with

you now and do that with them

"All of us come here to get

approach" to Republicans.

House Minority Leader Nancy

the House says the latter.

mon ground. Is President Barack Obama, as one pundit said, just hungry? Or is he engaging in a newfound effort to bridge gaps between the

Obama charged Republicans were "protecting special interest tax breaks for the well-off" rather than protecting the economy from harmful cuts, while House Speaker John Boehner said the parties as his second term gets

House had already voted and that Democrats needed to "get off their ass and begins to do something."

But then came the president's outreach.

He made phone calls to several Republican senators and then sat down to dinner on Wednesday with a dozen of them at a hotel near the White House to talk about the federal government's finances.

He ate lunch with the top Republican and Democrat on the House Budget Committee. After the meal with Rep. Paul Ryan, the 2012 Republican vice presidential candidate, and Democratic Rep. Chris Van Hollen, Ryan said the meeting was a "frank discussion about Washington's budget challenges.'

Next week, Obama is expected to meet with House Republicans on Wednesday and Senate Republicans on Thursday. in an election."

- Breaking bread turing over the forced federal He also will meet with Senate spending cuts known as the Democrats on Tuesday and House Democrats on Thursday.

> This is ahead of the March 27 deadline to avoid a government shutdown and an expected need to increase the federal debt limit this spring or summer.

> He also wants to make progress on immigration reform, education reform and gun violence reduction.

> In his weekly address on Saturday, Obama said, "Making progress on these issues won't be easy. In the months ahead, there will be more contentious debate and honest disagreement between principled people who want what's best for this country. But I still believe that compromise is possible. I still believe we can come together to do big things. And I know there are leaders on the other side who share that belief."

> Pelosi said on CNN that the president's effort was aimed at solutions

"Let's come together for the benefit of the American people - first and foremost, that's our responsibility," she said. "If he can defuse some of their opposition to some of these issues, bravo again for the American people that we can get a job done for them. That's far more important than what happens

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later.' I think it is, 'Let's get some things done together to make elections less important." Obama's reaches across the aisle come after the politically bruising battle over the so-called fiscal cliff in late December, where lawmakers hammered out a last-minute deal and pos-



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