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SOFTBALL WINS ON WALK-OFF HOME RUN

Tuition assistance funding canceled

■ **Approximately 115 OSU students to lose funding from the Department of Defense's tuition assistance program because of sequestration budget cuts**

By Don Iler
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Because of budget cuts caused by sequestration, the Department of Defense has decided to stop funding its tuition assistance program for its service members. The program's cancellation will affect approximately 115 students at Oregon State University who currently receive funding from the program.

The program, which paid for active duty and some reserve

and National Guard service members to attend school, is one of many programs cut by the Defense Department since sequestration. It paid service members tuition up to \$4,500 annually.

The cuts are expected to happen immediately and many students may be left in a lurch spring term.

Gus Bedwell, OSU veteran's services adviser, sent out a letter yesterday to those affected, listing off answers to the most frequently asked questions. The letter says those on active duty can draw from the GI bill, either Post 9/11 or Montgomery GI bill, and can also apply for financial aid with the FAFSA form. It also listed off many places students could go for help on campus and in the community.

Recently, the university signed a memorandum of understanding with the Defense Department in order to continue

to receive funding for tuition assistance. At first, there was uncertainty on whether the university would sign, but it eventually did sign before the deadline.

The budget sequestration went into effect this year as automatic budget cuts after congressional leaders were unable to reach a compromise before the deadline. Nearly every aspect of government has been affected, and President Ed Ray has reported that OSU stands to lose \$10.1 million because of sequestration, mostly from research grants.

Those students with further questions are encouraged to contact Bedwell at 541-737-7662 or gus.bedwell@oregonstate.edu.

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Empty Bowls Benefit raises money for hunger

■ **Anthropology department partners with OSU athletics to host Empty Bowls fundraiser**

By McKinley Smith
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This Saturday the anthropology and athletic departments at Oregon State University will fill the coffers of the OSU emergency food pantry and World of Good Inc., a nonprofit organization based in Junction City, by filling empty bowls with soup.

The anthropology department has been hosting an Empty Bowls event annually for seven years to raise money for food insecurity. The OSU emergency food pantry serves the local area, and

World of Good Inc.'s current project is to "support orphaned children and families in Ethiopia," according to Hannah Graves, a senior in biology and current project leader for publicity. It is Graves' first year involved in the event.

"It deals with food insecurity and that it can be even college students that deal with it, not just people from like poor countries," Graves said.

Soup will be served in ceramic bowls made by local artists. Many of the bowls were made and donated by local high schools. Participants in the event will be able to take their bowls home with them.

The athletic department's chef will be preparing the food for the event, Graves said, with bread donations coming in from local vendors.

Besides food, there will be a silent auction and a local band.

The doors open at the Valley Football Center at 5:30 p.m., with the main event taking place between 6 and 8 p.m. Soup, including vegetarian options, as well as bread, drinks and dessert will be served.

Tickets are sold on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$20 at the door, and are available presale at 238 Waldo Hall and in the Memorial Union Quad. Graves commented on her own experience promoting the event.

"I really like it. Especially getting all of our class involved in doing it," Graves said. "Especially when it goes back to the school, it's going to the food pantry, which I think is really cool."

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Local artists made ceramic bowls for last year's Empty Bowls fundraiser, set to continue this Saturday.



OSU shuttle

2011-12	2012-13
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Peak week: 3,233 March 12-16	Peak week: 3,507 Feb 25-March 1
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The OSU shuttle passes by the Student Legacy Park, located on 26th St. and Intramural Way. The buses run flag routes, and anyone can wave the bus down for transportation.

OSU launches shuttles to curb parking woes

■ **OSU Transit and Parking Services plan restructuring of parking around campus, alternative means of transportation**

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Everyday, that white shuttle bus with "OSU Transit and Parking Services" roves throughout the Oregon State University campus. Most see it as a 20-second roadblock to cross the street.

Unbeknownst to many students, that white bus provides a free service for anyone.

"I don't know that it's so much apathy, as it's just folks don't know that it's available," said Hank

Kemper, manager of OSU Transit and Parking Services.

With the city of Corvallis rapidly expanding, and finding parking becoming a greater struggle each year, the OSU shuttle provides value.

The parking on campus is already minimal, and two new buildings — the Student Experience Center, to be completed in 2014, replacing the adjacent parking lot to the OSU bookstore; and a new residence hall (no completion date yet) which will replace a majority of the parking lot in front of Wilson Hall — will make parking availability even smaller.

"As the campus core becomes more built up

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College student serves Benton County's poor through internship

■ **Kayla Sundin, OSU senior, helps homeless as an active member at Corvallis women's shelter**

By Maddy Duthie
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kayla Sundin didn't become a world-changer by accident, and this winter, she found herself staffing and coordinating a seasonal women's shelter for internship credit.

The Oregon State University senior spends hours each day doing administrative work to serve homeless women and others in poverty in Corvallis.

As a human development and family sciences major with an option in human services, Sundin has chosen to fulfill her internship requirement by working for the Benton County branch of Love in the Name of Christ.

According to its website, the Benton county branch of Love INC coordinates with 47 churches and fellowships in the area to serve the county's impoverished.

The women's shelter, housed in the Life Community Church, is open each winter from mid-November to mid-March. Two volunteers are required to be at the shelter each afternoon and evening shift, with a total of four volunteers needed per day.

One of Sundin's jobs is fully staffing this shelter for over 10 weeks, in addition to being available on call for emergencies.

At work, she also communicates with churches who are partnering with Love INC's new laundry program, which provides free laundry, with transportation, to those in need.

"A lot of the work I'm doing is administrative, which is stressful," Sundin said. "But once I met a mom, who, when she found out her laundry was paid for that

week, it was her saving grace. Those moments with clients make me realize, make me see my work in action.

"I really believe in justice — that the fruit of our hard work is way bigger than us," Sundin said. "Lives are changing every day because needs are being met."

Sundin wanted to be a teacher when she grew up, until she started working at a day care in high school. There, she realized she cared more about how kids' lives and hearts were being affected than their education.

Looking back on the jobs she's had, she finds one common thread: helping people. As a teen, in the summer she would work as a camp counselor at two different camps, where she built relationships with underprivileged kids.

In college, she began giving campus tours to prospective OSU students, but didn't realize the impact she had on others' lives until she moved into McNary Hall this year, and met six people on her floor who remembered her leading them on a tour.

It hit Sundin that her job was more than giving tours, and that her work was actually helping students decide where to go to college and where to invest four years of their lives.

Sundin's father is a pastor, so she "was immersed in those values since birth." Some people rebel against their parents' religion, Sundin says, but her parents never forced anything on her. Ultimately, her faith was her choice.

"I remember when I was a kid, my parents took my sister and I to go buy other another family an entire Thanksgiving meal, who wouldn't have had it otherwise," Sundin said. "Seeing their surprise and gratefulness made me realize the impact this kind of lifestyle had on the world."

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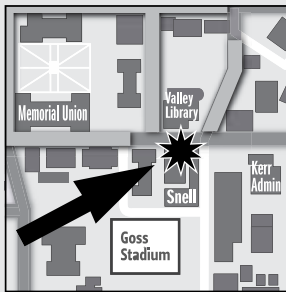
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Justices warn spending cuts put critical legal services at risk

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Members of the Supreme Court on Thursday warned forced spending cuts pose a serious threat to the U.S. justice system, saying they are “simply unsustainable” and will lead to a reduction of critical legal services.

Justices Anthony Kennedy and Stephen Breyer appeared before a panel of the House Appropriations Committee, urging lawmakers to ensure the so-called sequestration measures do not linger.

“We know our judicial colleagues, and

we respect and admire their caution and their sense of high responsibility in making sensible and realistic budget requests,” said Kennedy, who heads the high court’s internal budget committee. “They are on the front lines of the legal system. That system must work with great efficiency if we are to fulfill the law’s promise that in a free society justice is accessible and prompt and fair. So we take this occasion to ask you to ensure that all of our courts have the resources they need in an urgent way to serve our

free society.”

The third branch of government has already begun implementing staggered cuts to such areas as staff salaries, court security and federal public defenders. Court administrators have also warned civil jury trials may be stopped in coming months, if the across-the-board funding cuts are not stopped.

Those \$85 billion in automatic spending cuts kicked in March 1 after the president and Congress failed to reach a government funding deal.

Responsibilities of papal diplomacy prove to be more than just pomp, circumstance

WASHINGTON (CNN) — As Pope Francis assumes his role as leader of the world’s 1.2 billion Catholics, he is also the newest head of a sovereign state that accepts and accredits foreign envoys while sending its own diplomats around the globe to advance its interests.

There currently are 179 diplomatic missions with ties to the Vatican.

To the casual observer, the post may seem like a dream assignment, full of pomp and circumstance in one of the world’s most historic and beautiful cities. But there is more to the job than what meets the eye.

“It’s really in a unique position to engage with the world’s largest faith-based organization,” Miguel Diaz, the most recent U.S. envoy to the Holy See, told CNN. President Barack Obama has yet to nominate a successor to Diaz, who stepped down in November.

“We do the same things at the Holy See mission that any ambassador to a secular mission would do,” former envoy L. Francis Rooney, who arrived in Rome just after Pope Benedict XVI

ascended in 2005, told CNN. “You have the routine interaction with the host country interlocutors over diplomatic matters in pursuing the interests of the United States.”

And while the ambassador is not dealing with crises such as an American citizen imprisoned within the host country, or dealing with a country in the midst of revolution, the embassy in many ways is a busy post.

“The central strategy of the embassy is to work with the Vatican structure, and with organizations affiliated with the Vatican to achieve foreign policy objectives that can be hard for traditional governments to reach,” says Diaz, professor of faith and culture at the University of Dayton.

During his more than three years as ambassador, Diaz used his position to engage Muslims, Jews, Christians and others to promote interfaith dialogue and mutual understanding in an effort to counter violent extremism.

There also were issues of importance to the Obama administration in which

the ambassador sought the Vatican’s assistance, including climate change.

Benedict, who some referred to as the first “green pope” for his calls to protect the environment, found a willing American partner on global initiatives to address climate change. The United States also works with the Vatican on promoting nuclear non-proliferation, conflict resolution, global health and religious tolerance.

In an era where a greater understanding of what is happening inside Iran, Cuba and other countries where the United States has little or no diplomatic presence, or countries such as Syria where the situation is too dangerous to send diplomats, the embassy at the Vatican serves another purpose.

“These are places where the church is present,” Diaz said. “This is called the great listening post precisely because it’s got all these agents available throughout the world that can offer information that comes from the ground.”

For Rooney, now chairman of a construction conglomerate based in

Oklahoma, the embassy serves another purpose for American messaging.

“There were many opportunities when I was serving there where we could work with the Holy See to get a message out, especially a message branded by them — things said by the pope and things said by the Curia, that promoted U.S. interests and were in alignment with U.S. interests but would be perceived differently when said by a non-hegemonic source against the government of Iran for example.”

Diaz was something of a historic figure himself as the first Catholic theologian and Cuban-American named to the post.

Watching the College of Cardinals convene the papal conclave from afar and elect a successor to Benedict was a somewhat unique experience for Diaz.

“These are not just men that are an abstraction to me,” he said. “These men have eaten at my table. These are people that I know well.”

The United States is currently represented by Mario Mesquita, the charge d’affaires at the embassy.

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— more buildings going in that area, parking lots moving toward the outer edge — providing that link between those parking lots and the academic core of campus is going to be important for students and faculty,” Kemper said.

The university is planning to implement a demand-rate zonal parking system, which means the further away one parks from the core of campus, the cheaper the parking pass will be.

“We want to increase the number of students, faculty and staff that are using the parking spaces on campus,” said Steve Clark, vice president for university relations and marketing.

Exact prices will be determined within the next six weeks, Clark said.

The OSU shuttle will be a component to the restructuring of parking on and around campus.

The shuttle service will be working with OSU marketing for a promotional campaign beginning at the end of spring term.

“Our goal to market [the OSU shuttle] is just to make sure people are aware of the service, and make sure they understand where the stops are,” said Melody Oldfield, director of university marketing. “[TAPS] is working on the service side of it, and we just want to get the word out for them.”

OSU shuttles are not limited to students, staff and faculty. Anyone can ride the shuttle for free. The two buses travel on separate routes on campus (each an estimated 15-minute round trip), spanning from 35th Street to 14th Street, from east to west; and Orchard Avenue to Western Boulevard from north to south.

The routes are called “flag routes,” meaning the driver will stop for anyone who flags the bus down along the route. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Knowing any of this information has to happen before the inception of a marketing campaign.

“It is a great resource for everybody, but not everybody knows about it and there could be a whole lot of people tak-

ing advantage of the system,” Oldfield said.

The parking situation on campus will become more problematic on Monday.

The Corvallis/OSU Collaboration Project — made up of representatives from the city, county, community, OSU and the Associated Students of Oregon State University — will hear from the collaboration work group on Monday. The work group, with Clark as the chair, will present a proposal to have residential parking districts surrounding campus, except for the west side.

“What we’ve found is parking around campus is filling the neighborhoods,” Clark said. “The density in the neighborhoods has created a real parking problem.”

Many students, faculty and staff opt to not purchase a parking pass and instead find parking off campus. Residents in the parking districts will be able to purchase a permit. Non-residents are limited to once-a-day parking for a maximum of two hours.

It’s seemingly inevitable that many will purchase the discounted parking

passes for the lots at Reser Stadium and the parking garage by Gill Coliseum. OSU shuttle is presented with another opportunity.

“Our hope is that by lowering [parking prices] on campus, by the extension of these parking districts and by the work the university is doing with the Corvallis Transit System, it will actually provide greater opportunities for people to get around campus without using a car,” Clark said.

Awareness needs to be raised first, and then the university will begin promotion of the shuttle service. Marketing will begin in spring term, but will beef up in the late summer once students return to campus for fall term.

Promotion will include: Events and outreach in dorms, sororities and fraternities, giveaways to riders of the shuttles, email addresses to students and the use social media outlets.

“We think these steps will go a long way to making Corvallis an even more lovable community,” Clark said.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to it being spring just in time for spring break. We are enjoying all the spring outfits, the gentlemen in shorts, the ladies in skirts and our minds thinking about all sorts of things inappropriate for a newspaper.

Nay to folks who complain about the weather. Come on, it's western Oregon — you knew it was going to rain a lot when you moved here.

Yea to spending warm days in the sunshine on park benches sipping iced coffee. Who knew a warm breeze and watching those tight-rope kids fall flat on their faces could be so much fun.

Nay to almost getting run over by a longboarder. Seriously bro, just go back to California.

Yea to office chair races.

Nay to hallways a little too narrow for proper office chair races.

Yea to camping.

Nay to talking about launching rockets in your tent during camping. Some things are just inappropriate.

Yea to "Zombie," by the Cranberries. A dollar to the jukebox well spent.

Nay to being slightly embarrassed while singing along with it in public settings.

Yea to white smoke.

Nay to medieval institutions that don't believe in birth control, women in positions of power and rights for LGBT folks.

Yea to yet another Francis in power. Francis Underwood, Francis Urquhart, Pope Francis. Coincidence? We don't think so. The bigger question is: How many people did this Francis kill to get to the top?

Nay to week three of "House of Cards" references making it into the yeas and nays. We promise, this is the last.

Yea to Pi Day.

Nay to 3.14159 — nah forget about it, turns out it can be useful at times, we guess. Or at least that's what we've heard from some folks.

Yea to it being the end of the term.

Nay to that huge paper due in two days we still haven't finished writing. Procrastination is rough sometimes.

Yea to OSU's certifying officials honoring women veterans yesterday with delicious treats in the Memorial Union.

Nay to the Department of Defense getting rid of funding for tuition assistance because of sequestration. Couldn't you have not built a bomb or something instead?

Yea to pint nights.

Nay to pint nights that turn into pitcher nights that turn into sleeping through your morning classes.

Yea to infatuations.

Nay to obviously being infatuated with someone and never making the move to do anything about it. Like when you sit down next to him, and you just sort of awkwardly stare instead of saying anything because you are afraid of saying something stupid and it's just blatantly obvious to everyone else how much you are in love with him.

Yea to puppies in the library.

Nay to puppies.

Yea to it being the Ides of March. Go do something inappropriate, like you know, stab the dictator, yell "Sic semper tyrannis" and run out of the forum. — you're welcome for the history lesson, children. Stay frosty, while you can.

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Inside ASOSU elections

New faces entering ASOSU election, some drop out

That's right children. It's time to talk ASOSU elections again. And there have been some delicious developments this week, and I'm not talking about the two boxes of Girl Scout cookies I ate.

NEW FACES IN, LONERS OUT
Brett Deedon and Victoria Redman

Sources inside ASOSU have told me that Deedon and Redman are planning a presidential run this year. Deedon has served as executive secretary this year, getting the cabinet position after his unsuccessful speaker of the house campaign against Jacob Vandever. Redman served on the Student and Incidental Fees Committee this year and served in the senate.

This could be an interesting ticket — both are intelligent and competent people — but I'm having a hard time envisioning what constituency groups are going to be attracted to them. I guess you could say the Greek community, but with Brendan Sanders and Jacob Vandever already looking to split that vote, I'm not sure how many they are going to get. Also add in that they have been below the radar this year, and a serious run for them is going to be hard and uphill. My guess is they get around 300 votes in the primary, eliminating them.

Jackson Lille and Robert Ohanesian

These two men ran an unsuccessful campaign last year, losing in the primaries, but are back on the ballot again. They are complete outsiders to ASOSU, but this fresh perspec-

tive could make for an interesting administration.

Gathering most of their strength from connections in the residence halls and in the Christian co-ops and youth groups, they could be a contender this year if they are better organized and campaign hard. However, I don't see them reaching voters beyond those specific groups, and getting only 400 or so votes in the primary, thus losing.

Mousa Diabat

Diabat used to be in senate last spring until he had an outburst at a meeting once. He resigned a week later and has been out of ASOSU this year.

A savvy grad student who speaks his mind, he could bring maturity and intelligence to the office. However, he has shown he has a temper and his unwillingness to compromise at times could make him a challenge to work with.

My guess is he, together with his running mate — I'm not sure of his or her identity yet — will draw votes

from grad students, especially members of the Coalition of Graduate Employees. Combined with some outreach to the cultural centers and he could be a dark horse to win the primaries, I see him getting around 550 votes.

Jeffrey Evans

As of last night, Evans still hadn't filled out paperwork and word is he can't find a running mate. I'm sure the big wigs on the sixth floor of Kerr are jumping up and down and high-fiving each upon hearing this one.

Drew Deatherage

Deatherage can't find a running mate either. Maybe another year of biding his time and gathering

supporters will be good for him.

SWITCHING UP THE TICKET, FINDING THAT MATE

Lexie Merrill and Jacob Vandever

Sources close to the campaign and election officials have told me that Merrill will now be the presidential candidate, with Vandever taking the VP role. This is smart, and what I have already said should happen in columns.

She will make a far more interesting presidential candidate than Vandever, and will get the ticket a larger chance of beating the other

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"I haven't decided for sure whether I will be running but I think it will be a great experience if I choose to enter the race."

Josh Smith
Student



Megan Campbell

Good Things Come with Time

Noticing sticky notes

Compliments are always a nice gesture. Lately, I've noticed sticky notes placed in the women's bathrooms around campus. Some were on the mirrors, others were stuck behind stall doors.

Throughout the past week, to appease my curiosity, I asked around and searched various buildings for more information regarding these sticky notes. At first, I didn't think much about the message trying to reach me, but wondered why it was there in the first place.

As the week has gone on, I finally found the source and the reason behind the sticky notes. Here's my thought process:

Monday:

I asked Memorial Union staff if these notes had been found in the men's bathrooms, but aside from a single typed note, it seemed compliments like, "Smile! You're Gorgeous!" are an isolated phenomenon occurring primarily in the women's restrooms.

Tuesday:

Graffiti — which I wouldn't necessarily consider these notes to be a form of, but for lack of a better category I will compare these notes with graffiti — isn't always so uplifting.

In the majority of the bathrooms I visited, graffiti had been wiped down or was so faded I couldn't make it out. When I did find graffiti, though, most of it was harmless.

"Let's get serious about climate change," and "Live long and prosper," was written in a Kidder Hall stall.

In Moreland Hall, some graffiti instructed me to "have sex! (safely)."

Some of it was just a nice limerick: "Love is gentle, love is kind. If they aren't loving you, GET THE HELL OUTTA THERE! (You have better things to find)," was written in Moreland Hall.

Some graffiti consisted of the same type of uplifting comments the sticky notes had been promoting: "You are beautiful. You are special. You are amazing, and everything you should be," was written in Moreland Hall.

I can't say much about the men's restroom. Were I otherwise endowed I wouldn't have qualms about investigating.

Still, these nice comments are graffiti. The women's bathroom on the main floor of Moreland is old. Moreland was completed in 1917 and was originally the forestry building. I'm not sure if the bathrooms have ever been renovated, but currently those bathroom stall doors are considered "vintage."

"Please stop writing in the bathroom. These are vintage doors and the graffiti is not appreciated," reads a sign taped on the inside of the stall doors.

In comparison with this type of graffiti, I would much rather someone take advantage of sticky notes.

Wednesday:

As far as I've seen, these sticky notes are only present in the Memorial Union. The MU staff are obligated to take down such sticky notes. Some

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It's time: The MLB needs a salary cap

Fans of the Kansas City Royals were fed up.

In a game against the New York Yankees on May 1, 1999, fans at Kauffman Stadium donned T-shirts that read “Share the Wealth.” They staged a protest against the financial disparity in Major League Baseball. That year, the Yankees had the highest team payroll in baseball at \$88.13 million. Compare that to the Royals’ fourth-lowest team payroll of \$16.53 million. The Yankees were coming off their 24th World Series title; the Royals hadn’t made the playoffs since 1985.

Royals fans turned their backs every time a Yankee hitter stepped up to bat. They threw fake \$100 bills into the outfield. The group of 3,000 walked out of the stadium together in protest. Mark Kennedy, one of the walkout organizers, described the root of the problem as “. . . not a normal business situation. There is a finite number of teams. If another team can’t get in the market, then the normal rules don’t apply.”

Fourteen years later, the Yankees won three more World Series titles. They have made the playoffs in 16 of the last 17 years. And they still lead the league in team payroll at a whopping \$197.96 million. The Royals still hold the fourth-lowest payroll, \$60.92 million, and still haven’t been to the playoffs since 1985. The 27-year postseason drought is the longest in the MLB.

Major League Baseball should implement a salary cap of \$125 million to increase parity among all 30 teams in the league.

The Only American Professional Sport Without a Salary Cap

The NFL, NBA and NHL all have a salary cap system in their collective bargaining agreements. The difference between the highest- and lowest-payroll teams in the MLB is \$142.72 million. The closest comparison is the NBA at \$46.8 million. The same disparity in the NHL is just \$17.95 million.

The year of the walkout in Kansas City, the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) created the Commissioner’s Blue Ribbon Panel on Baseball Economics to evaluate the financial discrepancy between teams. The panel was prompted because in the five years following the strike, none of the 14 teams in the bottom half of payroll spending won a single playoff game. A team with one of the top seven payrolls won every World Series.

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presented the panel’s findings: “Baseball’s current economic system has created a caste system in which only high revenue and high payroll clubs have a realistic opportunity to reach the post-season. That is not in the best interests of baseball fans, clubs or players.”

Baby Steps

One result of the panel was the establishment of a luxury tax, used as a penalty for any team exceeding payroll threshold. The luxury tax threshold was set at \$178 million for 2013. The luxury tax requires teams to pay a percentage of all money spent above that threshold. The money funds the MLB Industry Growth Fund, player benefits and developing baseball in other countries.

The goal of implementing the luxury tax was to give teams an incentive to not spend money. The result: The Yankees have surpassed the threshold every year and have accumulated \$224.2 million in luxury tax penalties. The Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Angels and Detroit Tigers are the only other teams to have taken a luxury tax

hit. Since the luxury tax was implemented, those four teams have represented the American League in the World Series in seven of the last 10 years.

The luxury tax has proven largely unsuccessful, and the threshold only affects the Yankees. But another outcome of the Blue Ribbon Report that has helped increase parity in the MLB is revenue sharing.

All 30 MLB teams pay 34 percent of their net local revenue, and then that money is divided up and equally distributed among all 30 teams. The effect was clear.

In 1999, the average revenue differential between the seven richest teams and seven poorest was 118 percent. By 2007, it dropped to 67 percent. But that’s still unacceptable.

Owners Don’t Need Persuading, Players Do

When MLB Commissioner Bud Selig insisted on a salary cap in the 1994 labor talks, the MLBPA balked. Ongoing arguments between the commissioner,

owners and players resulted in the strike, considered the lowest point in baseball history. Serious discussions about a salary cap were never brought up again.

While the Players Association is stubborn, owners are surprisingly in favor of a cap.

In a 2009 interview with MLB.com, Red Sox principal owner John Henry said, “I think we all agree that competitive balance is an issue. If there was a way to put together an enlightened form of a salary cap, I think everybody among the owners would probably support that.”

The Red Sox are routinely second or third in team payroll, so this statement comes as a revelation. Owners are willing to establish a salary cap, following the footsteps of the NFL, NBA and NHL.

Here are some elements that should sway the Players Association:

1. Salary Floor

A minimum salary for teams could be a part of implementing a salary cap. Setting a salary floor of \$65 million, with a cap of \$125 million, will give every team an incentive to spend more money on salaries.

In the NFL, as a part of its salary floor, teams are required to spend nearly 90 percent of the cap on player compensation. This would allow for players in small markets to make more money, because their team would need to spend the money or face penalties.

2. Eliminate Arbitration

All players are under team control on the league-minimum salary of \$480,000 during their first six years. After three years of service, players are eligible for arbitration. If teams and players can’t come to an agreement, they go to an arbitration hearing.

With a salary cap, the MLB could eliminate arbitration.

After three years, players could be eligible for free agency. The best young players often deal with arbitration for three straight years before they hit free agency. This would cut through the red tape and allow players to make money on the open market three years sooner.

3. Use the NBA’s “Larry Bird Exception”

The Larry Bird Exception in the NBA is a rule that, according to Jorge Castillo of The Washington Post, “encourages players to re-sign with their current teams in hopes of providing loyalty and stability with fans.”

The Exception gives teams the ability to re-sign their player for one more year than other teams can, and “offer annual raises up to 10.5 percent of the salary in the first year of the contract,” Castillo said.

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Practicality of the United States meat industry

We live during a time of exponential growth on the part of the human population. Projections of the population are as high as 9 billion people on the Earth by the year 2050. While this number is alarming, and the increased population will put a strain on cities, governments and the Earth, one must ask oneself: How will we feed the 2 billion people that will be added to the population in 40 years?

Farmers are increasing their efficiency by producing more food on the same amount of acreage. The average number of people a single farmer feeds also has increased significantly. Today, the average U.S. farmer feeds 155 people. However, despite these facts, there are still hungry people in the world.

What is going to bridge the gap between the food produced and the food needed, and especially considering an increasing population, how do we meet the need now, as well as 40 years in the future?

Agriculturalists are working hard to increase productivity and efficiency, but farmers can’t do it alone. To feed the world, farmers will have to be complemented by animal agriculture



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— and the U.S. has one of the biggest. In 2008, according to government census data, the United States produced the most beef, veal and broiler meat, and the third most pork in the world.

The meat produced in the United States doesn’t just go to feed 312 million Americans. United States beef exports amounted to 2.8 billion pounds in 2011 according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The top beef markets for U.S. beef include Japan, South Korea, Mexico and Canada, however we export to many other countries and regions as well.

The meat industry does more than feed the world. It also employs millions of Americans, and contributes millions of dollars to our economy. The U.S. meat industry employs 6.2 million people involved in meat production, supply, distribution, retail and ancillary industries, according to the American Meat Institute.

The total value of U.S. cattle

and calf production was \$45.2 billion in 2011 according to the USDA. The total retail equivalent value of the U.S. beef industry was \$79 billion. In addition, the U.S. beef industry attributed 10.6 percent of production with their exports, which amounted to \$5 billion in 2011.

While the meat industry does its part for feeding the world and employing millions of people, it is not without its issues. Since roughly 2008, the U.S. cattle supply and pounds of meat produced has been declining, including a decrease in calf crop and importation of live animals, according to the USDA. The reasons behind these declines has been contributed to the drought in the Southern Plains, the economic recession and high feed prices also contribute to lower producer returns, according to the USDA. However, the news is not all bad: The USDA projects both consumption and production to increase after feed prices fall, and our economy recovers.

When considering the world population growth, while farming is doing its part to feed a hungry world, the reality is we cannot feed the growing world population without the meat

industry.

Practically speaking, the meat industry feeds not only Americans, but also millions of others around the world. Despite the many objections to the beef industry, without it we could not have sustained such growth in our population, nor could we feasibly feed the growing population if current growth trends continued.

The U.S. meat industry by itself produces an astounding amount of meat for consumption in the United States and around the world. The meat industry also employs millions of Americans, and despite recent sequester cuts which threaten to increase furloughs for meat industry employees, the USDA is optimistic about our ability to recover.

I remain optimistic, because future technological advances should only help farmers and meat producers improve efficiency, and therefore increase food production. Without the meat industry complementing farmers, I do not see any feasible way for us to feed our growing world population.

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CAMPBELL

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staff members don't particularly care one way or the other, while other staff members seem to despise the sticky notes — no matter, all MU staff have to take down the sticky notes if they see it.

I guess I feel "meh" about the whole thing. Sure, it's nice to read pleasant compliments or silly poems while I pee. At the same time, after paying my dues and working in food service, I can completely understand how having to take down sticky notes day in and day out would be annoying. Because, if I didn't, I wasn't doing my job — and likewise for custodial crews all over campus.

The Memorial Union has rules about posters. For the most part, these posters are advertisements or activities organized by certain groups. For registered Oregon State students, reserving a spot on bulletin boards, the Commons windows or the wall near room 112 is free. You just have to ask.

If there was a proper, following-the-rules location in the MU for sticky notes, I'd think these spaces would be it. Though, after speaking with MU staff in the main office, there doesn't seem to be a proper place for sticky notes. The staff seemed kind of baffled that I would even ask if those putting the sticky notes up had an option to do it the correct way. Guess not.

Cleanliness, when it comes down to it, is the biggest issue with putting the sticky notes up in the restrooms. There's a certain way bathrooms are supposed to look. And there are certain cleanliness standards the MU in general has to follow.

Plus, if they started to allow these sticky notes, think about what else could be misused.

Clever organizations would stop reserving space for bulletin boards and instead scribble some stuff down on a sticky note and post them all over the bathroom stalls.

Pretty soon, anyone with a note, a pen and a sense of humor could leave notes like, "Your face looks like poo today."

Which, something like this has already happened — and on one of the inspirational sticky notes I found. The sticky

note from Milam Hall read, "You're Beautiful," and underneath it in a different pen and handwriting someone else wrote, "inside. Not out." How lovely.

While I don't love or hate the sticky notes one way or another, I think adding negative comments to them is inappropriate.

Thursday:

I wanted to find a pattern to what seemed to be sticky note madness. I thought maybe the notes had originated from the Memorial Union, so I searched the buildings in closest proximity of the MU and from there I expanded.

There was no pattern. Some buildings had them, some didn't. I found them in the stalls at Weniger and on the mirrors at Gilkey. I didn't find anything in Kelly Engineering or Gleeson Hall. I found them all over one of the Kidder Hall and Milam Hall restrooms but I didn't find any in the Milne Computer Lab. Weird.

I did, however, find a note on an Active Minds sticky. I felt like Kat Dennings in "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist." "A clue! I found a clue!" Granted, she was searching for Fluffy and I was hunting down sticky notes with nice messages on them. Still, I was excited.

Finally, after a week of wandering, I tracked the notes to its source: Active Minds.

Active Minds is a national student-run organization with more than 350 chapters throughout the United States. The organization was founded in late 2003 by Alison Malmon in response to her older brother's suicide. Malmon's brother had struggled with depression and was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder.

The organization's purpose is to encourage students to speak openly about mental health issues and to promote mental health wellness.

"We're trying to stop the stigma," said Jim Gouveia, a licensed social worker and therapist at Counseling and Psychological Services.

Gouveia also works with Active Minds at Oregon State University. Apparently,

the sticky notes I've been tracking down were remnants of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, Feb. 24 through March 2.

According to Gouveia, OSU Active Minds members went out and put sticky notes up in as many buildings they could. The reason I couldn't find notes in all buildings is because they didn't get to them all — or had already been taken down. Plus, the notes in the MU, Valley Library and Dixon were taken down fairly quickly, according to Gouveia.

Gouveia admits they didn't ask for permission and just did it.

After meeting with Gouveia and realizing the purpose of the sticky notes, I have to admit, I like them.

I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder nearly two years ago. It's been an interesting ride, but I make my life what it is.

I know and understand the thought processes of those who have dealt with mental health issues. Some days are better than others.

When I first saw the sticky note, "You are beautiful," I didn't care about the message. I was more curious as to

why some random person was trying to reach out to me.

Knowing what I now know, I like the idea of promoting positive thoughts and body images. I wish it didn't take me a week to find out who was promoting it, though.

According to Gouveia, the Active Minds sticky notes are a new thing. In the future, I'd prefer if all notes were written on Active Minds stickies.

Anonymity has its place — like with whoever wrote, "Smoke Weed Everyday," on one of the Milam Hall stalls. But usually, I don't take these kinds of things seriously. Basically, for me to believe the message — or consider believing the message — I don't want anonymity.

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Many superstars in the MLB face a predicament once they hit free agency: Stay with their original team for a discount, or sign with the team offering the largest paycheck?

Albert Pujols played for the St. Louis Cardinals since his rookie season in 2001, until he signed a 10-year contract with the Angels in 2011 worth \$254 million. That offer couldn't happen with a cap, and the Cardinals could have utilized the Exception to keep their three-time Most Valuable Player.

The Fallacy of Competitive Balance, and Two Outliers

The MLB has made progress, but it's still the same story.

Of the 82 teams that made the playoffs since 2003, 43 have come from the top-third in team payroll. Only 12 have come from the bottom-third.

Many who oppose a salary cap in the MLB point to parity in World Series champions.

"Over the past 11 years, nine different teams have won the World Series — making a lie out of the other false narrative that sports need a salary cap to survive," said ESPN senior writer Howard Bryant in a 2012 column, "Off Balance."

There is parity in the World Series winners, but it doesn't mean there's parity among all 30 teams. Of the 11 teams to which Bryant refers, only the Florida Marlins in 2003 were not in the top half in the MLB in team payroll. The last seven champions have been in the top 11 in team payroll, with at least \$98 million to spend.

Teams that won despite a low payroll are another example for competitive balance. The Oakland A's and the Tampa Bay Rays are shining examples for the anti-salary cap argument.

From 2000-2003, and in 2006 and 2012, the A's made the playoffs with a payroll in the bottom-

third of the league. The Rays went to the World Series in 2008 and made the playoffs in 2011 with the second-lowest payroll in the MLB.

Michael Lewis' 2003 book, "Moneyball," chronicled how A's General Manager Billy Beane continued to win despite a low payroll. Beane pioneered advanced sabermetrics, a statistical and scientific way to evaluate players.

"The poor team was forced to find bargains: Young players and whatever old guys the market had undervalued," Lewis wrote.

Success did come to these teams because of savvy front offices, but they are rare cases.

The Reality

The A's and Rays account for five of 12 teams that made the playoffs in the decade with a payroll in the bottom-third of the MLB. The other seven only made the playoffs once. The Royals are in the midst of a 27-year postseason drought. The Pittsburgh Pirates haven't made the playoffs in 20 years. The last time the Pirates had a yearly attendance higher than the league average was 1991; for the Royals, it's 1990. And the last time either has been in the top half of the league in team payroll was 1994.

Those 3,000 Royals fans who staged a walkout in 1999 had a point. If the system is set up for certain teams to succeed and certain teams to fail, it isn't justifiable to continue to support a team that only had a winning record once in the past 19 years.

Right now, it's the rich teams that can afford to make mistakes, sign a player to a \$100 million contract and not worry about the repercussions. For the poor teams, a risk like that could mean irrelevance for 27 years.

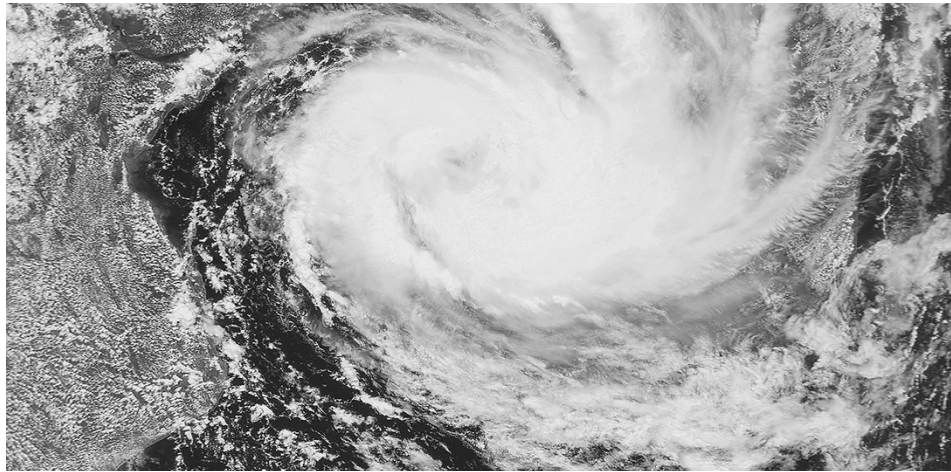
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Softball splits home opener thanks to walk-off home run

■ Oregon State rallies to erase a three-run deficit in the sixth inning, improve to 21-5

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Like the majority of her teammates, Ally Kutz was not having a good day when she stepped into the batter's box for her final at-bat Thursday.

The Oregon State senior catcher went 0-for-4 in the day's first game, a 5-3 loss to New Mexico. She went hitless in her first two at-bats of game two, which was tied at four when she stepped to the plate to lead off the bottom of the seventh inning.

It took one pitch for her to turn her day, as well as the Beavers', around.

"I struggled all day, so I was just going in there looking for one pitch, zoning in on the ball," Kutz said. "And I got my pitch."

The result was a walk-off home run, which improved the No. 23 Beavers' record to 21-5. It was OSU's second win by way of a walk-off home run this season.

"It's kind of exhilarating, running around the bases knowing you just won the game," Kutz said. "But the game didn't just come down to one swing. We had a lot of big contributors in the sixth inning."

The Beavers trailed the Lobos (14-17), who had not beaten a ranked team before OSU, 4-1 entering the bottom of the sixth inning of game two.

Sophomore center fielder Dani Gilmore began the inning by drawing a walk. Two batters later, senior shortstop Elizabeth Santana singled. Then freshman first baseman Natalie Hampton drew a free pass to load the bases for senior Lea Cavestany, who promptly delivered a two-run single.

Then Hampton, who was on third, was replaced by pinch runner Mollie Schwegler, a senior who joined the team this week after her collegiate basketball career ended last week.



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Oregon State celebrates after senior catcher Ally Kutz hit a walk-off home run in the second game of a doubleheader against New Mexico on Thursday. Oregon State lost the first game 5-3.

Schwegler averaged 19.9 minutes per game for Scott Rueck's squad, and joined the softball team specifically to pinch run.

The move paid off, as Schwegler scored on a wild pitch with two outs to tie the game.

"We got this surge of energy in the sixth inning, from the dugout all the way to the field, it helped give everyone more confidence," Kutz said.

"At that point, it was a now-or-never thing," Hampton added. "After the first game, we were really upset, so I feel like the last two innings [of game two] was a good showing of what we're really all about."

Coming from behind to win has become a trademark of this team.

"That's one thing these guys have, is they have fight," said head coach Laura Berg. "They fight every day in practice when they're conditioning. They've got heart, they've got guts and they fight, and that's what they did that last game."

But what about the first game?

"I was very, very surprised," Berg said. "I don't know how you come out flat like that in an opening home game. For the life of me I don't understand that. They heard it from us. Hopefully that doesn't ever happen again."

In game one, the Beavers held a 3-2 lead before New Mexico scored two runs in the fifth inning and one more in the sixth. Senior starting

pitcher Marina Demore allowed just four hits, but it was the five walks she issued that hurt her. Offensively, OSU amassed 15 base runners, but only three crossed the plate.

"We left a small village on base that first game, good grief," Berg said. "We didn't come up with that clutch hit, that timely hit, and that's something we have to improve. If you want to go to the World Series, you have to come up with timely hits."

The Beavers don't play again until March 24, when they face UC Davis.

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Homage to the fallen Beaver

I'm just going to come right out and say it: This new logo doesn't do much for me.

But to be fair, I don't know exactly what it is I don't like about it. I mean, it's probably more aesthetically pleasing than the logo OSU had from 1997-2013.

It's sleek. It's clean. It's modern. It even looks a little scary, too. I imagine that would be hard to do given that beavers are oversized rats in need of dental work.

Seriously, having them as a mascot is about as intimidating as, well, a duck. It hardly resonates in the same way that Trojans, Sun Devils and Cougars do.

So in those respects, sure, the new logo is perfectly fine. I'm just not entirely sold on it, though. It's too new for me to blindly embrace and love.

You see, I grew up with the old logo. Oregon State and I go way back.

Both of my parents graduated from Oregon State; they even met each other on this very campus.

Both of them are avid sports fans. My dad in particular probably cares a little too much. He graduated way back in 1983, yet he still refers to the Oregon State football players as "my boys."

That being said, it should come as no surprise that they wanted to share their love of Oregon State with their son.

As a matter of fact, my dad and I have had season tickets to see the football team since I was six years old, and there are so many memories that we've been able to share because we've watched Oregon State play. The Beavers provided a constant stream of those precious, sappy moments between a father and his son.

The very first experience I ever had was incredibly memorable in its own right.

It was the infamous Civil War of 1998. Mike Riley was the coach then, and the Beavers defeated the Ducks in double-overtime fashion. The score was 44-41 after a Ken Simonton touchdown clinched it for OSU.

It was a big deal. After the game, I remember seeing thousands of adults go bat-freaking-crazy. A pack of them even tore down one of the goalposts.

I had no idea what was going on. All I knew was that all these big people were yelling and making loud noises, and that it was fun.

Ever since, I have lived and breathed orange and black.

I was there when Dennis Erickson took the head coaching job and was calling plays for Jonathan Smith and Ken Simonton.

I was there when Chad Johnson, T.J. Houshmandzadeh, the rest of the Beavers and a rogue possum defeated the Trojans for the first time in 33 years.

I was there when Joey Harrington threw five interceptions that cost the Ducks the Civil War.

I was there before, during and after Reser Stadium was renovated.

I witnessed every single big play, game and story of this millennium.

And while the names from those Beaver teams have come and gone through this school, one thing unified them all — the "Beavers" logo on all of their helmets and at midfield.

So yeah, I tend to get sentimental when I think about that logo. It brings back a wave of good memories.

But last week, the university ushered in a new era without so much as a "goodbye" to the beaver that graced Oregon State's athletic programs since 1997.

There was no retirement ceremony for the old beaver. No funeral, no

Baseball to challenge defending national champs



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Junior catcher Jake Rodriguez awaits a pitch against Bryant on March 2. Rodriguez will be pivotal behind the plate against an Arizona team that's seventh in the nation in stolen bases.

■ No. 3 Oregon State opens Pac-12 play at No. 20 Arizona today in Tucson, Ariz.

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After nearly running the table in the bulk of its nonconference schedule, finishing with a record of 16-1, Oregon State faces easily its toughest test of the season, a three-game series starting today against Arizona — the defending national champions.

The series kicks off the start of Pac-12 play, and means a drastic increase in competition for the No. 3 Beavers. With five teams ranked in the top 25 — and Stanford received the most votes of teams outside the top 25 — Oregon State will need to up its level of play to continue its hot start, especially with No. 20 Arizona (15-5).

"Pac-12 play is crazy," said head coach Pat Casey. "Have we played anybody as good as Arizona? No. They're the defending national champions. They have two guys back in their rotation that threw in the [College World Series] last year, so it's going to be a tough task."

Arizona lost last year's ace, Kurt Heyer, and five starting position players, but hasn't dropped off much after winning the College World Series last season.

The Wildcats are seventh in the nation in stolen bases (44) and 25th in team batting average (.314). At 15-5, with championship experience, Arizona isn't to be taken lightly.

Sigma Pi deliver in All-University Championship

■ Sigma Pi scored the winning basket with 11 seconds remaining

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With Thursday night's All-University championship game tied at 38 with 15 seconds left, Sigma Pi's Victor Otto made a play that will be talked about by his fraternity brothers for years to come.

The Scrubz had just scored to tie the game, and Sigma Pi was inbounding the ball under its own basket. With a five-second call nearing, Otto started streaking down the court and called for the ball like a receiver on a fly pattern.

Otto was well defended, but the pass was thrown anyway. He leaped in the air, caught it in traffic near half court and immediately threw a no-look pass over his shoulder as he fell to the ground.

Standing alone in the key, Russell Long-Thompson caught the pass and laid it in. Eleven seconds later, Andre Aicher of the Scrubz missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer and the

Sigma Pi fans rushed the court in celebration of their team's two-point victory.

"I started to streak toward the hoop just to get some separation," Otto said of the game-winning play. "I saw Russ was already down there, and I knew I just had to put it close to the hoop. I just kind of threw it over my shoulder."

"I couldn't believe it happened," said teammate John Beitel. "It's one of the craziest plays I've ever seen."

While Otto made the play that won the game, Beitel was the only reason Sigma Pi was in a position to win in the first place.

The slender 6-foot-5 junior, who played his high school ball at Regis in Stayton, scored a game-high 17 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds. When the Scrubz opened up a 30-23 lead midway through the second half, Beitel went on a 7-0 run by himself to pull Sigma Pi even.

"I know [Beitel] can turn it on like a light switch," Otto said. "If he's hot, we want to give him the ball. 'Feed the giraffe,' we say."



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Sigma Pi's John Beitel celebrates a made 3-pointer. Beitel recorded a double-double, with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

"When it comes to big games," Beitel said, "you have to put it all on the court."

The Sigma Pi players said they were motivated by the lack of coverage they received in the Barometer this year. Sigma Pi was not listed among the Barometer's top 25 intramural teams heading into the playoffs.

"It motivated us to prove [the Barometer] wrong," Otto said. "Every time they talked about someone other than us, it made us even angrier."

"We played with a chip on our shoulder," added Beitel, who after the game said "better luck next year" to the Barometer reporter who made the rankings.

The Scrubz, on the other hand, were ranked sixth by the Barometer and had just upset top-seeded MinoTaurus in the non-Greek championship. Against Sigma Pi, they were led by Aicher (13 points) and Tyler Lewis (9 points).

Perhaps the turning point in the game came when the Scrubz' John Tommasini, a former OSU baseball player, was called for a technical foul with three minutes remaining. The Scrubz trailed by three at the time, and had to play catch-up

the rest of the way.

The Scrubz coach, OSU intramural basketball legend (and former OSU football player) Johnny Hekker of the St. Louis Rams, credited Sigma Pi after the game.

"They made some big shots, Beitel hit some big shots," Hekker said. "They made more plays than we did down the stretch, but our guys are still champions in my book. They got the T-shirt [they received for winning non-Greek] to prove it."

Several Scrubz players declined to comment after the game.

This marked the sixth year in the last seven that the All-U championship was won by a Greek/co-op team.

For Otto, a fifth-year senior, it was the perfect way to end a career.

"I've played five years, and my freshman year we made it to the Greek championship and lost, and the other three years we made it to the Greek semifinals," he said. "It's a great feeling to go out on top."

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The entire Sigma Pi fraternity celebrates after winning the men's 'A' league intramural championship Thursday night.

Soccer Junies secure women's IM dynasty

■ The Soccer Junies won their second championship in 3 years

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Because an article in Wednesday's Barometer deemed the Soccer Junies an intramural dynasty, Erin Uchacz and Jenna Richardson felt so much pressure they decided to arrive at Thursday night's championship game earlier than usual.

"We left our house 10 minutes early instead of five because we were nervous," Richardson said. "We wanted to actually warm up for once."

The move paid dividends, as the Soccer Junies routed Kappa Kappa Gamma 38-25 to claim their second intramural title in three seasons.

Junior Jacy Drobney, the OSU women's soccer team captain and the Soccer Junies' deadliest shooter, hit a 3-pointer on the game's first possession to give the Junies a lead they never surrendered.

"Jacy's three set the tone," Uchacz said.

Days before the game, Richardson said OSU women's basketball coach Scott Rueck might want to come to the championship

game to scout Drobney and Uchacz.

Rueck didn't, but Drobney and Uchacz played like they had something to prove anyway.

Drobney, a four-year varsity basketball player in high school, who once recorded a triple-double in a state playoff game, was a stat sheet stuffer Thursday, finishing with 11 points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Uchacz, who at 5-foot-10 was a matchup nightmare for the rest of the women's "A" league, finished with nine points, eight rebounds, three assists and five steals.

Brandi Dawson scored nine points, Marissa Kovac scored seven and Richardson chipped in two when she scored the Soccer Junies' final basket of the season on her eighth attempt of the game.

OSU men's basketball player Angus Brandt, who serves as the Soccer Junies' coach because his girlfriend Megan Miller is on the team, said the Junies came out ready to play.

"They played hard for the whole 30 minutes, played relentless 'D,' basically out-ran the other team, never gave up," Brandt said. "They played like champions."

The Soccer Junies left an impression on the

Kappas, who were paced by junior Ayesha Khader's 11 points.

"You can tell that they've played together in a competitive setting," said Dallas Defrees, who scored six points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. "We only get together in IMs. But it was fun to play a team like that."

The Soccer Junies said the support they received is what put them over the top. Several of their soccer teammates attended the game, as did their head coach, Linus Rhode.

"Every time I wasn't playing hard defense I'd see Linus glaring at me and I'd be like, 'Let's go,'" Richardson said. "He was my inspiration, my fear."

How did Rhode assess the Soccer Junies' performance?

"Absolutely amazing," he said.

Was he surprised?

"Not at all. They can shoot, pass, rebound."

As with any dynasty, the Soccer Junies are already thinking repeat.

"We're coming back next year," Uchacz said. "Teams better start practicing now."

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MAHONEY

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eulogy, no remembrance, no acknowledgment, no nothing.

And frankly, it deserved better than that.

Instead, the "ReBeav" was dedicated to moving forward — to taking Oregon State's athletic program to some "next level."

I don't know if that will happen or not. I can't say I know what the future holds for Oregon State.

I do know what the past held, though. I was there when it happened.

And I guess I will continue to be here as it continues to happen.

So maybe that's it. Maybe I'm not in love with the new logo because it doesn't mean anything to me at the moment. Maybe that's why I can't help but think that the new logo feels empty.

It's missing the sentimental factor the old logo had in droves.

I actually think I can live with that. That aspect will come in time.

I have no fear that memories will be made from this school's athletic programs in the near future. And when they are, the new logo will be a part of them.

Plus, I can't be afraid of change. My dad grew up with the Beavers too. He, himself saw the logo transition for the first time. It

went from this goofy, smiling beaver, who wore some sort of sailor's hat to the one that just got replaced.

His reaction: "I liked that change. I didn't like Benny the Sailor."

So if he can let go of an image that meant the world to him, then I can too.

Right now it's a struggle for me. It's like saying goodbye to an old friend, a friend who was there for me during my childhood.

I was raised to love him.

I did love him.

He will be missed.

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Oregon State makes final preparations before NCAAs

No. 9 wrestling is sending seven wrestlers to St. Louis for the NCAA Tournament starting March 21

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last year, Oregon State finished 10th at the NCAA Tournament. Ranked No. 9 heading into the tournament this year, the biggest difference for the Beavers isn't the personnel on the team or improved wrestling — it's the mindset.

This year, OSU is focused on entering the tournament with the goal of winning the whole thing. While nerves typically play a large role in wrestling on the national stage, Oregon State is ready.

"You can't have a lot of anxiety, you have to be looking forward to it," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "You can't worry about anything

else. I think a lot of guys are looking forward to the tournament next week."

Oregon State is sending seven wrestlers to the NCAA Tournament — five of which are seeded in the top 10 — which starts Thursday in St. Louis.

Seniors Mike Mangrum, (No. 3 141-pounder), and Chad Hanke, (No. 4 heavy-weight), headline an OSU team that expects to place in the top 10 for the second consecutive year — the first time OSU has done so since the 1995-96 season.

Fifth-seeded (197-pounds) Taylor Meeks, seven-seeded (149-pounds) Scott Sakaguchi, 10th-seeded (157-pounds) RJ Pena, (174-pounds) Cody Weishoff and 184-pound Ty



Mike Mangrum

Vinson make up the remaining Beavers headed to St. Louis.

To do so, the Beavers have trained harder than they have all season in preparation. While the team hasn't wrestled in competition since Feb. 17, there hasn't been much time off.

"It hasn't been two weeks off for us," Mangrum said. "We've been training nonstop for this tournament. It's not like the coaches are making us do it, we're putting in the extra time and making sure we're ready for this tournament."

During the extra practice time, the Beavers have been honing the mental toughness that could catapult them further up the standings. With the tournament less than a week away, and the bracket released, Oregon State plans on taking things one match at a time.

"Brackets came out so you know who you have, so we're just mentally getting ready for that first match," Zalesky said. "We're using the last little bit of time to sharpen up, make sure we're feeling our best, making sure we're doing all the right things."



Chad Hanke

"All the right things" includes being in top physical shape. If OSU is in top physical condition, the mental aspects will all fall into place.

"If I know that I've trained hard then going into a tournament is going to make it easier for me to be mentally prepared," Mangrum said. "The physical aspect really helps out my mental aspect to the whole thing."

Third-seeded Mangrum and fourth-seeded Hanke, in particular, have realistic shots at national titles. Having both wrestled at the NCAA Tournament before, coming out with aggression is something both plan to utilize.

"This is the highest I've been ranked since I've been to nationals and I'm excited," Mangrum said. "I'm excited to go to nationals this year, where the last couple years I've always been nervous. This year I feel ready, I feel excited."



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Harrison headed to NCAA Championships

Freshman Sammy Harrison will look to place at nationals after breaking the OSU record in the 1,650

By Darryl Oliver III
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Freshman Sammy Harrison, has qualified for the coveted NCAA Championships

in Indianapolis, Indiana on Thursday. Her time of 16:17.78 in the 1,650-yard freestyle at the Pac-12 Championships not only blew the other swimmers out of the water, it was also nearly 10 seconds faster than the previous Oregon State record holder.

"Leading up to [the race] I was just thinking about how it's all in the training," Harrison said. "I knew there was nothing I could change at that point and I just had to leave it all in the pool."

Harrison did exactly that. Not only did she break a school record, her race time is also the 35th-fastest all-time nationally. Because Harrison is only a freshman and has already broken multiple school records at the collegiate level. It seems as if her ceiling is only rising.

"I'm proud of all the work I've put in this season but I do owe a lot to my team and their support over the last couple of months," Harrison said.

Although swimming may be viewed as an individual sport, the Beavers have taken to treating it as more of a team sport. From early on in the season, teammates encouraged each other at practice as if they were playing a sport in which teamwork was vital, such as basketball or volleyball.

"The number one goal this year is to really get everyone to work together, learn how to appreciate each other, and really learn how to be a team," said head coach Larry Liebowitz before the Pac-12 Championships.

Even though the swimmers may have learned how to make a team sport out of individual competition, the fact still remains that only one person can swim.

"It's lonely at practice since there's no one else here," Harrison said.

She was the only OSU swimmer to qualify for the championships. "I'll have to go to the meet by myself, and stay in a hotel room by myself, so I kind of wish I had a few people to go with me."

Harrison is also just one of 55 freshmen invited to the NCAA Championships and 281 swimmers overall. Harrison is indifferent, not intimidated about the daunting task of racing against the fastest swimmers in the nation.

"[I am] a little bit, but not too much because we swam in the Pac-12 [Championships] and the top swimmers were there as well," Harrison said.

The championship meet will commence on Thursday, and is scheduled to end on March 23. A full schedule of events and times will be posted on the NCAA official swimming website.

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Sammy Harrison

Statistical look at Pac-12 Championships

THE DAILY BAROMETER

What's better than closing out the regular season with a season-high score?

Being the host for two of three postseason meets.

The No. 9 Oregon State gymnastics team hosts the Pac-12 Championships at Gill Coliseum on March 23, and then will host NCAA Regionals two weeks later.

Regionals determine

who goes on to the NCAA Championships on April 20 in Los Angeles — OSU has been to nationals seven years in a row — but the Beavers never underestimate the conference championship meet.

Over the past two years, when asked to name a favorite memory in their athletic careers, the OSU gymnasts unanimously point to winning the Pac-10 Championships in

2011.

Today is the last issue of the Barometer for the term, so here's an early-bird preview at the field for the Pac-12 Championships... by the numbers:

All rankings are determined by Regional Qualifying Score (top six meets averaged, teams must use three road meets in rankings).

Team high scores

No. 8 UCLA: 197.425

No. 7 Utah: 197.300

No. 9 Oregon State: 197.275

No. 10 Stanford: 197.275

No. 18 Arizona: 196.500

Washington: 196.025

California: 195.925

Arizona State: 195.675

National Team Rankings

Vault:

5. Utah (49.375 RQS)

8. UCLA (49.320)

9. Oregon State (49.290)

11. Stanford (49.225)

17. Arizona (49.125)

T-18. California (49.120)

31. Washington (48.895)

37. Arizona State (48.830)

Uneven bars:

5. Oregon State (49.305)

T-7. Stanford (49.240)

9. UCLA (49.220)

T-10. Utah (49.200)

17. Arizona (49.045)

20. Washington (49.025)

27. Arizona State (48.870)

36. California (48.700)

Balance beam:

4. UCLA (49.195)

6. Stanford (49.160)

9. Oregon State (49.125)

12. Utah (49.055)

20. Washington (48.940)

21. Arizona (48.890)

25. Arizona State (48.830)

44. California (48.390)

Floor exercise:

6. Utah (49.330)

8. UCLA (49.285)

11. Arizona (49.175)

14. Oregon State (49.160)

18. Stanford (49.130)

T-26. California (49.035)

T-26. Arizona State (49.035)

National top 20 individuals

Vault:

2. Vanessa Zamarippa, UCLA (9.940)

T-3. Kelsi Blalock, OSU (9.920)

8. Georgia Dabritz, Utah (9.910)

T-18. Olivia Courtney, UCLA (9.895)

Uneven bars:

T-2. Makayla Stambaugh, OSU (9.920)

T-6. Vanessa Zamarippa, UCLA (9.905)

T-8. Georgia Dabritz, Utah (9.900)

18. Kristina Vaculik, Stanford (9.880)

Balance beam:

3. Amanda Spinner, Stanford (9.900)

T-5. Stephanie Giameo, Stanford (9.895)

T-15. Mary Beth Lofgren, Utah (9.875)

T-15. Danusia Francis, UCLA (9.875)

Floor exercise:

T-4. Vanessa Zamarippa, UCLA (9.925)

7. Makayla Stambaugh, OSU (9.915)

8. Becky Tutka, Utah (9.910)

T-16. Melanie Jones, OSU (9.895)

T-16. Alyssa Pritchett, UCLA (9.895)

T-16. Ashley Morgan, Stanford (9.895)

All-around:

1. Vanessa Zamarippa, UCLA (39.590)

6. Makayla Stambaugh, OSU (39.490)

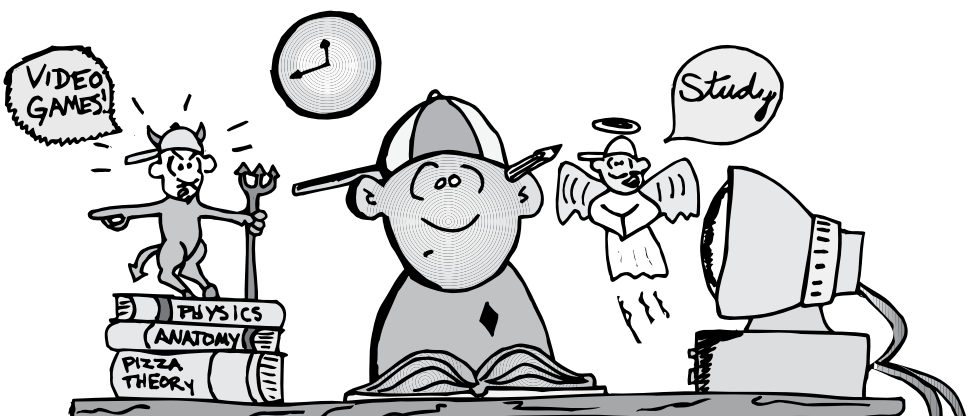
14. Aubree Cristello, Arizona (39.335)

15. Ashley Morgan, Stanford (39.330)

19. Georgia Dabritz, Utah (39.275)

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BASEBALL

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Junior catcher Jake Rodriguez will be especially important behind the plate, to keep Arizona from stealing too many bases.

"They're a very good club," Casey said. "We're going to have to play better [than against USF], but I think we matchup fine. We're going to have to pitch and we're going to have to make plays."

The Beavers lost their first game of the season Tuesday, 5-1 to the University of San Francisco, but bounced back with a win Wednesday to split the two-game series.

OSU's offense struggled in the loss, but was able to accumulate nine hits Wednesday. Sophomore outfielders Michael Conforto and Dylan Davis will be vital for OSU, hitting in the three- and four-hole, respectively, this weekend.

And while logic says the Beavers would rather continue playing lesser competition, like they saw in their first 17 games, Oregon State is anxious to take on the hyper-competitive Pac-12.

"We're getting a lot of criticism about, 'Wait until they play Pac-12 teams,'" said junior

infielder Andy Peterson. "I think it's going to be fun getting to play somebody of a little better caliber to prove ourselves."

Another obstacle that is often overlooked is the playing surface. The players are used to the all-turf infield at Goss Stadium, and will play on grass and dirt for the first time since playing San Diego State. The ball is susceptible to unpredictable bounces on dirt, and could prove difficult for the OSU infield.

"It's a different surface to play on," Casey said. "It's an advantage for them, they've won a lot of games there. It's a big challenge for us."

Despite facing its most dangerous opponent of the year on the road, Oregon State is confident in its abilities. The Beavers are the highest ranked team in the Pac-12 and believe the ranking is justified.

"I think we'll be fine against Arizona," Peterson said. "We've been scrimmaging ourselves all year and I think we're the best team in the country. You can't be better prepared than that."

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tickets.

However, I don't think this switcheroo is going to pay off in that many more votes. Merrill as the lead may draw a few more female voters, but with the Greek vote now split between a few candidates, and Diabat taking a larger share of the grad student vote, I'm not seeing them advancing beyond the primaries, getting no more than 375 votes.

Josh Smith

Ladies and Gentlemen: It looks like Josh Smith is in. While he had been looking at a run next year, it appears a running mate with similar ideas reached out to him and he is now looking to enter the race. "I haven't decided for sure whether I will be running but I think it will be a great experience if I choose to enter the race," Smith said.

Barring a natural disaster, the second coming or the zombie apocalypse, I don't see how he could possibly lose this election. This soccer playing, chemical engineering phenom could bring a completely new way of doing things to the drab rooms of Snell Hall, which in some ways could be good for the organization. However, his lack of ASOSU experience could prove to be a handicap, and many have been quick to point out that just because he is smart and athletic, doesn't mean he will make a good president.

Let's see if he shows up to today's candidate meeting and who he comes with. I bet you some people will probably drop out of the race as soon as they see who. I see Smith breaking records on voter participation, with no less than 1,200 voting for him in the primary.

Brendan Sanders

Sanders says he is close to making his final decision on his running mate and whether he wants to run. I'm excited to see who he is — he could be the X-factor that blows this election into a completely different realm. I'd be afraid of whoever that man is — he is probably Superman, or at least unbeatable.

ROSOFF CONTINUES APPEAL

Nick Rosoff is continuing to appeal the sanctions against him. The judicial council will be holding a hearing for him on April 2, so if it goes his way, he could be allowed to campaign as early as that day. Which he is going to need.

ACTUAL CAMPAIGNING BEGINS APRIL 1

Although the campaign has already begun in my head, the real show doesn't start until April 1. It will be exciting to see who jumps out of the gate with posters and buttons and platforms immediately—and who just drank their spring break away in Cancun.

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Malaysian novelist wins Man Asian Literary Prize

HONG KONG (CNN) — Malaysian author Tan Twan Eng has won this year's Man Asian Literary Prize for "The Garden of Evening Mists," set in the aftermath of the Japanese occupation of Malaysia.

"This comes as a huge shock. It's such a strong list that I'm speechless," said Tan, who beat four other shortlisted books to win the \$30,000 prize.

The shortlist included some big names — Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk, "The Silent House", Indian poet and writer Jeet Thayil, "Narcopolis", Jiroimi Kawakami, "The Briefcase" and Musharraf Ali Farooqi, "Between Clay and Dust". Pamuk was the only one not to attend the formal black-tie dinner at Hong Kong's Peninsula Hotel.

British journalist and literary

critic Maya Jaggi, who chaired the panel of judges, championed the book for working on so many levels and with so many themes while also being a tale driven by mystery.

"Why is this woman the sole survivor of a Japanese labor camp? What happened to her sister? What happened to the landscape artist who was the gardener to the emperor?" she said.

Also on the judging panel, novelist Vikram Chandra drew attention to the formal structuring of the novel that mirrors the novel's central metaphor. "It's elegant in the same way that the garden is and its shape finally gives you a vision of the entire thing," he said.

Tan grew up in Malaysia and studied law, going on to specialize in property law at one of Kuala Lumpur's leading law firms. But

he had nurtured a secret desire to write since his childhood and in his early 30s took the opportunity for a "gap year" -- studying for a Masters at Cape Town University. He wrote his first book, "The Gift of Rain," while doing his Masters. That book went on to be long-listed for the Man Booker Prize.

After a year of book festivals and promoting the book he settled down to write "The Garden" and spent years crafting the novel, revising the text and moving the scenes about until he felt he had achieved the right balance.

"When I was writing the book I suddenly realized that gardening is like creative writing -- the pruning, deciding where to put your sentence, your comma, where

to begin the next paragraph," the 40-year-old said.

"The Garden of Evening Mists" was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2012, as was "Narcopolis". Tan jokingly referred to Thayil as his "travel companion" as they have attended many of the same festivals and prize presentations over the last six months.

Attending the formal prize dinner for the last time were representatives from the Man Group that has sponsored the prize for the last six years. Chair of the prize's board of directors, Professor David Parker, said that a number of parties had expressed interest in sponsoring the prize and they were talking seriously to three.

Letter to the Editor

A misstatement in the March 14 editorial

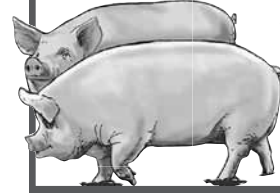
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I saw the editorial in today's Daily Barometer regarding taxes and wanted to correct a slight misstatement. While the ASOSU Student Legal Services office cannot assist students with the preparation of their taxes or review their forms, we can, and do, answer many basic questions. We are not tax attorneys, but we offer some limited assistance in this area. If you need to know more please contact me.

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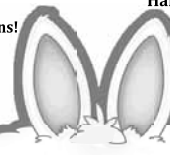
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Humble pope has complicated past

(CNN) — Pope Francis is being painted as a humble and simple man, but his past is tinged with controversy surrounding topics as sensitive as gay marriage and political atrocities.

Questions linger about Francis' actions during the nation's dark days: The so-called Dirty War, when Argentina was ruled by dictators. The gay marriage issue came to the forefront during Francis' political fight with Argentina's president.

The conservative pontiff may hold firm on some issues, experts say, but he may be flexible on others.

"If you think that (Francis) isn't going to change anything, you're wrong," said Gustavo Girard, a retired doctor who knew Francis during his early years in the priesthood. "But is he going to approve of gay marriage tomorrow? No."

Don't be surprised, Girard said, if the new pope shows flexibility on contraceptives, but don't expect him to budge on the Church's opposition to abortion.

There's been no shortage of praise for Francis as a passionate preacher and pragmatic man who prefers public transportation to private cars. It goes to his reputation as an independent thinker. But look deeper into

Francis' history to see a more complicated man who's been formed by the times he's lived in.

Dark times

Possibly the darkest period during Francis' rise to power took place when he served as the nation's top Jesuit.

In 1976, during Argentina's dictatorship, the navy kidnapped priests Orlando Yorio and Francisco Jalics. Some have accused Francis, then provincial superior for the Society of Jesus, of not doing enough to assert his influence and free them. They were found five months later.

The incident led to rumors and allegations that Francis was complicit in the dictatorship's appalling atrocity — that he didn't do enough to expose it and perhaps was even partly responsible for the priests' prolonged detention, said Robert James Nicholson, a former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See.

Although the allegations against Francis have never been proved, they continue to haunt him, so much so that the human rights group Center for Legal and Social Studies in Argentina opposes Francis' selection as pope.

Situations relating to the priests' kidnappings "have not been clarified," said the group's

director, Gaston Chillier.

Many of the allegations against Francis were researched by Argentine journalist Horacio Verbitsky, who wrote a book about the church's role during the dictatorship.

In a 2010 column, Verbitsky alleged that Francis had lied under oath during an investigation into the theft of babies from prisoners during the dictatorship.

Francis testified that he never knew about the baby-stealing until after the dictatorship had fallen, Verbitsky wrote, but a victim Verbitsky interviewed claims that Francis knew about it at the time. She said she had written to Francis about it.

Nicholson said there's no evidence to support the allegations.

The fight

Then there's the fight between the archbishop and the president.

In 2010, President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner led a battle to pass a bill to legalize gay marriage.

Francis, then archbishop of Buenos Aires, put himself right in the middle of the fight, calling the proposed legislation "a destructive attack on God's plan."

With a front-page counterpunch, the president said the church possessed "attitudes reminiscent of medieval times

and the Inquisition."

The bill eventually became law, and Francis left the battlefield defeated.

But some supporters hold it up as evidence of his traditionalist views.

Perhaps it's no surprise Kirchner gave Francis a rather dry congratulations after his election, said Rosendo Fraga, an Argentine political analyst.

The president failed to even mention that Francis is the first pope from Argentina or the Western Hemisphere, a signal that her government may feel at odds with the church.

Was it a snub?

Fraga said Francis "was a critic of corruption, of social inequality, drugs, human trafficking, which in reality wasn't an agenda of confrontation, but that the government perceived as an agenda of confrontation."

Girard interpreted the war of words differently. Francis was not lashing out at just the bill but at what he saw as a larger effort by the government to divide the country along political lines.

This is why the cardinals selected him, Girard said: Francis doesn't fit into a mold.

"They can be progressive or conservative," he said. "But they're not dumb."

Conference surprise: Jeb Bush not on ballot

(CNN) — There are 23 names on the Conservative Political Action Conference's much watched 2016 GOP presidential nomination straw poll.

And there's one glaring omission: Jeb Bush.

It appears the former two-term Florida governor is the reason his name isn't on the ballot.

"He requested not to be put on the poll this year," an official with the American Conservative Union, the group that puts on CPAC, told CNN. The official asked to remain anonymous to speak more freely.

Bush will speak at the conference Friday. Bush lately has been doing something he's never really done before: talk publicly about possibly running for president. Earlier this month as Bush did the television interview circuit, including two interviews on CNN, around the release of his new book, "Immigration Wars: Forging an American Solution," the son and brother of former presidents openly discussed his thinking on a run for the White House in 2016.

But in those interviews Bush, who passed on running for the Republican presidential nomination in 2008 and 2012, said he won't be making a decision on the next race for the White House any time soon and chided the media for obsessing on 2016.

"I suspect Jeb didn't want to be on straw poll list. He has consistently said it's too early for 2016 talk and doesn't do anything to fan the flames," said Ana Navarro, a GOP strategist, CNN contributor and friend of Bush.

Hanging over Bush is what can be described as Bush fatigue — the idea that a Jeb Bush bid for the White House would carry his family's political baggage.

His father, George H.W. Bush, served one term before losing his 1992 re-election campaign against then-Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton. The elder Bush angered many conservatives by breaking his "no new taxes" pledge.

His brother George W. Bush served two terms but left office in January 2009 as a very unpopular president, even among Republicans, who were angered by his support of federal spending increases and his 2008 bailout of Wall Street during the financial crisis.

A few high-profile conservatives and potential White House hopefuls who weren't invited to speak at the CPAC nevertheless made it onto the ballot.

While New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell were not invited to speak, both appear on the 23-name ballot obtained by CNN for the next GOP presidential nomination. (McDonnell will still appear at CPAC on a panel but will not be a featured speaker.)

The straw poll is often considered a way to gauge where the conservative base stands on potential Republican nominees. Last year, when the conference took place in February, then-candidate Mitt Romney won the poll at a crucial point in the Republican primary. The former governor of Massachusetts took 38% of the vote, while former Pennsylvania

Sen. Rick Santorum received 31%, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was at 15% and then-Texas Rep. Ron Paul stood at 12%.

In previous years, however, Paul was the winner of the poll. The libertarian-leaning Republican came out on top in 2011 and 2010.

In 2009, months after the 2008 election, Romney took first place, with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal coming in second and Paul tying for third place with Sarah Palin, the 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee.

Other non-CPAC speakers on this year's ballot include New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez; South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley; former Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, who now heads Purdue University; Ohio Sen. Rob Portman, a top surrogate for Mitt Romney's presidential campaign last year; Ohio Gov. John Kasich; and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence.

Also of note, freshman Sen. Ted Cruz, who rose to fame for his grassroots support in a heated Texas primary and run-off last year, made the list. Given that he was born in Canada with an American citizen mother and a Cuban father, his eligibility for president has been subject to debate.

Neurosurgeon Ben Carson interestingly appears on the poll — the only one on the list who's never been elected to public office. He generated buzz among conservative circles after he advocated conservative policies on taxes and health care right in front of President Obama while keynoting the national prayer breakfast last month.

U.S. says it has exposed Iranian shipping scheme

WASHINGTON (CNN) — The U.S. Treasury Department on Thursday detailed what it called an "intricate Iranian scheme" helped by a Greek shipping magnate in an effort to avoid oil export sanctions.

Dimitris Cambis established a network of front companies to purchase multiple oil tankers in an elaborate scheme to disguise the origin of Iranian oil, the Treasury Department said.

"Today we are lifting the veil on an intricate Iranian scheme that was designed to evade international oil sanctions," David S. Cohen, Treasury under secretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, said in a written statement. "We will continue to expose deceptive Iranian practices, and to sanction those

individuals and entities who participate in these schemes."

In addition, the U.S. State Department imposed a visa ban on Cambis, as well as the corporate officers of two insurance companies that provide services to the National Iranian Tanker Company, or NITC.

The United States and the European Union are leading dual sanctions drives that target the purchase of Iranian crude in order to pressure the Iranian government to negotiate with the international community over its disputed nuclear program.

Under the guise of acting on his own company's behalf, Cambis purchased eight oil tankers while disguising their purchase for the NITC, Treasury

officials said. Separate front companies were used to conduct a series of ship-to-ship transfers of Iranian petroleum with the goal of obscuring the oil's origin before it moved into international markets.

The tankers had the capacity to carry as much as \$200 million worth of oil per shipment, the Treasury Department said.

Cambis has taken his case to the international media in recent weeks to deny any involvement in surreptitious Iranian oil transactions.

"There is no Iranian vessel that has done any [ship-to-ship transfer] with us," Cambis told Reuters last month in Athens. "We have nothing to do with NITC."

In a conference call with

reporters to explain the actions taken, a senior administration official said the information used to make the designation of Cambis was comprehensive.

"This is not a case at the margin," the official said. "The information was solid and overwhelming, so we are confident in this designation."

The official also noted there was no evidence to suggest that any possible recipient of the oil was involved in trying to contravene sanctions in place on Iranian oil.

Under the sanctions, U.S. citizens are prohibited from engaging in any transactions with Cambis, or the other entities sanctioned, while blocking any assets held by those entities under U.S. jurisdiction.

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Sunday, March 3

Criminal Mischief I

At 2:35 p.m. the dispatch center received a call regarding 33 bicycles on the south side bike racks of Wilson Hall that had their [tires] flattened or slashed. There was evidence of some of the tires being cut with a sharp object.

Suspicious Phone Call

At 4:57 p.m. a message came to the OSU Women's Basketball phone. The call originated from the state of Georgia. The male caller stated, "Player you can't play no black players...if you don't play black players I will come down and chop off the rest of your hair player."

Police called the number and a male answered but would only identify himself as "Tom." He claimed to have no idea what the officer was talking about, but sometimes lets his cousins use his phone. The officer explained that if OSU continued getting calls from that number they would contact local authorities for a follow up. The phone number is registered in the Gainesville area, which is near Atlanta.

Tuesday, March 5

Subject: UUMV, Theft I

At 8:39 a.m., university dispatch received a call saying a vehicle had been stolen from the Crop Sciences [parking] lot. A thorough search of the area and nearby lots was conducted and was unsuccessful in locating the vehicle. TAPS was also attempting to locate the vehicle. The vehicle was last seen at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. A valley-wide ATL was sent shortly after the initial report. The vehicle was discovered missing at 6:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 9

Possession of Controlled substance [less] than 1 oz. of Marijuana

At 2:19 a.m. the RAs of Callahan Hall called university dispatch to report the odor of marijuana on the fourth floor. Upon arrival the odor was pinpointed to room 415. The residents inside, Anthony Anziano and Austin Peterson were contacted and asked about the strong odor of marijuana that was coming from their room. Initially, they both denied smoking, or being under the influence, however both had clearly recently smoked and were under the influence while [spoken to]. They produced several small baggies containing less than an ounce of marijuana, two small smoking devices and a water bong. They were both cited and released for Possession of Controlled Substance [less] than 1 oz. of marijuana.

Unauthorized Entry into Motor Vehicle,



Theft I, Criminal Mischief II

At 9:05 a.m. a Department of Public Safety (DPS) officer reported to university dispatch that a vehicle had apparently been broken into while it was parked in the southwest corner of the first floor of the parking garage. The driver side rear passenger window was shattered and property was taken. There is no suspect information.

Sunday, March 10

Possession of Controlled Substance [less] Than 1 oz. of Marijuana x3/DPS Exclusion

At 9:30 p.m., Daniel McCoy, Steven McCoy, Christopher Hungerford and Mathew Dickie were contacted in the south parking lot of the softball complex off of Western Boulevard for suspicious activity. All four subjects were seated in the only vehicle parked in the parking lot with the lights and engine turned off. The subsequent investigation resulted in both McCoy's and Hungersford being cited for possession of less than 1 oz. of marijuana.

Criminal Mischief II

On March 10 at 12:45 p.m., a student reported to university dispatch that his car had been damaged while parked on 16th Street, between A Street and Western Blvd. The right rear window of the car had been shattered and it appears that an unsuccessful attempt to enter the car was made. The car was parked at that location at some time between 11 p.m. and 12 a.m. the previous night. Nothing was taken from the car. There is no suspect information.

Minor in Possession

At 1:30 a.m., a DPS officer observed Christopher Jackson walking east on Jefferson Way on the north side of Weatherford Hall carrying a can of what appeared to be beer. When the officer contacted Jackson he no longer had the beer can. Jackson appeared to be under the age of 21 years of age. When asked about having a beer can and throwing it into the bushes, he initially denied having the can. When the officer asked if he would find the beer can if he searched through

the bushes, he admitted that he would. While speaking with Jackson the officer noticed he had the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath as he spoke. He consented to, and provided a valid breath sample of .138 percent BAC. He was cited and released for MIP.

Possession of Controlled Substance less than 1 oz. of marijuana

At about 11:45 p.m., an OSP officer walked up to Wade Brosterhous while [Brosterhous was] smoking a marijuana cigarette. The officer arrived on location and Brosterhous handed him a small baggie with marijuana in it and a grinder. Brosterhous was cited and released for Possession of Controlled Substance less than 1 oz. of marijuana. The marijuana and grinder were seized as evidence.

Stolen Bike Recovery

At 9:15 a.m., an officer was called into a residence in Corvallis to investigate the possibility of stolen bikes. The Benton County Street Crimes Unit had served a search warrant at the listed address and wanted the officer to look for possible stolen bikes at the residence. The officer was able to locate a stolen bike. The suspect, Curtis Liday, had already been taken to the Benton County Jail for narcotic crimes related to the search warrant.

Theft of Services

At 11:26 a.m., OSP received a call from parking services that they had located a stolen parking permit hanging from the rearview mirror of the listed vehicle. It was parked in a metered spot at the Dixon Recreation Center. OSP determined it was a color copy of a stolen parking permit.

Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 5:35 p.m., the OSU shuttle bus operated by Colleen Kinny swerved to avoid an oncoming car and hit two vehicles. The oncoming vehicle left the scene. The only description is a female driver in a light colored sedan.

Theft III

At 2:34 a.m., dispatch received a call of a shoplifter in custody at the OSU Bookstore. An officer responded to the store and made contact with Lance Armstrong and Christopher Rowley. They had detained a person, Isaiah Beyer, for [attempting to steal] a T-shirt. Beyer was subsequently cited for Theft III. He had taken a new Beaver T-shirt that was valued at \$25. He was cited and released from the store. Beyer initially did not agree to hand over the shirt, which was concealed in his lunch bag. He eventually admitted to taking the shirt and handed it over to the bookstore staff.

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Feinstein describes feelings during exchange with 'arrogant' colleague

(CNN) — Saying she felt "patronized" by Senate colleague Ted Cruz, Sen. Dianne Feinstein explained Thursday why she felt the need to raise her voice in anger at the Texas Republican during a debate over gun control. "I felt he was somewhat arrogant about it," Feinstein said of Cruz's suggestion the Senate Judiciary Committee was ignoring the Constitution during its debate over banning semiautomatic firearms.

She spoke on CNN's "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer."

"When you come from where I've come from ... when you

found a dead body and put your finger in bullet holes, you really realize the impact of weapons," she continued, referring to the 1978 assassination of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, and City Supervisor Harvey Milk, whose bodies she discovered at City Hall.

"When you see these weapons becoming attractive to grievance killers, people who take them into schools, into theaters, into malls — you wonder, does America really need these weapons? My answer to that is no. And so it's based on my experience," she continued.

The furious exchange with

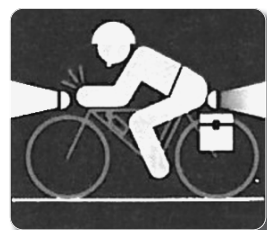
Cruz came before the judiciary panel passed the assault weapons ban Feinstein introduced on a party line vote. After Cruz implored the committee not to forget the Constitution in its debate, Feinstein angrily replied, "I'm not a sixth grader."

"I've studied the Constitution myself. I am reasonably well-educated and I thank you for the lecture," she continued, noting that the assault weapons ban backed by President Barack Obama but opposed by the powerful gun lobby exempted certain weapons.

"Isn't that enough for the peo-

ple in the United States? Do they need a bazooka? Do they need other high-powered weapons that military people use to kill in close combat? I don't think so," she said.

She concluded by telling Cruz that "I come from a different place than you do. I respect your views. I ask you to respect my views."



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Arizona woman's murder conviction, death sentence overturned

(CNN) — After 22 years on death row, Debra Milke is close to freedom.

A jury convicted the Arizona woman, now 49, of murder, conspiracy to commit murder, child abuse and kidnapping on October 12, 1990, less than a year after her 4-year-old son was found dead.

A judge sentenced her to death a few months later.

But those convictions and the related sentence were tossed out Thursday by a federal appeals court judge. In explaining his decision, Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals chided the prosecution for remaining "unconstitutionally silent" on the "history of misconduct" of its key witness, a Phoenix police detective.

"The Constitution requires a fair trial," Kozinski wrote. "This never happened in Milke's case."

A day after seeing Santa Claus at a mall, young Christopher Milke asked his mother if he could go again. That was the plan, she said, when the boy got into the car with Milke's roommate, James Styers.

Styers picked up a friend, "but instead of heading to the mall, the two men drove the boy out of town to a secluded ravine, where Styers shot Christopher three times in the head," according to Kozinski's

summary of the case. Styers was convicted of first-degree murder in the boy's killing and sentenced to death.

The detective, Armando Saldate, said the friend told him that Debra Milke was involved in a plot to kill her son. But neither the friend nor Styers testified to that assertion in court.

In fact, "no other witnesses or direct evidence (linked) Milke to the crime" other than Saldate's testimony.

"The trial was, essentially, a swearing contest between Milke and Saldate," said Kozinski.

The detective testified he "didn't buy" Milke's reaction after he informed her that her son was dead. After that, Saldate said he placed Milke under arrest. In a subsequent interrogation, she confessed that her role in the murder conspiracy was a "bad judgment call," the detective said.

But Milke offered a vastly different view of the interrogation and denied that she had confessed to any role in a murder plot.

There was no recording of the interrogation, no one else was in the room or watching from a two-way mirror, and Saldate said he threw away his notes shortly after completing his report.

"The judge and jury believed Saldate," said Kozinski of the

verdict and sentence. "But they didn't know about Saldate's long history of lying under oath and other misconduct."

Specifically, the judge noted that the detective had been suspended five days for taking "liberties" with a female motorist and lying about it to his supervisors; that judges had tossed out four confessions or indictments because Saldate had lied under oath; and that judges suppressed or vacated four confessions because Saldate had violated a person's constitutional rights.

"The state knew of the evidence in the personnel file and had an obligation to produce the documents," Kozinski said. "There can be no doubt that the state failed in its constitutional obligation."

The judge ordered "the state" to turn over Saldate's personnel records to Milke's lawyers, after which "a police official" must state under oath that everything has been disclosed and nothing has been "omitted, lost or destroyed."

Once this is done, a district court must order Milke's release unless prosecutors tell the court within 30 days that they plan to retry her soon.

"In the balance hangs the life of Milke," Kozinski said, explaining the importance of his decision to overturn her convictions.

Suspect for September embassy attack detained in Libya

(CNN) — A man suspected of involvement in the September attack on the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi is being held in Libya, according to two sources who have spoken with CNN.

Both sources confirmed the man's name as Faraj al-Shibli (also spelled Chalabi). One of the sources, who has been briefed on the arrest by Western intelligence officials, said al-Shibli was detained within the past two days and had recently returned from a trip to Pakistan.

A Libyan source also confirmed that al-Shibli was in custody in the north African nation. The FBI was given direct access to him, and it interviewed him recently in the presence of Libyan authorities, according to the Libyan source.

The Libyan government allowed one or more members of the U.S. law enforcement agency to question the man — something that is not necessarily done when a person is detained in a foreign country — around the time on Wednesday when its prime minister, Ali Zeidan, met with U.S. President Barack Obama.

The United States has been pressing Libyan authorities on the Benghazi investigation, with FBI Director Robert Mueller traveling to Tripoli in January for talks on the case.

It is unclear exactly what al-Shibli's role might have been or whether he was present at the U.S. compound at the time of the attack. It's also

unclear whether his detention is likely to lead to charges in connection with the assault on the compound, which resulted in the deaths of four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador to Libya Christopher Stevens.

Rep. Jason Chaffetz, a Utah Republican and a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, said Thursday that "we think there are more than a dozen people involved in this."

"The idea that potentially we have somebody ... it's obviously positive news," Chaffetz told CNN. "This is the most positive development I've seen in the past six months."

Al-Shibli is the only known suspect in custody in connection with the attack in Benghazi. A 26-year-old Tunisian, Ali Ani al Harzi, was held in Tunis for several weeks in connection with the assault on the compound after being extradited from Turkey. But he was released by a Tunisian judge in January on grounds on insufficient evidence.

And in December, a U.S. official with direct knowledge of the investigation said authorities were examining whether the alleged leader of

a post-revolution terrorist network in Egypt had played a role in the September 11 attack. Mohammed Jamal Abu Ahmed was released from jail after the downfall of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and is believed to be the driving force behind a new militant group, according to two U.S. officials.

He is currently reported to be in prison in Egypt after being arrested in December, when police raided an apartment allegedly being used by a jihadist group active in Cairo. An associate of Abu Ahmed's subsequently said that he had not been in Benghazi or anywhere in Libya on the day of the attack on the compound.

Al-Shibli comes from a town called Sidi Armouma al-Marj, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from Benghazi. He was a member of the Libyan Islamist Fighting Group, a militant organization that tried to overthrow the Gadhafi regime in the mid-1990s.

In 2004, the Libyan government reported al-Shibli to the United Nations as on its "wanted" list and issued an Interpol "Red Notice" seeking his arrest.

It was the second warrant issued by the Gadhafi regime for al-Shibli's arrest. In 1998, he was named with two other Libyans as allegedly involved in the murder of a German counterintelligence official, Silvan Becker, and his wife, Vera, who were killed in the Libyan town of Sirte in 1994. The Libyan authorities also issued an arrest warrant for Osama bin Laden in connection with the crime.

Investigators have learned that he has had contact with the Yemen-based al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and al Qaeda members in Pakistan, sources said.

However, some analysts have cast doubt on the Gadhafi regime's assertion that Libyan Islamist Fighting Group members carried out the attack on the German couple.

Jihadist groups are strong to this day between Benghazi and the town of Derna to the east, an area that includes al-Marj. Several groups are thought to have camps in the Green Mountains between al-Marj and towns along the coast.

U.S. investigators have identified at least 15 individuals whom "we're taking a serious look at," a U.S. law enforcement official said in January, indicating that some of them were identified on video of the assault. Ultimately, the official said at the time, "we will get indictments, but it's not possible to put a timetable on it."

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