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GOMEZ LOOKS TO MAKE IMPACT AT PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ag Day brings sense of hope

■ The 2013 Ag Day has already passed, but its impressions, traditions will linger on

By Lara von Linsowe-Wilson

THE DAILY BAROMETER As the saying goes, "If you ate today,

go hug an agriculture student" - or something like that.

The College of Agricultural Sciences held its annual Ag Day this week, bringing in a record amount of student groups and participation.

The theme of this year's Ag Day was: "Preserving Tradition. Agvocating Today. Growing Tomorrow." During the event, various student clubs within the College of Agricultural Sciences collaborated with agriculture business vendors to bring hope and knowledge for a more sustainable future.

"Many people do not understand how important agriculture really is, and it is our job as agriculturalists to spread the message," said sophomore Kelsie White, Ag Day director.

Although this is White's first year as director, she has been involved with Ag Day activities for the past two years.

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Erik Quintana, a freshman in pre-dentistry, and Randal Cote, a freshman in natural resources, participate in a log-cutting competition at Ag Day.

Conference examines role of America in the world

The American Military and **Diplomatic History Conference** Tuesday night looks at role, history of US power

By Spencer Ingram

THE DAILY BAROMETER

"The history of the United States' role in the world is about power in its myriad forms," said Oregon State University professor Christopher McKnight Nichols.

The American Military and Diplomatic History Conference Tuesday night at the LaSells Stewart Center provided a lively debate on the use of history and the role of United States power.

It was also centered on "The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Military & Diplomatic History," written by Nichols, Timothy Lynch and David

"American power and foreign policy is the defining power of global politics," Lynch, a professor at the University of Melbourne, said.

Lynch said American power is highly controversial because it affects everything on a global basis.

However, Nichols noted in the opening 10 minutes that American power was not always based on strength.

Nichols also said, "weakness defined the United States role in the world," at the beginning of the United States founding.

Nichols cited that from the 1770s to the 1880s, the U.S. had no standing army, a limited navy and minimal

This limited power caused the U.S. to be more of a reactionary power than an assertive power like the

British Empire.

Nichols's speech concluded with that the "20th century expansion" of the United States started the formation of the United States into a world power.

Milne, a professor at the University of East Anglia followed Nichols' speech and focused on the subject of the rise of the British Empire compared to the United States.

"British diplomacy worked through history and America has tried to ascend it," Milne said.

Milne said that British diplomacy had developed through "elitism" and drew from an elite class of people.

American foreign policy, in contrast, drew on an academically informed policy system.

Milne cited the examples of Robert La Follett, Henry Kissinger and Woodrow Wilson as examples of the

United States depending on their academic elite.

The whole of Milne's argument rested on the principle that American foreign policy was heavily academically influenced.

Following Milne's speech was Lynch's speech, which focused on the sources of American power.

Lynch noted the qualities of being an immigrant nation and a former British colony helped to develop the United States into a world power.

'[The] political science experiment of the United States [is] a creation of machine that shares its power," Lynch said.

Lynch elaborated that the United States is one of few that gives power to individuals and not elitist classes.

"That's what makes it special,"

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ASOSU bill calls for English language skills

Bill asks that instructors, professors, be evaluated for their English competency

> By Don Iler THE DAILY BAROMETER

Four bills received their first readings after the Associated Students of Oregon State University senate struggled for nearly 10 minutes to make quorum.

The bills' sponsors, Rhianna Taniguchi and Tyler Morrison, were both absent from the meeting, and therefore, no questions about the bills could be answered.

The first, SB 72.08, calls for the university administration to make standardized testing optional for admission to OSU. The bill claims that such standardized tests discriminate against minorities and women and urges the university to stop requiring them.

Senator Thomas Bancroft moved that the bill should be changed to a resolution given its nature, but the motion failed after Tyler Hogan pointed out that none of the bill's authors were there.

Another bill, SB 72.09, which would allow Saferide to let student parents bring their children on rides, received limited discussion. Hogan wanted to know why students were required to show their student identification cards now and what rules there were enforcing it.

Dan Cushing, ASOSU vice president, said he thought the rules came from regulations set by the university motor pool but that he wasn't sure and would look into them.

The third bill, SB 72.10, asks the Valley Library to put more course material on reserve in the library and for instructors to limit the cost of textbooks.

The fourth bill, SB 72.11, calls for the university to take steps to ensure that instructors, professors and teaching assistants who speak English as a second language have proper levels of English competency when they are hired or evaluated.

The bills will receive their second reading during next week's senate meeting in the Memorial Union on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

> Don Iler, editor-in-chief editor@dailybarometer.com

New dean appointed to lead College of Science

College of Science appoints Sastry Pantula from NC State as new dean following a year of transition

> By Vinay Ramakrishnan THE DAILY BAROMETER

After a one-year hiatus, the College of Science now has a permanent dean.

Oregon State University has hired Sastry Pantula, a professor of statistics at North Carolina State University, and the director of the National Science Foundation's division of mathematical sciences. Pantula comes to OSU after having been at NCSU for more than 30 years, and will assume the office on Aug. 30. He succeeds Vince Remcho, who has served as interim dean for the past year.

"I'm very excited, thrilled and humbled by the appointment," Pantula said. "I'm looking forward to coming there this fall, working with students, staff, faculty and alumni and friends.'

While Pantula leaves NC State after 30 years, he wasn't exactly looking to leave.

"I was looking for a new challenge that gives

me a new opportunity to take full advantage of all of my experiences," Pantula said.

The search for a new science dean began when Sherman Bloomer left the office in early 2012 to become director of OSU's office of budgets and fiscal planning. Sabah Randhawa, provost and executive vice president, appointed a search committee, chaired by Larry Rodgers, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"Sastry has excellent credentials and brings a fresh, new perspective to the university," Remcho said. "His experience as a leader at the NSF is unique, and I am certain that it will be a benefit to us at OSU."

Remcho served as interim dean, and was a candidate for the permanent dean position, and will now return to teaching.

"It will be an honor to return to what attracted me to an academic career in the first place: teaching, research and service," Remcho said.

He looks back positively on his tenure as interim dean. "This was a very productive and positive

academic year for the College of Science, and it was a personally rewarding year for me, too," Remcho said.

The College of Science set a new record for scholarship dollars made available to students and introduced a new summer undergraduate research experiences in science program.

Pantula plans on developing a long-term strategic plan for the College of Science.

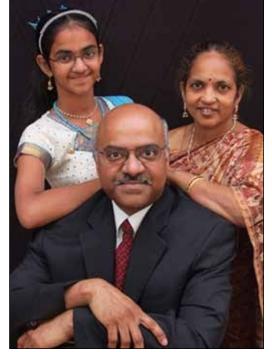
"I would like to work with our faculty and department chairs to develop a strategic plan that is forward-looking and long-term in impact," Pantula said. "I would like to work with our faculty and advisers to continue to improve recruitment, retention and graduation of STEM majors on campus."

Pantula's vision for the College of Science is to have the college be seen as a global leader in research and discoveries.

"I like to see our faculty, alumni and students thrive, not just survive," Pantula said. "As our student numbers grow, we need to grow our faculty, and as our faculty research flourishes, we need to have better facilities for their research." Pantula started his teaching career at NCSU

in 1982 as an assistant professor. According to his resume on the NCSU web-

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COURTESY OF SASTRY PANTULA | CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Sastry Pantula, his daughter Asha and his wife Sobha, a nuclear medicine technologist.

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Pride Center, 3-5pm, MU 206. Make

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environment. Materials provided.

your own sex toy. Come learn to make

7-8:30pm, MU 211. Weekly meeting

Meetings

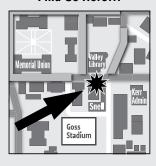
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Delaware becomes 11th state to approve same-sex marriage

(CNN) — Delaware became the eleventh state in the nation to legalize same-sex marriage Tuesday after the State Senate approved the measure and the state's governor signed it into law.

Gov. Jack Markell, Democrat, signed the bill following a 12-9 vote in the State Senate passing the measure. The State House approved the bill in April.

While the state had an existing civil unions law, the new measure allows gay and lesbian couples to legally marry. Rhode Island, Iowa, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Washington and the District of Columbia all allow same-sex marriage.

chapter in our history and proved, once again, justice and equality continue to move forward in Delaware," Markell wrote in a statement following the bill's signing.

His approval was echoed by Delaware Attorney General Beau Biden, the son of Vice President Joe Biden.

"This is a historic day for Delaware," Attorney General Biden wrote. "Because of today's vote, all Delawareans will be equal under the law and free to choose whom to love and whom to spend their lives with.

In March, a divided United States Supreme Court heard arguments over the legality of two marriage laws - the federal

defines marriage as between one man and one woman, and California's Proposition 8, which bans same-sex marriage.

The nine justices hinted at disparate views on the hotbutton issue, though it was far from clear how they will rule. A decision is expected in June.

Opponents of same-sex marriage include some religious and socially conservative groups. Brian Brown, the president of the National Organization for Marriage, wrote the new Delaware law "redefines marriage for everyone" in the state.

"Every marriage will now be genderless," Brown continued in a statement. "That means that anyone who cannot accept

Syria transferring weapons to

the Lebanese militant group

The strikes killed 42 Syrian

soldiers, the opposition Syrian

Observatory for Human Rights

said Monday, citing medi-

cal sources. It said 100 people

An Israeli general who com-

mands forces on the Syrian bor-

der said "there are no winds

of war," according to the Israel

But the Syrian government

warned that Sunday's apparent

strikes, which followed one last

week that Syria also blames on

Israel, open "the door wide for all

And Syrian ally Iran warned

of a "crushing response," while

Russia called reports of Israeli

Israel focused on Hezbollah

While Israel has not acknowl-

edged responsibility for the

attacks, the country has long

said it would target any transfer

of weapons to Hezbollah or other

when it comes to the movement

of these types of weapons. We

have the means to do that," a

senior Israeli defense official told

CNN's Sara Sidner on Sunday.

But Israel must protect itself from

site, Pantula became an associ-

ate professor in 1988, served as

director of graduate programs

in the department of statistics

from 1994 to 2002, and served

as head of NCSU's department

of statistics from 2002 to 2010.

served as division director of

the NSF's division of math-

is to set priorities, and sup-

port outstanding research

and workforce development

in mathematical and statisti-

cal sciences in this country,"

With his team at NSF, Pantula

manages a budget of approxi-

mately \$238 million per year.

He also works with other NSF

divisions and federal agencies

Vizianagram, in Andhra

Pradesh, India. The son of a

math teacher, he credits his

parents for helping him build

a foundation for his eventual

Pantula grew up in

to develop new programs.

Since 2010, Pantula has

"My job [as part of a team]

Lebanese militants, he said.

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Pantula said.

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"We are watching everything

involvement "very worrying."

Defense Forces website.

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terrorist groups.

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remained missing.

"Today, we wrote a new Defense of Marriage act, which this radical and flawed change to marriage is going to be subjected to punishment.'

But gay rights activists hailed the law's passage, saying it represents momentum for supporters of marriage equality laws across the nation.

"As America waits for rulings from the Supreme Court on two historic marriage cases, Delaware today took decisive action and guaranteed equality for the thousands of gay and lesbian couples of that great state," said Chad Griffin, the president of the gay rights group Human Rights Campaign. "Thanks to principled impatience from state leaders in Dover, the momentum for LGBT equality continues unabated."

stopped," Mofaz said.

Tensions in Syria have been

worsened by conflicting reports

on the possible use of chemical

weapons there. On Monday, a

U.N. official said evidence points

to the use of the deadly nerve

agent sarin by Syrian rebel forces.

Swiss TV station that the find-

ings come after interviews with

doctors and Syrian victims now

in neighboring countries. Del

Ponte, the commissioner of the

U.N. Independent International

Commission of Inquiry for

Syria, said the notion isn't sur-

prising, given the infiltration of

foreign fighters into the Syrian

Later, the commission issued

a news release saying it "has not

reached conclusive findings as

to the use of chemical weapons

in Syria by any parties to the con-

flict." Therefore, "the commission

is not in a position to further

comment on the allegations at

The claim of rebels using sarin

gas comes after months of sus-

picions that the Syrian regime

has used the same nerve agent

Last week, the United States

said its intelligence analysts had

concluded "with varying degrees

of confidence" that chemical

weapons had been used in Syria

and that the Assad regime was

the likely culprit. In April, the

head of the Israeli military's intel-

ligence research said the Syrian

government is using chemical

"My father used to wake me

up early to teach me calculus in

my high school years," Pantula

Indian Statistical Institute

in Calcutta, India, where he

received his bachelors and

masters of science degrees

in statistics. Pantula came to

the United States in 1979, and

earned his Ph.D at Iowa State

a nuclear medicine technolo-

gist. They have one daughter,

Asha, 12. In his spare time, he

enjoys theater, playing bridge and racquetball. Until his inter-

view, Pantula had never been to

Oregon. Now, he and his family

are excited about moving to

would be willing to move to the

West Coast," Pantula said. "But,

when they visited Corvallis,

they were impressed with the

natural beauty and the warm

Vinay Ramakrishnan, news reporter

news@dailybarometer.com

"I never thought my family

Pantula is married to Sobha,

Pantula is a graduate of the

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Carla Del Ponte told an Italian-

Thursday, May 9 Meetings Baha'i Campus Association,

12:30pm, MU Talisman Room Universal Language. Devotions and

Educational Activities Committee, Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Discuss funding requests and policy

OSU College Republicans, 7-8pm, StAg 132. Come join us for fun events and friendly discussion.

Events

Pride Center, 10pm, MU Quad. Queer Camp Out! Join us for games, music performance and friends. Bring your tents and sleep in the Quad with us!

Pride Center, 6-10pm, Pride Center. Game Night. A fun and social event to meet new friends, play games and enjoy some snacks

SOL: LGBT Multicultural Support Network, 7pm, Native American Longhouse. Crossroads Within: Performances at the intersections of identity A multimedia event featuring people's impressions of their multiple identities

Friday, May 10

Meetings

OSU Chess Club, 5-7pm, MU Commons. Players of all levels welcome.

Saturday, May 11

Events Ettihad Cultural Community, 5-8pm,

of Ettihad. Free food, cultural booths and performances.

MU Quad. Celebrate the grand opening

Tuesday, May 14

ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. Weekly **Educational Activities Committee,**

5:30-7nm Student Media Confer ence Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Discuss funding requests and policy

Wednesday, May 15

Meetings

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7-8:30pm, MU 211. Weekly meeting

Native American Longhouse Eena Haws, Noon-3pm, MU Quad. 15th

Annual Salmon Bake, A cultural celebration with traditionally cooked salmon, other free food, drumming, singing and dancing

Thursday, May 16

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association,

12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Learning through consultation. Devotions and SIFC, 6:30pm, MU 207. Weekly meet-

Educational Activities Committee,

5-6pm Student Media Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Discuss funding requests and policy

OSU College Republicans, 7-8pm, StAg 132. Come join us for fun events and friendly discussion.

Friday, May 17

Meetings

OSU Chess Club. 5-7pm. MU Commons. Players of all levels welcome. Native American Longhouse Eena

Haws, 4-6pm, Native American Longhouse Eena Haws. The Grand Opening of the new Native American Longhouse Eena Haws.

Saturday, May 18

Pride Center, 10am-1pm, Finley Wildlife Refuge. Wildlife excursion. RSVP at Pride Center International Health Club, 8am-5pm,

Milam Auditorium 026, 3rd Interna tional Health Conference. Theme: Upstream Global Health. Breakfast and lunch provided Native American Student Asso-

ciation, 1-10pm, Gill Coliseum. 37th Annual Klatowa Eena Powwow. Experience Native American culture. Drum groups, dancers and Native American crafts/food will be present. Free dinner at 5pm for first 200 people to show up.

Sunday, May 19

Events

International Health Club, 8am-Noon Milam Auditorium 026. 3rd International Health Conference. Theme: Upstream Global Health. Breakfast

Native American Student Association, 1-5pm, Gill Coliseum. 37th Annu-

The authors strived to provide a scholarly item that would help people put American power and history into context.

Conference attendees professor emerita Laura Rice and

Rice said it was "interesting that the authors had divergent

Spencer Ingram, news reporter news@dailybarometer.com



Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan calls Israel's Syria strikes 'unacceptable' (CNN) — Turkey's prime min-man said Tuesday. The four were Damascus research facility, the "For Israel, it is very important ister, a staunch critic of Syrian on patrol near al Jamlah, Syria, official said. The official stressed that the front group for Iran, that Israel is concerned about which is in Lebanon, needs to be President Bashar al-Assad's

regime, on Tuesday called Israel's recent airstrikes in Syria "unacceptable." Recep Tayyip Erdogan made the statement in the capital, Ankara, during a Justice and Development Party group meet-

ing in parliament. 'The air attack by Israel on Damascus is unacceptable. No rationale, no reason can excuse this operation. These attacks are a bargaining chip, an opportunity delivered on a silver platter to the hands of Assad, to the illegitimate

Syrian regime," he said. The heightened tensions come amid questions about the possible use of chemical weapons in Syria and international debate over how to respond to the country's bloody civil war, in which more than 70,000 people have died in more than two years of fighting.

In the latest unrest, U.N. peacekeepers have been seized in Syria near the Israeli-held Golan Heights, a U.N. spokes-

CONFERENCE

After the opening speech's

A variety of topics were dis-

"American policy is the sin

Aside from political science

topics, the authors provid-

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American power and history."

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history of American military

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policy to intervention in Syria

intense question and answer

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session soon followed.

and the Kosovo war.

Lynch said.

encyclopedia.

Milne said.

when an armed group detained them. Officials were working "to secure their safe release," the spokesman said.

The Yarmouk Martyrs Brigade, part of the rebel Free Syrian Army, said the peacekeepers were caught in the crossfire between Syrian armed forces and FSA fighters. That prompted the brigade to extract the peacekeepers for their security, the brigade command said.

The peacekeepers, all members of a Philippine battalion of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force, were seized near al Jamlah, in an area that's technically part of the Syrian Golan. After the 1973 war, the force was established to supervise a cease-fire and disengagement agreement.

As for Israel, it conducted

age site containing missiles

strikes against Syria twice in recent days, a U.S. official confirmed Monday. One targeted a weapons stor-

and another was directed at a

foreign languages instructor Karim Hamdy enjoyed the event.

view points."

scarce of women.

State University hired professor Nichols," Hamdy said.

The official is not authorized to speak to the media. Shaul Mofaz, a lawmaker in Israel's Knesset, told Israeli Army Radio on Sunday that Israel isn't meddling with Syria's civil war.

Yet, she had also wished they had the associate editor on the panel," and that it was

"I am very pleased Oregon

The conference challenged the public to think of the different myriad powers of the United States.

A prison daycare

program would

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the chances of their

own incarceration.

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Sexual assault has no place in military, anywhere

exual assault is wrong, no matter who it is or where it happens. It is wrong at this university just as much as it is wrong anywhere else in the world.

A report released Tuesday by the Department of Defense shows that sexual assault continues to persist as an issue in the armed forces, with numbers taking a spike this year when compared to last year's numbers.

The Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military reports that 6.1 percent of active duty women experienced some form of unwanted sexual contact. This number was pulled from the 2012 Workplace and Gender Relations Survey of Reserve Component Members (WGRA).

The WGRA also reveled 1.2 percent of active duty men indicated they experienced unwanted sexual contact.

These numbers, for men, have not seen a significant increase. If only it were the case

Since 2010, there has been a 4.4 percent increase of the amount of women who reported unwanted sexual contact within the 12 months prior to being surveyed.

The Department of Defense outlines a strategic plan to address this increase of unwanted sexual contact in its Annual Report on Sexual Assault in the Military. The plan lists five priorities: Institutionalize prevention strategies in the military community, increase the climate of victim confidence associated with reporting sexual assault, improve sexual assault response, improve system accountability and improve stakeholder knowledge and understanding of the DoD's program, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.

But given that recently an Air Force officer tasked with leading the Air Force's sexual assault prevention program was charged with sexual battery, and given past history of ignoring victims and covering up crimes, there is something truly broken with the way the military is handling sexual assault. Clearly procedures need to be examined.

While steps have been taken to come to terms with the problem in recent years, further action and steps need to be taken in order to protect men and women in uniform from being assaulted or from not being taken seriously when they try to report

Providing a reporting and disciplinary structure outside the chain of command would be a great step in making reporting easier for victims. Many times, the perpetrators of these crimes are the officers and noncommissioned officers who are in charge of these men and women, which can make the reporting difficult or impossible, or can result in a cover-up or lax punishment.

The military can also do more to support victims of these heinous crimes. The problem should be talked about and acknowledged more in the military beyond just PowerPoint presentations given during day-long safety briefings.

There should be zero tolerance for sexual assault in the military, just like it should be here at OSU. Victims should feel safe and supported, and criminals should be prosecuted and reported. And the problem needs to end.

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Prison inmates could learn from caring for children

ecently I watched a great documentary called "Shelter Me." The film looks at animal shelters, and really tries to promote a positive image toward people getting new dogs from shelters. The most striking section of the movie though, was a segment that addressed the partnering of a service dog program that pulls dogs from shelters, and pairs them with women who are prisoners in the Missouri Department of Corrections (MDC), to be trained. This should be taken a step further: Prisons should pair with impoverished parents to create a daycare program.

Currently there are a few programs that use a select group of outstanding prisoners as trainers for service dogs. The MDC pairs up with CHAMP assistance dogs, Inc., a group whose mission is "to improve and enhance life skills and promote companionship through the placement of specially selected service dogs with qualified individuals, and further, to always celebrate the mystery and joy inherent in the canine/ human bond." Another group, New Horizons Service Dogs (NHSD), works with the Florida Department of Corrections, allowing male prisoners of the Sago Palm Work Camp to train dogs for future service with the disabled.

Both of these programs have had great success, with MDC stating in Shelter Me" that not a single prisoner that completed their service time



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while being involved in the program has returned to prison. NHSD states, "the skills that [the prisoners] acquire during this process will improve their chances of success once they are released from prison and re-enter the outside community."

With the obvious benefits of the programs, why should it stop at dogs? Many women are in prison for life, and will never get a chance to be a mother. Many of them would probably love to be able to at least experience the biological reward that is mothering a child. Many men in prison would probably love the opportunity to father a child as well.

In a Huffington Post article titled, "Child Care Costs: 'Who's Minding The Kids?' Report From Census Bureau Shows Rise Since 1985," it states "families at or above the poverty line in 2011 spent 8 percent of their income on childcare, the report found, while those living in poverty spent 30 percent." Factor in the rising number of teenage pregnancies, and it's quickly realized that many children aren't getting the care they

If prisoners (who let me remind you are people just like you and me, many of whom made some mis-

means) can be taught to successfully train dogs, which arguably take just as much attention and care as children if you're going to train them to serve the disabled, then they could just as easily be trained and monitored to take care

of children.

At one point, "Shelter Me" addresses the idea that part of the success of the service dog programs is the prisoners' identification with the sheltered dogs coming from a broken environment. Many of these

prisoners come from poverty, and understand the

hardships it causes. This hardship caused many of them to resort to the action that put them in prison in the first place. That same identification would most likely be found, and allow a greater bond and success with prisoners and children.

It's understandable that leaving one's child with a convicted felon could be a scary thought. Many parents have a hard enough time entrusting their child with a daycare, as Jonathan Cohn alludes to in his April 29 "The New Republic" cover

takes, but aren't bad people by any story. But it's an unfortunate reality that the rising rates of single parents, as well as two heavily-worked parents, are basically forcing daycare

> A prison daycare program would have plenty of supervision and

training, and provide a powerful lesson to children that could potentially reduce the chances of their own incarceration. Many current daycare programs are no different than a babysitter, except the ratios of children to adults are much higher. A prison daycare could allow for actual one-on-one parenting, and the attention needed to allow the child to

succeed that many daycares don't provide.

When it comes down to it, as the service dog program shows, many prisoners are good-hearted people. America's children are having a rough time, and a prison daycare could really help to curb it.

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Letters to the Editor

Response to McLain's May 6 column

Want to win a student body election? Rush!

In response to the recent election of Brett Deedon and Victoria Redman, Steve McLain raised a valuable point: Greek students do, in fact, dominate student government and vote in student body elections. Both ASOSU and MUPC are disproportionately comprised of Greeks, and, according to the ASOSU's post-election survey, 70 percent of those who voted were either in a sorority or fraternity. This fact is not, as McLain said, a result of "rampant cronyism," but instead, stems from the large-scale organization of students who choose to actually get involved on campus.

Most fraternities and sororities were created to foster campus involvement. It should come as no great shock, then, that members of Greek organizations are present (and often assume leadership roles) in almost every student group at the university. Moreover, networking is vital to success and Deedon and Redman are part of the largest social network on campus. The Greek System is an association of more than 3,000 students at this university alone, allowing for the mass mobilization of resources and personnel, conducive to all sorts of positive outcomes. A great example of this collective efficacy is observable in the fact that Oregon State's chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority raised nearly \$46,000 for the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence in 2013 alone.

Less than 1500 students chose to vote in the most recent ASOSU presidential election. Greeks made up the vast majority of those who did, and most of those Greeks know either Redman or Deedon. Is anybody really surprised that they won? When McLain says "they're just better at organizing their constituents," he is absolutely right. Instead of lauding their resourcefulness

ity of voters through superior organization, however, McLain chose to label thousands of students, many of whom have never even met Redman or Deedon, as "conspiratorial."

Losing an election is frustrating, so here is an easy solution for those with campus political aspirations in the future: Rush. Non-Greeks who run for office are just setting themselves up for failure. Look at the biography of just about any politician or Fortune 500 CEO. They were Greek. In the past, structural and financial constraints prevented students from minority backgrounds and lower socioeconomic statuses from joining Greek organizations. Today, especially on a campus like Oregon State, there are a number of scholarships to assuage financial obstacles to joining, and culturally-based organizations looking for members from almost very conceivable background. Almost every chapter wants to expand, and will help give you the social skills and network necessary to win campus elections.

GEOFF WICKES Senior in the College of Liberal Arts

Response to McLain's May 6 column Most students don't care

about student government

Steven McLain recently raised the concern of student government's mandate to govern. This is a troubling issue for the government of a student body because, in many cases, students simply aren't interested in their government. This isn't anything abnormal but rather human nature; the majority of students at any university focus their time on successfully securing their degree and graduating financially stable.

The minutia of the student government which presides over that transitory period is, understandably, irrelevant to most. Those who argue that the president/

and ability to win over the major- vice-president elect do not have a to objectify and degrade women, mandate because only 3 percent of OSU student population voted for them are, quite honestly, being too optimistic. Most students at OSU simply don't care about student government, while those who do are often members of groups that are naturally politically inclined (cultural centers, college Democrats/Republicans, etc.). Anyone who hopes that a grand majority of students will turn out to vote will be perpetually disappointed.

McLain also alleges that there is "rampant cronyism," and that student government serves as a puppet piece of the Greek system. These are very serious accusations, ones which should not be made lightly, yet where is the evidence? Which officials in student government have appointed their fraternity brothers? Which fraternity brothers have been appointed? Is there documented evidence that students from the Greek system have been selected for positions over more qualified, non-Greek members?

True, there are many Greeks in student government, but that is in no way indicative of a culture of corruption; rather, it is indicative of the culture of involvement that can be found in many fraternities and sororities. All students are welcome to participate in their government; however many simply have more pressing issues. This is completely natural, and should be taken into account when assessing the worth of student government.

SAUL BOULANGER Majoring in English ASOSU undergraduate representative

Response to the May 7 editorial Lumping all women together is more insulting than Lulu

The editorial attacking Lulu because it degrades men and sets feminism back is hopefully satire. Men already have systems in place but none of that causes a commotion or sets men back decades. What I fail to understand is how when a woman decides to think for herself outside of the feminist dogma she is considered a traitor and always sets feminism back. At this point more has been done to set feminism back than push it forward. The editorial claims that if there was a man's version of Lulu, women wouldn't stand for it.

What about porn, strip clubs, and Maxim's hot 100 issues? The creator of Facebook got started with Facemash which was just rating pictures based on appearance. Why does it matter if someone can lie about another person through Lulu? People gossip and lie face to face; no one needs an app to verbally assault an ex behind their back for catharsis. Before this app, women rated men and told their friends all about his flaws.

Men rate women with either a umber or an "I'd hit that. is receiving way more attention than it deserves. Just another silly app that shouldn't have any real significance in someone's life. It doesn't set feminism or women back because it doesn't harm women. Shouldn't the goal of feminism be equality for women in all aspects of life?

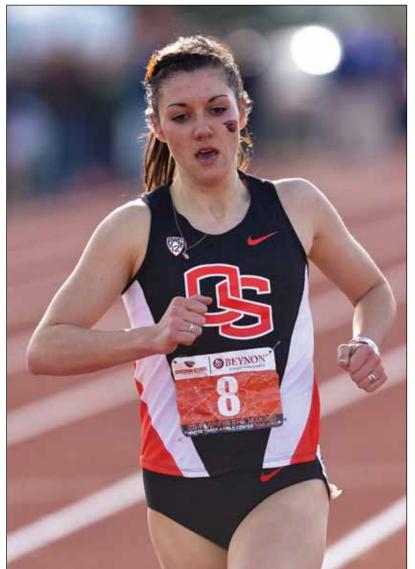
Allow women to have a seat at the political, military and voting table, but also allow them to enjoy some of the crasser parts of life. Believe it or not, women are more than just women. Grouping all women together and defining them solely by their gender is more insulting than Lulu will ever be. People have their own opinions, personalities and experiences that help to define them beyond their gender, race or religious denomination. There are more important issues in life that we could be discussing than how men are being degraded, like Game of Thrones or what are you having for lunch today.

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Sophomore Kinsey Gomez paces herself at the Oregon Relays on April 19. Gomez has already qualified for regionals.

Gomez on the rise

 Kinsey Gomez is as fast as she's ever been, looking forward to Pac-12 Championships

By Alex McCoy

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kinsey Gomez has been running for a long time.

After not being at full health at the Pac-12 Championships in 2012, Gomez is ready for her second chance.

The sophomore distance runner is one of many Oregon State athletes who will compete at the Pac-12 Championships in Los Angeles this weekend.

Gomez has been at full health all season, and it's shown. After an impressive indoor season for the Beavers, Gomez has done nothing but set new personal bests in every race she has competed in this outdoor season.

The Idaho native ran for Coeur d'Alene High School. She was a fourtime state champion and three-year team captain. The distance runner could have gone to any Pac-12 school she wanted, but saw something different in Oregon State.

"I knew I wanted to run in the Pac-12 and I wanted to be somewhere where it's an on-the-rise-program," Gomez said. "You're part of making history when you do that, you're not just a number or a person where you're easily replaceable. But here you actually mean something, you're making a difference."

The track and field program at Oregon State had been non-existent for 16 years due to budget cuts and expenses in the late 1980s and has returned largely in part to head coach Kelly Sullivan's dedication.

In 2004, the OSU administration brought back the women's cross-country team, and distance running in track and field. Only until this year has the program been able to expand to new heights, thanks to the brandnew Whyte Track and Field facility.

"The coaching staff and the team dynamics, they're very different than anywhere else," Gomez said. "The commitment to [the future of the program] is so cool because we're so young. And the energy of the young group, they have so much hope for the future."

Gomez started running at the unusually early age of 5. Not just running around the playground, or even doing laps around the school by herself, either. The distance runner competed in actual cross country meets while she was in kindergarten.

That fact made head coach Kelly Sullivan cautious in recruiting the sophomore. He was afraid she would burn out. Most runners that start at such an early age end up washed up by high school, as is the case for many of Gomez's former competitors.

"I give her a lot of credit because who does anything that you started in kindergarten and you're still in love with it?" Sullivan said. "She reminds me of someone who has just been introduced to the sport. She's like a little kid in a candy store."

Gomez has secured a spot in the Pac-12 Championships for the second time in two years. This spring, however, is her first track season competing in Pac-12s at full health.

Last year, during her indoor season, Gomez had thoughts about redshirting this season, but the coaching staff wouldn't let her. Assistant coach Laura Harmon approached Gomez about making lifestyle changes instead of allowing her to redshirt.

"She communicates with me really, really well," Harmon said. "I wanted to talk to her about making those changes. And even from the get-go, [Gomez] and I have clicked pretty well in terms of her being receptive to any of my feedback."

When Gomez came back for her last 3K race at the UW Qualifier in Seattle, the track star set a new personal-best by 13 seconds, showing that she has more control of her results than she ever thought.

"Kinsey's improvement goes back to two things," Sullivan said. "One is Laura's involvement with her. And then the second one is Kinsey actually doing it and embracing it and making changes. They've resulted in

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KEVIN RAGSDALE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior catcher Jake Rodriguez rears back to make a throw in Friday's 6-1 win against Cal.

OSU baseball won't overlook Pilots

 Oregon State battles UP in Salem on Wednesday before beginning tough Pac-12 road series

By Warner Strausbaugh

THE DAILY BAROMETER

With No. 25 Stanford and No. 10 Oregon on the horizon, a midweek game against the University of Portland could be on the back of the minds of the Oregon State baseball team.

But with a national top-eight seed in the NCAA Tournament and the potential to host regionals and super regionals at stake, every game counts for the No. 6 Beavers (37-8,

17-4 Pac-12)

"It's really important because of the national seeds, RPI and all the stuff like that," said sophomore left fielder Michael Conforto. "We can't overlook [the game against Portland], and obviously you have to take everything one game at a time."

Conforto, last year's Pac-12 Freshman of the Year and a Baseball America Second Team All-American, was in the midst of a month-long 8-for-43 (.186) slump. The sophomore has broken out in a big way since April 26 against USC, going 9-for-24 (.375) with four extra-base hits, six runs scored and seven runs batted in.

Going into the final 11 games of the sea-

son, Conforto and the offense will be put to the test against quality pitching from their upcoming opponents.

"Everything from here on out is huge for us," Conforto said. "We have Stanford, then Oregon and Washington State. Those are all huge series for us."

The offense has averaged six runs per game in the last two series. It has been the pitching, however, that has led the team on a seven-game winning streak, including sweeps of USC and California.

"Matt [Boyd's] been great on Friday night, Andrew [Moore's] been unreal for us on Saturday and then [Ben] Wetzler comes in

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Sara Almen

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Redshirt freshman Sara Almen earned a berth in the NCAA Division I Track and Field West Preliminary Round in Austin, Texas, last weekend after winning the high jump at the Oregon Twilight meet with a jump of 5-10.

The 6-foot-3 Almen beat out University of Oregon high jumpers Lauren Crockett and Chancey Summers. Last year, Crockett competed at the NCAA Championships, and Summers qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials.

The Daily Barometer Athlete of the Week

All three cleared 5-10, but Almen needed fewer attempts and was awarded first place. She nearly cleared six feet, but came up just short.

Almen showed tremendous improvement in only her second outdoor meet of the season. She jumped 5-5 3/4 at the Willamette Invitational on April 6 before reaching the 5-10 mark on Saturday.

Regionals begin May 24, where Almen will enter as the 12th-ranked high jumper in the West Region.

Also a member of the volleyball team, Almen has shown she can get it done in both sports.

Almen recorded 94 kills and 48 digs in her freshman campaign. She missed part of the season with minor injuries but still made 23 appearances, starting in nine of them for the volleyball team this season.

After her personal-record jump last weekend, Almen will look to repeat the success this weekend at the Pac-12 Championships. Though she already qualified for regionals, there's always the chance to improve her ranking and possibly win a Pac-12 Championship in her redshirt freshman season.

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MITCH LEA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Freshman high jumper Sara Almen attempts to clear the bar at the OSU High Performance.

WHO IS THE FACE OF OSU? MATCHUPS

1. Jordan Poyer | Football | Senior Cornerback

- First Team All-American cornerback in 2012
- Started 24 career games
- 13 career interceptions
- Drafted in the seventh round of the NFL Draft
- Briefly was on the baseball team at OSU

Why he's a 1-seed:

We shouldn't have to explain this one; Poyer was the best player on the school's most popular team. He's also a perfect representation of what OSU is all about: A local kid (Astoria), barely recruited out of high school — the flashy Ducks didn't want him — who came to OSU and developed into a bona fide superstar. Oh, and he had his own show — "The Jordan Poyer Show" — on KEZI last fall.



8. Martin Forde | Men's Rowing | Sophomore

Credentials:

- Made the U.S. team for the World Championships in 2012
- Rowed in the stroke seat for OSU's Freshman 8 boat
- Set the pace for three OSU wins and a bronze-medal finish in the Pac-12 Championships

Why he's an 8-seed:

This is the 1 vs. 16 matchup you'd see in March Madness. Forde sits in the stroke seat for the rowing team, which — for those who don't know — is the position on the boat with the most responsibility and is the most technically sound rower. He also made the U.S. team after his freshman year.

4. Taylor Meeks | Sophomore | Wrestling

Credentials:

- Pac-12 Champion in the 197-pound weight class in 2013
- Finished fourth in the nation at the NCAA Championships
- Three-time high school state champion in Washington

Why he's a 4-seed:

Meeks had the best finish at the NCAA Championships for an Oregon State team that finished eighth in the nation. The sophomore finished second at the Pac-12 Championships in the 184-pound weight class last season before his breakout year in 2013. With seniors Mike Mangrum and Chad Hanke graduating, Meeks might be the best wrestler for arguably OSU's best team.



Credentials:

- Had 73 blocked shots last season, breaking the OSU single-season record of 69 set by Moreland himself the previous season
- 9.4 points, 10.6 rebounds, 2.5 blocks per game last season
- 2nd in the Pac-12 in rebounds and blocked shots

Why he's a 5-seed:

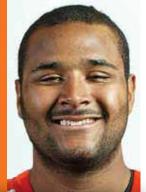
5. Eric Moreland | Basketball | Sophomore Forward

Standing at 6-foot-10 and covered with enough ink to make Wiz Khalifa jealous, Moreland is the most recognizable basketball player on campus. Although he briefly flirted with entering the NBA Draft a month ago, Moreland decided to stay for another year, which will greatly benefit both the team and his own individual skill set. If his offensive game improves, Moreland could go down as the best big man in OSU history.

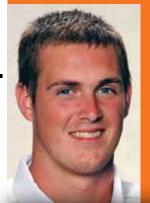
3. Joe Burton | Basketball | Senior center

- First player in OSU history to have at least 1,000 points, 700 rebounds
- First Native American to receive a Pac-10/12 men's basketball scholarship • Took part in Beavers Without Borders trip to Macedonia in 2011
- Why he's a 3-seed:

Anyone who follows Beaver basketball knows that Joe Burton is truly a one-of-a-kind player, a wizard with the basketball in his hands. It is unlikely that Burton will ever play in the NBA, but his versatility on the hardwood, his story and his community involvement have forever etched his name into the Oregon State history books.



VS.



Credentials:

18 career starts at quarterback

6. Sean Mannion | Football | Sophomore Quarterback

- 5,774 passing yards and 31 touchdowns in two years
- First ever sophomore team captain at OSU

Why he's a 6-seed:

Although he's been the starting quarterback for most games in the last two years, Mannion lost his starting job to Cody Vaz after throwing four picks against UW on Oct. 27, 2012. Mannion was at the helm for OSU's 4-0 start before undergoing surgery on a torn meniscus in his

2. Michael Conforto | Sophomore | Baseball

Credentials:

- · Pac-12 Freshman of the Year
- · Set the Oregon State record for RBIs in a season with 76
- · Member of the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team

Why he's a 2-seed:

Conforto has as impressive credentials as any athlete in the tournament. The left fielder has been the best hitter for the Beavers — who are currently No. 6 in the nation — since he arrived. Baseball America called $Confort othe best natural hitter in the {\tt Pac-12} conference. {\tt He's} a chieved$ a lot in less than two years, and could go down as an all-time great.



VS.

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7. Khiry Shelton | Men's Soccer | Sophomore Forward

Credentials:

- · Tied for second on team in goals, second in shots on goal in 2012
- · Played for U.S. U-18 men's national team
- · Major League Soccer prospect

Why he's a 7-seed:

Shelton has enormous upside, and it's clear because MLS scouts are already looking at him. His biggest problem has been staying on the field. Shelton has been limited by injuries each year. On a pure talent level, he would be a higher seed. With Emery Welshman gone, Shelton could be in for a big fall.

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- 17. Thais Pinto, women's basketball
- 18. Quortni Fambro, women's basketball
- 19. Chelsea Tang, gymnastics
- 20. Erika Aufiero, gymnastics
- 21. Ocean Trail, swimming 22. Erica Brannon, swimming
- 23. Maggie Doremus, softball
- 24. Bailee Niehus, softball
- 25. Emily Wheeler, track
- 26. Whitney Pitman, track
- 27. Lauren Fischer, women's golf 28. Melissa Gibbons, women's golf
- 29. Gillian Cooper, women's rowing
- 30. Elizabeth Lewis, women's rowing
- 31. Jake Lunter, men's rowing
- 32. TBA, men's rowing

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- 1. Lindsay Schnell, Oregonian
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PLAY-IN GAME RESULTS

Sean Mannion def.

Cody Vaz *Mannion will face Joe Burton

1. Josh Andrews, football 2. Devon Kell, football

3. Ryan Barnes, baseball

4. Dylan Davis, baseball

9. Pat Rollins, wrestling

11. David Fink, men's golf

15. Haley Clarke, volleyball

16. Allie Rogers, volleyball

12. Scott Kim, men's golf

5. Angus Brandt, men's basketball

6. Daniel Gomis, men's basketball

7. Will Seymore, men's soccer

8. Matt Bersano, men's soccer

10. Drew Van Anrooy, wrestling

13. Justyne Freud, women's soccer

14. Erin Uchacz, women's soccer

Fan vote Mannion — 74%

Vaz — 26% Athlete vote

Mannion - 58% Vaz — 42% Media vote

Mannion — 80% Vaz — 20%

Obum Gwacham def. Josh Smith

*Gwacham will face Joe Burtor

Fan vote

Gwacham - 52% Smith — 48% Athlete vote

Smith — 54% Gwacham — 46%

Media vote

Gwacham - 60%

Smith — 40%

Stephanie McGregor def.

Sara Almen

*McGreaor will face Liz Santano Fan vote

McGregor — 84%

Almen — 16% Athlete vote

McGregor - 58%

Almen — 42% Media vote

Almen — 80%

Natalie Meiggs def.

Morgan Kennedy *Meiggs will face Kelsi Blalock

Kennedy - 51%

Meiggs — 49% Athlete vote

Meiggs — 54% Kennedy — 46% Media vote

Meiggs — 100% Kennedy — 0%

McGregor - 20%

BASEBALL

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on Sunday and looks like a Friday-night guy," said junior catcher Jake Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has gone somewhat unheralded in the discussion of dominant pitching. He has taken over as the full-time catcher after splitting catching duties with Ryan Gorton last year.

"It's great to have a guy back there that you trust and you like and you know has experience with our staff," said head coach Pat Casey.

Aside from being on the receiving end of a pitching staff

with the second-best earned said. "That just saves my legs run average in the nation (2.04), Rodriguez has thrown out the last seven runners who tried to steal a base. He throws out runners 37.5 percent of the time. The worst ERA among the

major league catchers had a higher rate last year.

"He's always had good arm strength, but he's getting better with his footwork," Casey said. "He can really throw.

Rodriguez didn't take

credit, though. He pointed to the pitching rotation in 2012 the pitchers' ability to hold runners on first base well, deliver the ball quickly and keep pitch counts low to keep him fresh behind the plate.

"For the most part, I've had a lot of innings that have been under 10 pitches," Rodriguez of the chute very well, then he

for the Saturday and Sunday games." Boyd, Moore and Wetzler have been dominant all year.

For perspective, only three three is Boyd's 1.88, and all It's a huge game

for us. It's going to build momentum into the next Pac-12 series.

Jake Rodriguez

for us going

three rank in the top six in

> the conference in ERA. Dan Child will likely be Wednesday

night's starter against the Pilots (17-28, 8-10 West Coast Conference). Child was a

mainstay in but was passed by Moore, who hasn't cooled off in his fresh-

man year. "Dan's been good at times, and not quite as good at other times," Casey said. "He's worked hard. He didn't get out

kind of had a bad back, and now I think he's doing well." The junior right-hander still

comes in with a 4-1 record and 2.65 ERA, which is better than the No. 1 starter for five Pac-12 teams. Mark Appel, Stanford's ace and the projected first or sec-

ond pick in June's MLB Draft, will be waiting for the Beavers on Friday night in Palo Alto, Thinking about the six games after Portland — road

series at Stanford and Oregon – is hard not to do for a team that has a chance to win the conference. But Portland is not being

overlooked, either. If anything, a win Wednesday night will only make the final stretch of the season a little bit better. "It's a huge game for us,"

Rodriguez said. "It's going to build momentum for us going into the next Pac-12 series."

Warner Strausbaugh, managing editor sports@dailybarometer.com

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GOMEZ

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a better product." This "better product" has shaved nearly a minute off of her 5K race time since running the race last year as a freshman. The sophomore has nothing but excitement for this weekend's Pac-12 Championships.

"I like to think this on the start line, 'It's a beautiful day for a 5K,' and it rhymes," Gomez said with a giggle. "I like to be goofy on the start line and smiling because everyone is just

Coincidentally, that's one of the things that attracted Sullivan to Gomez: her care-free attitude. "The first time I got to see her compete, I

watched her intermingle with her competitors," said Sullivan. "'Little Miss Bubbly. Gomez will be competing in the 1500-meter race this weekend for the Beavers, along with

11 other Oregon State student athletes. She might just capitalize on that second chance.

Alex McCoy, sports reporter

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'I never forgot about you': Families reunite with women held captive for years

first time most of America heard Amanda Berry's voice was on a frantic 911 call.

"I've been kidnapped, and I've been missing for 10 years," the 27-year-old woman said on the call, which was made on Monday. "And I'm here. I'm free now.'

A day later, Berry could be heard again. This time talking to relatives, she seemed positive, even upbeat — telling her grandmother Fern Gentry that she's "fine" and that the 6-yearold girl also rescued Monday from a Cleveland home is indeed her own.

"I love you honey, thank God," her tearful grandmother said, in a call recorded by CNN affiliate WJHL. "... I've thought about you all this time. I never forgot about you."

Back in northern Ohio, balloons dotted the frontyard of the home of 23-year-old Georgina "Gina" DeJesus, who along with Berry and Michelle Knight were allegedly held captive for years in a Cleveland house. There was also a sign strung along a fence, the same one that had been there since Gina was first reported missing

Her 32-year-old sister, Mayra Delesus, told CNN's Poppy Harlow on Tuesday that her sister — for all the hell she's gone through — is in "good spirits."

DeJesus spent the day with family, who didn't focus on what she'd gone through but more on lifting her up, her sister said.

Her brother, Ricardo, earlier described how the whole family was crying and shaking upon hearing Gina was safe and alive.

"I was just glad to be able to see her," he said. "It's been nine long years. I was just happy I was able to sit there and hug her and say, 'Yup, you're finally home.'

Berry, DeJesus and the 32-year-old Knight each disappeared from the same Cleveland street — Lorain Avenue — three miles from the home in which they were found Monday evening. They escaped after Berry broke out the bottom of a screen door and called for help Monday evening, startling neighbor Charles Ramsey who came over and helped kick in the door.

Cleveland police and the FBI hailed Berry as a hero for her

daring escape. "We're following her lead," Cleveland's Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba said. "Without her, none of us would be here today."

Three men have been jailed in the women's disappearance 54-year-old Pedro Castro, 50-year-old Onil Castro and 52-year-old Ariel Castro, who neighbors said lived at the house. All three are expected to be charged in the coming days.

Some neighbors of Ariel Castro spent Tuesday secondguessing themselves, questioning why they hadn't noticed signs earlier and if they could have prevented the horrors.

"This is a heartbreaking moment for us, because I'm always out there (and) I've heard nothing," said Daniel Marti, who's known Ariel Castro since junior high school and lived near him for some 22

"... To us, it was like nothing was happening. But yet it was happening, right in front of our face and we didn't even know."

'He didn't want nobody back

The predominantly Latino neighborhood, made up mostly

of two-story frame homes, sits within sight of downtown. The gentrification that has spiffed up districts on either end hasn't extended to the blocks around Castro's home, where a number of houses are boarded up. But the churches in the neighborhood still ring the bells in their steeples, and the neighbors say they look out for one another.

Authorities and several neighbors say they had no prior indication anything suspicious was going on at the nondescript home on Seymour Avenue, where a Puerto Rican flag hung from the porch.

But after Monday's discovery, they reflected back and noticed things that, in retrospect, might have signaled something awry.

Marti, for one, asked himself why he didn't question why Castro - who, he thought, lived alone — would return each day with bags of McDonald's food, or who would watch the little girl he occasionally took outside. He also recalled how Castro seemed to steer him away from the house when they talked: "Now that I think of it, he didn't want nobody back there.'

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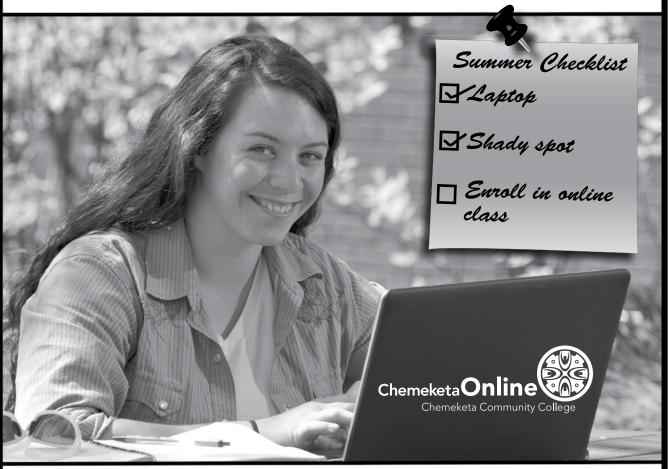
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Alicia Hudson, a master's student in animal and rangeland sciences and member of the OSU Kat Pollan Holds a giant Australian prickley stick, brought to Ag Day by the Bug Zoo Club. Poultry Science Club helps others with ducks and geese at Ag Day.

complete with rolling demonstrations.

This is freshman RJ Morgan's first year as a member of the OSU Forestry Club, but he has already come to know it as his home.

> grandpa was in forestry, and I even have some friends in forestry," Morgan said. "In that way, it's always been a big part of my life." Although the student agri-

"My dad was in forestry, my

cultural fair is over, there are still opportunities to get involved and support the efforts of the College of Agricultural Sciences, as well as local businesses. A canned

food drive, "Ag in the Community," will take place today as a community service project benefitting the OSU Food Bank.

For more information on clubs and other events hosted by the College of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.agsci.oregonstate.edu.

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Ashley Chanelle, a senior at Echo High School, rides a mechanical bull in the quad.

AG DAY

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"My favorite part of Ag Day is seeing all of the clubs come together and celebrate agriculture," White said. "There are many different clubs within our college so it is a lot of fun to see them all together in the quad having a good time."

Fan favorite activities throughout the day included a mechanical bull, a milk mustache contest and a performance by the Country Western Dance Club.

Junior Allison Zumwalt, Country Western Dance Club president, has been dancing with the group for her entire OSU career. Although her club plays more along the lines of the social aspects as opposed to the manual labor side of traditional farm life, she enjoys how they can all come together during Ag Day.

"At the end of a hard day at work, everyone wants to come home and dance," Zumwalt said. "I love how Ag Day works all the different aspects of agriculture lifestyle."

Although junior Jesse Mindolovich would have never pictured herself as a member of this club, she has been actively involved with the Country Western Dance Club for two years. Mindolovich is the current vice president for the club.

"I hated country music and my roommates dragged me into it," Mindolovich said. "Now I love it. It's definitely addictive."

A new supplement to Ag Day this year was the Ag Olympics, in which students and faculty members pitted against each

other in competitions such as milk chugging, tractor driving, dummy roping and sack races.

Members of the Young Cattleman's Association hosted a bargain barbecue lunch for participants.

Cody Klein volunteered for the barbecue lunch by cooking up hamburger patties and serving food to passers-by. Although he is not a member of the Young Cattleman's Association him-

self, he is a current member of the Oregon State Steer-A-Year program, a course geared toward shaping future beef experts.

"I like how each agricultural club is represented so that people can actually see what they are and how important agriculture really is as a part of OSU," Klein said while flipping another batch of patties.

The Oregon State Forestry Club was one of many academic clubs showcased at the event,

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