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## Students count down to Cuba

■ The Oregon University System offers the first study abroad to Cuba, set for June of this year

By Vinay Ramakrishnan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This June, 15 students from Oregon State University, University of Oregon and Portland State University will travel to Cuba as part of the first study abroad program ever offered by the Oregon University System to that country.

The students will travel as a group, led by Dr. Dwaine Plaza, professor of sociology, and Dr. Amy Below, professor of political science. The study abroad program to Cuba follows a class that participating students are taking this term titled, "Cuban Society, Culture and Politics through Film." Plaza and Below are teaching the class, which is a prerequisite and intended to prepare students for the trip to Cuba.

Michele Justice, associate director of OUS international programs, is responsible for building the framework for the Cuba Study Abroad  
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Portland State University student Dani Smith discusses the Cuban agriculture system at the Oregon University System study abroad orientation held at the University of Oregon on May 19.

## ASOSU house views 4 resolutions, passes 3

■ Representatives look at SAT scores in admission process, SafeRide access to parents

By Jack Lammers  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The next to last meeting of the year for the Associated Students of Oregon State University house of representatives had a full agenda.

The house passed three joint resolutions and voted down another. The following are highlights from the meeting:

- JR-72.05 focused on removing the SAT from OSU admissions criteria. The resolution argued that the SAT does not give students equal opportunities for acceptance because it contains cultural biases, "rewards for strategic guessing" and uses a "highly-speeded pace." The resolution narrowly failed with a vote of four in support but five against the bill.

- JR-72.06 urged SafeRide to give rides to student parents and children, which would undergo review by the Student and Incidental Fee Committee in Winter 2014. Speaker of the house Jacob Vandever noted that OSU-operated vehicles do not allow minors and that enacting the resolution would take some negotiating with insurance companies. The resolution passed unanimously.

- JR-72.07 — a resolution to maximize the amount of course materials available for students and minimizing costs — also passed without dissent. The resolution calls for the provost to provide funding for extra course reserve materials in the Valley Library, better availability of electronic materials and guidelines for the university, faculty, bookstores and publishers to make costs more transparent to students.

- JR-72.08 was the final bill discussed and passed eight to one. The resolu-

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## Possibilities still open to the boomerang generation

■ OSU students remain hopeful in spite of trend showing 18- to 34-year-olds have a tendency to move back home after college

By Emily Mowry  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

According to research done by the Pew Research Center, among all classified 'Boomerang Generation' members, 40 percent end up back at home with their parents; a rate that is higher than any other previous generation according to recent census data.

The 'Boomerang Generation' consists of the 18- to 34-year-olds who start off at home, move away for a while, and then end up back at home with their parents.

With graduation fast approaching, this is a real fear for many graduating seniors, or any students

who may be struggling on their own.

"I've always thought that after college, it's time to join the real world, and start being more independent," said graduating senior Erin Nickell. "So if I moved home, I would feel like that would be put on hold, and my life would kind of be paused as well."

According to The Economist, the unemployment rate of 18- to 24-year-olds increased from 13 to 20 percent between 2008 and 2012. The Boomerangs are struggling to find employment. Thirty-four percent of all college students are receiving some help from their families during this economic recession.

Nickell, a student in the double degree program — studying education and human development, and family sciences with a concentration in early childhood development — is among the percentage of 18- to 34-year-olds who are moving back

in with their parents post graduation. While she pursues her higher education with student teaching, Nickell cannot support herself financially without the aid of her mother. Although moving back home was not Nickell's first choice, she is still optimistic about her future goals.

"At most I would plan on staying home for a couple months," Nickell said. "After a month or two, I would re-evaluate getting a job in a school, and see what my other options could be, if only to make enough money to get an apartment and continue looking for a job in education."

Nickell, much like hundreds of young adults, views this time at home as a "pit stop" on the way to becoming an independent adult.

Melanie Loya was a sophomore studying psychology at OSU before she withdrew from the university to move back to her mother's home

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## Thoughts on how to cope with stress?

Photos by Vinay Bikkina



“Working out, running and fro-yo.”

Senaida Mehmedovic  
Sophomore, psychology and human development and family sciences



“On good days, I run. On bad days, I run farther.”

David Merrick  
Senior, computer science



“Work out and clean the house.”

Katie Waller  
Senior, exercise sports science



“I don't get stressed too much. As long as I do the work, I know I will do well.”

Iwan Wibisono  
Senior, computer science



“Go to Mary's Peak and hunt for squirrels.”

John Krill  
Senior, exercise sports science



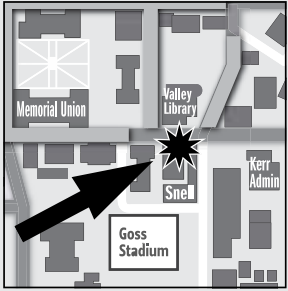
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in Northern California. With the price of out-of-state tuition, Loya could no longer afford the costs on her own. While at home, Loya has been working to save money in order to transfer to San Jose State University, where she will continue

her higher education.

“[I] imagined being a loser, living at home and feeling like I was reliving my high school years,” Loya said. “Leaving my friends also devastated me. But in the end, it really wasn’t that bad. It was a good life lesson and I was able to get my finances back on track.”

Across the United States, 40 percent of young adults are returning to live under

their parents’ roofs.

Both Loya and Nickell are within this 40 percent statistic who are heading home, yet they both have optimistic and achievable plans for their futures and they view their time at home as a temporary situation on their quest to independent adulthood.

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## Anti-gay crime up in New York

NEW YORK (CNN) — Police in New York are stepping up their presence in neighborhoods with large gay and lesbian communities after a string of recent attacks on residents based on their sexual orientation.

“Hate crimes are down this year, almost 30 percent, but anti-gay hate crimes are up over 70 percent,” Commissioner Ray Kelly said Tuesday, hours after the latest incident in which a gay couple walking in the city’s SoHo district were assaulted by two men shouting homophobic slurs. One of the victims suffered an eye injury. Two men, Fabian Ortiz and Pedro Jimenez, were arrested and charged with assault in the third degree as a hate crime, Kelly said.

And late Monday, another man was left unconscious after being struck in the face and head several times when he revealed he was gay to another man.

The suspect, identified as 39-year-old Roman Gornell — “became enraged, and yelled anti-gay expletives,” Kelly said. Gornell has been charged with assault and harassment as hate crimes in the incident.

The rash of violence has caught the attention of city leaders, including Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who addressed the issue at a news conference Tuesday.

“No person — regardless of what they look like or who they love — should ever walk down the street in fear,” Bloomberg said.

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tion calls for resources to be made available to help instructors with their ability to speak English while also supporting diversity in OSU’s faculty hiring process.

Before adjourning the meeting, Vandever commended the representatives for their work this year.

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## Correction

THE DAILY BAROMETER

An article in Wednesday’s Barometer titled “Community rallies behind Brew Station” misstated where the petitions would be located. Petitions will not be at the Brew Station. Instead, there are flyers on campus and down Monroe Avenue with the information required to access the petition, as well as hard copies to be released later this week.

## CUBA

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program.

“It’s really exciting and wonderful to offer students a chance to learn deeply about a place they otherwise couldn’t go,” Justice said. “A second real benefit is to make it possible for students and faculty to work with colleagues from across the state.”

Tawny Garcia, a senior in sociology, will travel with the group to Cuba after she graduated from OSU in June. Her father was born in Cuba, and this will be her first trip abroad.

“It’s really exciting, and something special,” Garcia said. “I’m ecstatic to be a part of it.”

Garcia sees the trip as a learning experience.

“I understand that I’ll be representing OSU, Oregon and the [United States] in general when I’m there,” Garcia said.

Students participating in the program will meet in Miami, then will take a charter flight to Havana. They will stay at the Martin Luther King center in Havana, a non-profit that educates people about Cuba. Both Plaza and Below will travel with the group, and will lead discussions about what the students learned each day.

While in Cuba, students will take classes on different themes, including education, health care, culture and politics, among others.

“We’ll bring local Cuban guest speakers to speak about their area of expertise,” Plaza said. “For example, on education day, we’ll bring a school principal [and] a teacher to speak about how the Cuban educational model works.”

Students will also get to



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Members of the OUS Cuba study abroad: Lynda Parmele, Dylan Dornfeld, Colin Woekel, Dana Sperry, Bess Miller, Celeny Gonzalez, Tawny Garcia, Dani Smith, Professor Dwaine Plaza, Esmeralda Flores, Michelle Pray, Andrew Seng, Katie Stevens, Professor Amy Below, Quortni Fambro, Jorge Michel, and Andrew Jamieson.

observe the various themes in action.

“We’ll take our students to an actual Cuban high school or primary school so that they can see the education system in action,” Plaza said.

In addition to learning about the culture and society in Cuba, students will visit several well-known places, including the Museum of the Revolution, Jose Marti Square, the National Arts Museum and Downtown Havana, the oldest part of Cuba.

Garcia looks forward to seeing the place where her father was born.

“It’s kind of poetic, that the first country where I’d be studying abroad was the country where my father was born,” Garcia said.

She also looks forward to learning about Cuban culture and society on her trip there.

“The food and music are totally different, and I’m really looking forward to seeing the cars,” Garcia said.

The pre-requisites to get into

the study abroad program were quite rigorous. They required a 3.2 GPA, a desire to be a part of the course and an interview by Plaza and Below.

“Before the interview, students had to write essays and get letters of recommendation,” Below said. “We did some group interviews, to see how they interacted with each other and dealt with other people.”

“It was quite rigorous, not like your regular class. It wasn’t like you just signed up, and you’re in,” Plaza added.

The OUS developed the program, in collaboration with Plaza and Below.

“We’re doing what we feel is the future of study abroad,” Plaza said. “Shorter trips, with larger amounts of people.”

Part of the new study abroad model that Plaza talks about includes offering a “forerunner” class that educates students about the country to which they will be traveling.

“What we want students to have before arriving on the shore of Cuba is a good solid background on the history, politics and culture of Cuba,” Plaza said.

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# Calendar

### Thursday, May 23

#### Meetings

**Baha’i Campus Association**, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. The Transition to Peace. Devotions and discussion.  
**SIFC**, 8:30pm, MU Board Room. Weekly meeting. We will hear a Music and Student Diversity contingency request.  
**OSU College Republicans**, 7-8pm, StAg 132. Come join us for fun events and friendly discussion.

#### Speakers

**Women’s Center**, 3-4pm, Women’s Center. Come learn about Grad School at this informational session. Representatives from the OSU Graduate School will give an overview of how to choose and apply to a graduate program.

#### Events

**Divine Nine**, 11am-2pm, MU Quad. YARDFEST. Meet and greet. See what the organizations have to offer. Scholarship, brotherhood, sisterhood and service.  
**Educational Activities Committee**, 11am, Noon, 1pm, MU Board Room. We are actively recruiting new committee members for the 2013-14 school year. Come learn more about the committee and how it can help you!  
**Center for Fraternity & Sorority Life**, 8-10pm, Callahan Parking Lot. Greek Week Awards Bonfire. Come find out which Greek organizations racked up the most points throughout Greek Week.

### Friday, May 24

#### Meetings

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

### Monday, May 27

#### MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

### Tuesday, May 28

#### Meetings

**ASOSU Senate**, 7pm, MU 211. Weekly meeting.  
**Educational Activities Committee**, 5:30-7pm, Student Media Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Discuss funding requests and policy changes.

### Wednesday, May 29

#### Meetings

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

#### Events

**Prism Art & Literary Magazine**, 7pm, Downtown Beanery, 2nd Street. Annual Contributor’s Showcase. Prism contributors will present readings. Art pieces will be on display at the Old World Deli (2nd & Adams) for the month of June.  
**The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center**, 6-8pm, MU Quad. Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the U.S. Free food and fun games.

### Thursday, May 30

#### Meetings

**Baha’i Campus Association**, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Collaborative Communities. Devotions and discussion.  
**SIFC**, 6:30pm, MU 207. Weekly meeting.  
**Educational Activities Committee**, 5-6pm, Student Media Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Discuss funding requests and policy changes.  
**OSU College Republicans**, 7-8pm, StAg 132. Come join us for fun events and friendly discussion.

#### Events

**Pride Center**, 5-7pm, Pride Center. Queer Mingle. Food, fun, friends! Free and open to the public.  
**The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center**, 4-5:30pm, MU Journey Room. The Other Voices! Discuss and analyze the music of today’s popular culture and its affects on the African-American communities. Free refreshments provided.

### Friday, May 31

#### Meetings

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

#### Events

**The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center**, 2-4pm MU Journey Room. Poetry Night! Express your emotions through a poem or a song. Hope to see you there!

### Tuesday, June 4

#### Meetings

**ASOSU Senate**, 7pm, MU 211. Weekly meeting.

**Educational Activities Committee**, 5:30-7pm, Student Media Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Discuss funding requests and policy changes.

### Wednesday, June 5

#### Meetings

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

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Editorial

## Harsher penalties in store for partygoers

Penalties for alcohol and loud party violations may be increasing. The Corvallis Human Services Committee voted Tuesday to do so. Though, before alcohol changes can be implemented, the full city council must make it official.

The new ordinances, which would apply to everyone, could severely affect fraternity houses.

First and third offense for providing liquor to someone under 21 or an intoxicated person will increase. The first offense fine would increase by \$200, which totals to \$500. The third offense fine would increase by \$500, which totals to \$1,500. The second offense fine would remain the same, at \$1,000.

The committee also wants to establish these fines for those “hosting a party for minors,” reported the Gazette-Times.

We’re not sure if this applies to minors squirming their way into a party when the host gets caught unknowingly including minors in alcohol-related activities. Or, if the fine applies to hosts throwing a party for minors specifically. Either way, that’s a hefty price to pay for partying with minors.

According to police logs, compiled from September 2011 until the present, a party is the sixth most common reason for an officer to respond to a fraternity house. Though, the number of calls made versus how many actually generate an incident report is slightly more than 2 percent.

Also, keep in mind, these fines would only increase if the ordinances are officially approved — which we don’t see why they wouldn’t be.

Music violations and special response notices are more common among fraternities. Respectively, these responses are the third and fourth most frequent events officers respond to for fraternities.

The committee wants to stiffen potential penalties for SRNs and loud noises. It might be time to reconsider how loud is too loud — or suffer the consequences.

Even though these police calls rarely result in an official report, the committee is working toward making it so residents can be fined.

Within 30 days of the original SRN citation, if the officer has to return to the address and respond to another violation, residents can be charged for the police call. These charges would also charge residents for the original police call, officer time, vehicle use and administrative overhead.

These new ordinances that the committee is looking to implement stem from recommendations made by the Collaboration Corvallis project. The Collaboration Corvallis project continues to try and resolve issues correlating with increased enrollment at Oregon State.

Everyone can avoid paying these consequences. Try to keep the ruckus to a minimum and don’t party with minors.

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# Talking trans\*: The meaning behind the asterisk

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## The Daily Barometer

This is not an apology column. My May 10 news article was my bad, folks. I own it — but I don’t regret it. If I hadn’t made that mistake, then I wouldn’t have gotten called out for it, and I wouldn’t have learned anything.

In the past couple of weeks I’ve gotten called out a few times for a mistake I made in a news article: I used the term transvestite when I should have referred to the people I was talking about as transgender, or more accurately, as trans\*. I didn’t intend any offense, and luckily for me, people understood.

The first email I got was from Brenda McComb, dean of OSU’s graduate school. In it, she informed me that “transgender individuals such as myself see ‘transvestite’ as a term affiliated with fetishism, which is not at all an accurate reflection of transgender individuals who are diagnosed with gender dysphoria.”

Despite my terror at getting reprimanded by a dean of anything, I ended up, at her invitation, arranging a meeting with her to learn more about trans\* people and culture.

I spoke with McComb in her office for more than half an hour, and learned more than can fit in a little column, but I still want to share some of what I’ve learned.

One of my big questions was what

the asterisk in trans\* stood for. I’d asked the Internet, as well as people around me, and got understandably conflicting answers, which McComb clarified for me.

“Most of society thinks of gender as man/woman, masculine/feminine, but in fact it’s a gradient, a broad spectrum of gender representations,” McComb said. “So the asterisk represents that broad spectrum rather than one gender or another gender — that gender binary.”

With the drag show still on my mind, I asked her how people generally reacted to the concept of someone being transgender, or included within the trans\* spectrum. She told me that “it’s very confusing for a lot of people,” because

“the basic understanding of what transgenderism is and how it occurs is not there.” She went on to explain that what the media portrays as trans\* are usually sensationalized examples perpetrated for the purpose of gaining and retaining an audience, and that those stereotypes shown aren’t true to fact — like all stereotypes.

Since I’d managed to offend practically an entire community while

trying to be supportive, I asked what other really offensive things people who are trying to be supportive do or say, and asked her to explain why they are offensive — because I didn’t want to make that kind of mistake again.

She said that a common offense is “mixing up pronouns ... and that’s a challenge for anyone who knows the individual for a long period of time and then suddenly has to begin changing pronouns, changing names.”

One of the extremely offensive things people do is ask about someone’s surgeries, or if they’ve had them. McComb said that is “a rather private thing that people don’t usually like to talk about, but that’s one thing that other people are very curious about.”

I don’t really know why people want to know about the surgeries — hearing about any surgery always makes my tripe clench, even though I’ve got an iron stomach if it actually comes to first-hand experience with wounds, blood and gore. Leave the medical talk to the overshayers — like my sister — and to the medical professionals.

McComb said that when she transitioned, more than 10 years ago while at the University of Massachusetts, the students who were able to talk with her openly said that was mainly what the other students were curious about.

“They just want[ed] to know what’s happened down there,” McComb said.

I don’t understand that — I have no urge to know what’s happening in any of my professors’ or instructors’ pants, ever. I’d rather concentrate on learning what’s being taught in class and making my massive student loans worth something, thanks.

“The assumption that’s often made is that if you are male and you transition to female then you’re really a gay guy and want to date guys, and if you’re female to male, that you really want to be a guy so you can date women.” She concluded by stating firmly, “Sexual orientation and gender identity are completely different.”

I asked, “So, everything that you could be if you’re born in the correct body are the same things that you could be in the incorrect body?” She agreed. Honestly, that makes sense to me. It’s goes against my — admittedly limited — understanding of biology to think that something could ever be as simple as 0 or 1 in a biological organism.

She said, “One of the things that people sometimes naively will say or do is ask, ‘Why did you decide to do that?’ It’s not a decision. The decision is the timing, not the fact that you transitioned or are expressing yourself in the way you want.”

Trans\* folks don’t decide to be trans\* folks. It’s something someone just knows, and always has known — it’s not a decision. “The decision comes with how much coping you can do before you finally have to live your life the way you feel that you are,” McComb said.

She said that an example of how being trans\* isn’t a decision is “the number of kids, young kids, ages 3, 5, 6, 7 years of age who express gender that is different from their biological sex.” If it were a decision, 3-year-old kids wouldn’t know enough to make it. Happily, our generation seems to have a less hetero-normative approach to raising children than past generations. But nonetheless, McComb said that trans\* kids still “have a really difficult time, unless they have a set of parents who are very supportive of letting the child express the gender that they are.”

She told me that when she was a kid, “55 years ago, when I first really began to become aware of my gender feelings ... there was really no place to go, no answers for questions, no nothing. It’s been the advent of the Internet and a broader awareness and availability of support groups that ... allow many people to be who they want to be, who they are.”

The Internet has definitely assisted in the broadening of minds — the sheer amount of information now available practically everywhere we are means that it’s harder to persist in ignorance when we just have to type into our smartphones, “What is \_\_\_?” and get millions of results in hundredths of a second.

McComb said the effect of the Internet on trans\* culture has been especially apparent in the past 10 years, with the availability of support groups for trans\* folks and the number of legal groups that have formed to support trans\* rights.

The process of transitioning is still fraught, however, even though we as a society are gradually becoming more accepting and inclusive of those we consider “other.” There is more to it than just changing the way you dress, or making your body match your sense of self. Changing your legal documentation is one of those steps.

A step in the process of expressing

“[McComb] concluded by stating firmly, ‘Sexual orientation and gender identity are completely different.’”

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## An attitude made for winning

It's a familiar scene. The Oregon State baseball team enters the final weekend of the season with a chance to take the throne as Pac-12 champions.

No. 4 Oregon State (43-9, 22-5) took two out of three games against Oregon in the biggest Civil War in the history of the series — making a statement while doing it, outscoring the No. 11 Ducks (43-13, 20-7) by 19 runs in the final two games of the series.

Two years ago, with some of the same players from this year's roster, the Beavers entered their final regular season series in the lead for the Pac-12 title. After USC took two of three from OSU in upset fashion, the Beavers were swept in Eugene.

Not only did the conference title slip through their fingers, they also lost a chance to host the Super Regional. OSU also went from No. 2 in the nation to being out of the top 10 in a two-week span.

Head coach Pat Casey said he remembers the end of the 2011 season vividly.

"We ended up going to a Super Regional that year and it cost us playing at home," he said on Sunday after the win over Oregon. "We ended up going to Vanderbilt instead of playing at home."

The Beavers ended up going through the Corvallis Regional unscathed, but were outscored 20-4 in the Super Regional at Vanderbilt, ending their season.

OSU hasn't reached the College World Series since 2007, when the team won the national championship for the second time in as many years.

This year might end that drought. The Beavers have won 14 of their last 15 games, have vaulted up to fourth in the national rankings and are in a great position to take home the Pac-12 and a national top-eight seed.

With one win in this weekend's three-game set against Washington State at Goss Stadium, or a loss from Oregon and UCLA, the Pac-12 title will return to Corvallis for the first time since 2006.

Casey's 2013 squad has proven to have one of the best traits for a baseball team to have: resiliency.

OSU has only lost back-to-back games once this season, a fluky two losses at Washington. The last four times the Beavers followed a loss with a win, they shut their opponent out.

Pressure doesn't faze this team, and they've proven it in the last three months.

With the memory of the 2011 late-season collapse in mind, the players are ready to prove this team is the machine it's been for the first 52 games of the year.

I have no reservations about that happening, either. Ben Wetzler, Sunday's winning pitcher, was there when the Ducks erased OSU's hopes to win the Pac-12 two years ago.

He sees the difference in attitude. "We got down against them two years ago and our dugout was quiet," Wetzler said. "We didn't have the same fire and fight. Now we get down and it's almost like a challenge — 'can we do this?'"

Maybe they've been watching too much "How I Met Your Mother," but they've been saying "challenge accepted" all year.

The veteran presence from Wetzler, Tyler Smith, Matt Boyd, Jake Rodriguez, Danny Hayes and Max Gordon goes a long way toward that approach, too.

"We still have a lot of guys that were on that team," Wetzler said. "We've learned a lot from the last couple years and now we have an older club that's been through it all. We know what attitude we need to bring into the series."

That attitude has proven effective. With the upcoming series against the Cougars (22-30, 8-19), the Beavers won't be thinking, "Let's win one game and coast into regionals," but rather, "Let's sweep these guys."

The dugout won't be quiet this weekend, like it was two years ago.

OSU made it clear prior to the season that this season's goal was "Omaha or bust." That goal is coming faster than a ball off the bat of Michael Conforto, and it's going to be achieved with the way the team plays.

As much as we, as media, want to think about Omaha, the Beavers have tunnel vision — in a good way.

"With a two-game lead in the [Pac-12] that's pretty big, but we can't let that dictate the way we play," said Conforto, who hit a grand slam and racked up seven RBIs in OSU's two wins last weekend.

It won't be a surprise if the Beavers win the Pac-12. It won't even be a surprise if they add three more wins this weekend. It's expected now.

But throw the expectations out, because this team has exceeded them all season long, and I don't anticipate them stopping anytime soon.

It may be a familiar scene, but it's a different movie.



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# The human highlight reel



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Senior outfielder Max Gordon makes a diving catch in right-center field against Oregon on Sunday. The play was No. 1 on SportsCenter's top-10 plays, and was voted "best of the best".

Senior Max Gordon has shown a knack for spectacular plays this season, making two highlight-reel plays over the weekend in OSU's series win against Oregon

By Andrew Kilstrom  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A spectacular play is the most exciting thing in sports. It's what makes athletes special. It's what draws in fans and makes people say, "wow."

Whether it's a vicious slam-dunk in basketball, a long touchdown catch in football or a diving catch in baseball, people love to witness the sensational.

Senior outfielder Max Gordon knows all about the highlight play, just watch SportsCenter top 10 plays later this week and take a look at which play is the reigning "best of the best" — the top play of the week, voted on by fans.

What you'll see is the 5-foot-9 Gordon making a play that some have called one of the best plays of the year in college baseball.

The play came with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the second inning against the No. 11 Oregon on Sunday. Oregon's J.J. Altobelli hit a fly ball to right-center field, a play that looked routine off the bat.

"We both thought it was going to be a lazy flyball," said junior left-hander Ben Wetzler, who started on Sunday.

But as the ball sailed upward it got caught in the wind, flying near to the warning track.

What started out as a can of corn suddenly looked like a bases-clearing double. But Gordon did what he's done time and time again for the Beavers this season: He made a spectacular play.

"That was not my best route," Gordon said. "I took off, thought I had it in the bag, so I started kind of jogging and the wind made it run away from me. The last couple steps I really had to get into it, and I went up and made the grab."

Nobody had a better view than sophomore Michael Conforto, who was playing left field at the time. Like Gordon, he initially thought it was an easy play.

"I thought it was going to be an easy catch," Conforto said. "I just saw his little legs take off, and you just know he's going to get there. He closes on the ball so fast."

Gordon raked in the number one spot on Sunday's top 10 plays, before being voted the "best of the best" on ESPN.com by fans.

But Sunday's play wasn't Gordon's first time making SportsCenter. He graced the top 10 on May 13 after a similar diving catch — running the opposite direction — against Stanford.

In fact, Gordon actually thought the Stanford play was better than the one that got him the number one spot this past weekend.

"I'd pick the Stanford play," Gordon said. "Stanford was a tough catch going into the fence there. Thankfully, [Conforto] didn't say anything and scare me away from the fence."

What's even more spectacular than Sunday's play is the frequency the senior has drawn "oohs and awes" from whatever ballpark he's in.

Gordon made his first highlight reel catch of the season against USC on April 27, diving in the same right-center field gap as Sunday's play. He made another play against the Trojans one day later.

Next was Gordon's catch on the dirt-warning track at Stanford, the first time he appeared on SportsCenter on May 10.

In Friday's game, Oregon's Ryon Healy put a drive in a ball to dead center with two runners on. The Pac-12 Network announcers assumed it was a double, but Gordon once again surprised everyone.

But Sunday's catch, the most recent one, was arguably his best of the season.

"He does it every game. He could be on SportsCenter top 10 every night," Wetzler said.

"He's probably got six SportsCenter should-be-top-10 plays this year," Conforto said. "It's really fun to watch him play."

Gordon's great plays have been more than spectacular, but sometimes game-saving as well. The April 28 catch turned out to be the difference in the game, as OSU ultimately won 5-4.

Friday's catch was in a 0-0 game, and Sunday's play would have brought the score within three runs.

"It was a big momentum-taker," Gordon said of Sunday's catch. "Thankfully, I came down with it, because if that clears the bases, we're in for a tough game."

How long Gordon remains "the best of the best" on the highly popular sports program remains to be seen. But it's likely Gordon will make another spectacular play before the season ends.

Some players have a knack for making acrobatic catches. Gordon's proven he falls in that category.

"I'm just going out and making plays," Gordon said. "Anything to help the team."

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## COMING SOON

### THURSDAY, MAY 23

Women's Track @ NCAA West  
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No. 6 Baseball vs. Washington St.  
4:05 p.m., Goss Stadium  
Pac-12 Networks (TV)

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Regional Preliminaries  
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### SATURDAY, MAY 25

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### SUNDAY, MAY 26

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12:05 p.m., Goss Stadium  
Pac-12 Networks (TV)



# WHO IS THE FACE OF OSU?

**TODAY'S  
MATCHUPS**

## 1. Jamie Weisner | Women's Basketball | Freshman Point Guard

**Credentials:**

- Unanimous selection to the Freshman All-Pac-12 Team
- Led the Beavers in scoring (12.5 points per game), was second in rebounds (5.9) and third in assists (1.7)
- 2012 Washington 2-A Most Valuable Player in her senior year at Clarkston High School

**How she got here:**
**Defeated Anica Yoo, women's golf**

Weisner had no trouble advancing to the second round as a one-seed. The true freshman tallied 84 percent of the fan vote, 84 percent of the athlete vote and 100 percent of the media vote. She faces Brittany Harris this week.


**VS.**

## 5. Brittany Harris | Gymnastics | Junior

**Credentials:**

- Two-time All-Pac-12 selection
- One of three OSU gymnasts to compete at 2013 NCAA Championships
- One of two regular all-arounders in last two years

**How she got here:**
**Defeated: Jacy Drobney, women's soccer**

Harris' matchup with Drobney was highly contested; neither of the two received more than 60 percent of the vote from fans, athletes or media. All four gymnasts advanced to the Sweet 16, but Harris squares off against Jamie Weisner, the freshman women's hoops star, and will have a much tougher time eking out a win over the No.1 seed.



## 2. Kelsi Blalock | Gymnastics | Senior

**Credentials:**

- First Team regular season All-American on vault in 2013
- Three-time All-Pac-12 selection
- Finished top three in all-around at Junior Olympic National Championships in 2007 and 2009

**How she got here:**
**Defeated: Natalie Meiggs, women's soccer**

Blalock swept Meiggs across the three voting platforms, but it wasn't easy. She won with 53 percent in the fan vote and 52 percent from the athletes. Her opponent this week, Camille Saxton, also had a close first-round game, meaning this could be one of the closest battles of the second round.


**VS.**

## 3. Camille Saxton | Volleyball | Senior Outside Hitter

**Credentials:**

- Two-time All-Pac-12 Honorable mention
- Led Oregon State in kills last season with 414, 140 more than anyone else on the team
- Three-time team MVP and four-time Academic Athlete of the year at George McDougall High School

**How she got here:**
**Defeated: Dani Gilmore, softball**

Saxton had a tough draw in six-seed Dani Gilmore in the first round, but took care of business, winning two of three categories. She lost the athlete vote (40 percent to Gilmore's 60 percent), but edged out wins in the media vote (60 percent) and fan vote (58 percent).



## 2. Jenna Richardson | Women's Soccer | Junior Forward

**Credentials:**

- 45 career starts, 24 career goals
- All-Pac-12 Second Team in 2011, 2012
- Played for Team Canada in 2012 U-20 Women's World Cup
- Pac-12 All-Academic First Team in 2011, 2012

**How she got here:**
**Defeated: Kinsey Gomez, track**

Four women's soccer players made the bracket; only Richardson reached the second round, as the electrifying forward cruised past track's Kinsey Gomez in round one. Along with Jamie Weisner, Richardson is the biggest threat to a potential all-gymnastics elite eight on the women's side of the bracket.


**VS.**

## 6. Stephanie McGregor | Gymnastics | Senior

**Credentials:**

- Competed in 53 career meets
- Three-time Pac-10/12 All-Academic First Team
- Recipient of an NCAA postgraduate scholarship
- Took part in 2012 Beavers Without Borders trip to Ethiopia

**How she got here:**
**Defeated: Liz Santana, softball**

If there's any questioning which female sport reigns supreme at OSU, consider that McGregor — the fourth-highest seeded gymnast — defeated Liz Santana, arguably the best player on OSU's second-best female team (softball), in round one. Could McGregor be this bracket's 2011 VCU — a play-in game participant that makes a deep run?



## 1. Makayla Stambaugh | Gymnastics | Senior

**Credentials:**

- All-American in all four years at OSU
- No. 5 in the nation on uneven bars in 2013
- Runner-up for 2013 Pac-12 Gymnast of the Year

**How she got here:**
**Defeated: Anna Taylor, women's rowing**

Of the 16 first-round matchups, Stambaugh had by far the most dominant support from the votes to advance her to the second round. She surprisingly only received 62 percent of the fan vote, but took 95 percent of the athlete vote and 100 percent from media. Stambaugh could be in cruise control for a while.


**VS.**

## 4. Mollee Schwegler | Senior | Basketball/Softball

**Credentials:**

- Basketball: Appeared in 53 games, starting three, over two-year career
- Softball: Joined team midway through season, appeared in 13 games as a pinch runner
- Was all-league or all-state in five sports at Rainier High School

**How she got here:**
**Defeated Sammy Harrison, swimming**

For a four-seed facing a five-seed, Schwegler's victory over Harrison was surprisingly convincing (79 percent of the fan vote, 67 percent of the athlete vote, 100 percent of the media vote). Apparently people were impressed with Schwegler's all-around athleticism. But this round, Schwegler faces someone who's really, really, really good at one sport.



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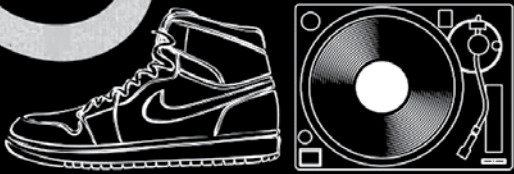
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# Photographer captures snapshots of courage after tornado levels OKC school

(CNN) — Photographer Paul Hellstern snapped his shutter just minutes after the tornado reduced Oklahoma City's Briarwood Elementary School to rubble.

In that fraction of a second, he captured the courage and selflessness that overcame adults at the school in the moments after the Monday devastation.

"I'd just arrived, probably five minutes after the tornado passed, and came into that neighborhood and noticed that school there and children pouring out," he told CNN's Chris Cuomo. "It was pandemonium, with children crying everywhere, bloody teachers and so forth."

Cameras ready, the photographer for The Oklahoman, the Oklahoma City area's only daily newspaper, ran as quickly as he could to capture images from the scene.

Police and emergency officials had yet to arrive, but Hellstern said teachers were carrying and escorting children out of the debris that once was their school. The teachers themselves were injured, Hellstern said. One had an ankle injury. Many were bloodied.

With rafters and torn brick walls as his backdrop, Steve Cobb, a brown-haired man in a T-shirt and shorts, clutches a blond girl — one of his daughters — in brightly colored New Balance sneakers. She peers over his shoulder as he carries her away from the school.

Following him is his wife, LaDonna Cobb, blood over her left eyebrow and smeared down her face and neck, onto the frills of her V-neck collar.

She appears to have a black eye, and she's

holding the hand of a crying, barefoot girl with a large heart on her blue T-shirt.

"We're lucky to be alive, and our hearts go out to those who weren't as fortunate," LaDonna Cobb told CNN's Piers Morgan.

"We'll heal. We're here. That's what's most important."

A teacher at Briarwood, she had the day of the tornado off. She and her husband were going to close on a house but they went to the school to check on their three children as the storm approached.

"Him, and I and the teacher just jumped on top of the kids and rode it out there," she said.

Steve Cobb told Morgan that he had doubts.

"I was truly fearful. I didn't think we were going to live. I thought it was just going to flatten everything out and we would probably die. But somehow or another everyone survived."

Hellstern said he was amazed by the adults' response, especially those who gathered their composure to bring children out of the school, then returned to the rubble to search for more.

Police and emergency officials soon joined them in the search. Hellstern said he was moved to see distraught children and parents reunite at the school of about 700 students, located in the Oklahoma capital.

"The emotion of seeing parents come together with their children for that first moment, finding them alive and still well, was exciting," he said.

Another of Hellstern's photographs cap-

tured a child leaping into a man's arms. The man cradles the child's head with one hand and hugs his waist with the other, his face flush with emotion.

The man is Jim Routon, the child a 7-year-old boy named Hezekiah. They are just neighbors, but the love and relief in the photo speaks the bond of blood relatives.

Hours after the shutter snapped and media around the world published Hellstern's photograph, details of their story came into focus.

Hezekiah, a first-grader, described the picture to Routon: "I knew that you were going to pick me up, so I just jumped. And I just started hugging you really hard. I was crying a little bit, and I was happy that I survived."

Routon said he needed the hug as much as Hezekiah did.

"It was so chaotic. We just weren't sure. The school was pretty much devastated and mostly destroyed. We weren't sure if anyone was going to come out alive," he told CNN's Erin Burnett. "To go over and see one of my favorite neighbor's child emerge, it was awesome. It was just an amazing feeling."

Routon said it's hard to believe a photograph of him and his neighbor is among the dramatic images of the storm transmitted far beyond his state's borders. But the stories of recovery that the photos tell are inspiring to many Oklahomans, too, he said.

"It actually helps us, you know, in the healing process," Routon said, "and helps us to learn and see that ... we have to depend on one another to get through these types of things."

## U.S. identifies some involved in Benghazi attack, lawmaker says

(CNN) — The U.S. government has identified "a certain number of people" believed involved in the Benghazi, Libya, attack, a senior Republican lawmaker tells CNN.

The lawmaker said government investigators have put identities to individuals seen in surveillance video of the attack last September that killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans.

"They know the names. That's what we haven't known. These are individuals they know now. Not just the pictures," the senior lawmaker said on Tuesday.

The lawmaker, who is familiar with the status of the investigation, could not say how many people had been identified.

Attorney General Eric Holder hinted last week at a congressional hearing that there were developments in the investigation.

The Associated Press reported on Tuesday that, according to unnamed U.S. officials, five men have been identified and that the government has enough information to justify the military grabbing them but not enough evidence to try them in civilian court.

The U.S. military has updated plans to "capture or kill" alleged perpetra-

tors of the deadly terror attack on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, CNN reported last week.

A law enforcement official said there are definitely people the FBI is interested in and working to get more evidence about.

The White House said on Wednesday it was aware of the report.

"While I can't discuss the specifics of that ongoing investigation or the internal deliberations related to it, I can say what the president said on the day after those attacks, 'make no mistake, we will work with the Libyan government to bring to justice the killers who attacked our people,'" White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

The FBI also said it was aware of the report and would only note that the investigation is ongoing.

Several weeks ago, the FBI released photos of three men seen at the compound on the surveillance video.

The FBI did not identify them as suspects but one official did say the men could be possibly implicated.

But a CNN team in Benghazi has seen no evidence that the pictures are circulating among the local population and locals say the photos have not been posted or been shown on local television.

## Army sergeant accused of videotaping female cadets at West Point

(CNN) — A U.S. Army sergeant first class stationed at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point has been charged with allegedly secretly videotaping female cadets in their shower and latrine areas, according to Army officials.

Sgt. 1st Class Michael McClendon was charged May 14 with 13 "specifications" or allegations of "indecent conduct" in making videos between July 2009 and May 2012. Army criminal investigators are now contacting more than a dozen women who might have been videotaped, according to Army spokesman George Wright.

Wright said the investigation has been going on since May 2012, but charges were not made until last week because the Army was still trying to assemble computer evidence and identify the women involved.

He said he could not comment on how the matter was discovered because of the ongoing investigation.

McClendon, who helped train and mentor cadets, was relieved of all cadet duties and barred from any contact with cadets or cadet areas on May 17, 2012, and assigned to a desk job, Wright said.

He was transferred to Fort Drum, New York, on March 13, Wright said.

The story was first reported by the New York Times. The Army made no public announcement of the case and has only responded when asked questions by reporters.

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# DRAGE

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your true gender, McComb said, "is changing all the legal documents."

"To get the gender marker changed on your license, you need a letter from a psychologist or therapist who can attest to the fact that you're going through a transition," McComb said. "I know trans\* folks who express as women, but all of their documentation is male. ... It can be very awkward for people, if the legal documentation does not match the gender that they're expressing."

OSU has tried to make it easier for trans\* students and alumni. "OSU will change the name on transcripts, and make it easier for people to have those things put into place," McComb said.

Our school is normally depicted as the conservative campus of Oregon, especially when it is compared to U of O. I asked McComb if she thought that was reflected in OSU's policies, and in the attitudes of the students and faculty.

She said she has "been very well supported by the administration on this campus, the provost, other deans," and that "the affirmative action language specifically brings up gender identity and gender expression, so policy-wise, trans\* folks are protected on this campus."

"But there are some things that we could do better," McComb added. "If you fill out a form on this campus and it asks for your sex, there's an 'M' and there's an 'F,' and very few forms have an alternative gender identity."

She said that Jeff Kenney of Intercultural Student Services and Roni Sue of Equity and Inclusion are attempting to get OSU to include other options for those M/F boxes, such as other, transgender or gender non-conforming.

She said that what she considers as the next big step for OSU is following the trend crossing the country of "universities as well as municipalities, providing healthcare for trans\* folks that will cover [the] surgeries that they need. Oregon Health and Sciences University does that now. We do not — yet."

OSU's student health insurance doesn't yet cover the surgeries people may need, but "a student who is paying tuition and not employed at this university can go to the Student Health Center and get some of the care they need," she said. "We have students on this campus who are receiving hormone therapy through the Student Health Center, and everything I hear is that they're treated wonderfully and things are going well." But McComb also knows students who want to continue to the next step of their transition, and their insurance won't cover the surgeries. "Their personal insurance won't cover it, and their family's insurance won't cover it, and there is no coverage that the university can provide."

A bill recently passed by Oregon's legislature stated "insurance companies cannot legally deny medically necessary care for transgendered individuals." But the question is: What does "medically necessary" mean?

The cost of transitioning is something that proves a stumbling block for many trans\* folks, and can be the reason that prevents them from taking that final step.

"When I transitioned 10 years ago, electrolysis, therapy, hormones and surgeries totalled about \$50,000 and I had no coverage for most of that," McComb said. She said that the female to male transition surgeries usually total anywhere from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

"That's why many people, when they do go the next step for surgery, will go international," McComb said. "Some of the trans\* guys will go Bosnia or Serbia and get their surgeries done there. ... We have a support group in town here, about a dozen or so people show up every month, and just going around the room there's easily a third of the group, maybe half of the group, that would go the next step but they simply can't afford it. Including students here."

For people curious about trans\* culture or people, or for those who are questioning, McComb recommends the humorous and informative books written by Jenny Boylan, who visited OSU and gave a talk in the LaSells Stewart Center on May 15. Another great resource, she said, is the Pride Center.

"[It] is clearly a place to go for the students on this campus," McComb said.

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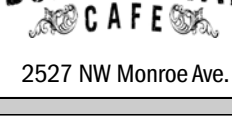
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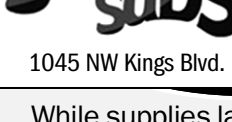
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**Latin@ Health**  
 Thursday, May 23  
 5:30-6:30 • Snell Hall Kitchen

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**EVENTS:** \*Points earned

**Friday, May 17**  
 Opening Ceremony & Relay for Life  
 \*MU Quad, 8:24pm

**Saturday, May 18**  
 Day of Service with OSU Alumni Assn.  
 \*Various Locations in Corvallis

**Monday, May 20**  
 Trivia & Quad Check-ins  
 \*MU Quad, 12:00-4:00pm

**Tuesday, May 21**  
 BBQ & Athletics & Greek Picture  
 \*Weatherford Lawn, 4:00-6:00pm

**Divine 9 Sorting Party**  
 NACC, 5:30pm

**Wednesday, May 22**  
 D9 Cook Out Kick Off  
 MU Quad, 12:00pm

**David Coleman, The Dating Doctor**  
 \*LaSells Stewart Center, 7:00pm  
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**Thursday, May 23**  
 Divine 9 Yardfest  
 MU Quad, 11:00am

**Greek vs. CPD Softball Game**  
 \*Chintimini Park, 4:00pm

**Awards Bonfire**  
 Callahan Parking Lot, 8:00-10:00pm

**Friday, May 24**  
 NSBE Basketball Tournament  
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**Saturday, May 25**  
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**Hard**

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4	9	5	7	2	1	6	8	3
9	1	2	3	5	7	8	4	6
8	4	3	9	6	2	1	5	7
6	5	7	1	4	8	3	9	2

Yesterday's Solution



## Boy Scouts to vote on lifting its ban on gay youths

(CNN) — The eyes of the country will be upon Texas on Thursday.

That's where 1,400 members of the Boy Scouts of America's national council are expected to vote on whether to end the 103-year-old group's outright ban on gay youths.

The outcome, to be announced late afternoon, follows months of intense debate among interest groups and within the ranks of scouting itself.

It comes down to a single sentence at the end of a resolution.

"No youth may be denied membership in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or preference alone."

If the policy change is approved, the BSA will maintain its ban on openly gay adult leaders.

In February, the Boy Scouts' national executive board postponed a vote on the issue and ordered a survey of its members. That survey showed an organization that is divided — by age and, in some cases, by region.

While most adults in the scouting community support the BSA current policy of "excluding open and avowed homosexuals, young parents and teens tend to oppose the policy."

A BSA spokesman conceded the issue was "among the most complex and challenging issues facing the BSA and society today."

A recent Washington Post-ABC News Poll showed that 63 percent of Americans support allowing gay youths to join the Boy Scouts.

But 61 percent of surveyed adult members say they support the current BSA policy, which excludes gay youths and adult leaders, the group said.

The vote comes more than a decade after a Supreme Court ruling that found the organization has the right to keep gays out, but also amid declining participation in the venerable American institution.

Membership in Boy Scouts has declined by about a third since 1999. About 2.7 million people now participate nationwide.

The Boy Scouts relies on "chartered organizations" to provide facilities and sponsorship for the individual units.

More than 70 percent of troops are affiliated with a church or religious groups. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Catholic Church sponsor 43 percent of Scout troops in the country.

In April, the Utah-based Mormons said, "while the church has not launched any campaign either to effect or prevent a policy change, we have followed the discussion and are satisfied

that BSA has made a thoughtful, good-faith effort to address issues ..."

The vote could have an impact in at least two Western states

If the policy proposal is approved, 97 percent of chartered organizations in the heavily Mormon populated states of Utah and Idaho would be likely to leave the organization, local councils say.

The Catholic Church in the United States says it will strive to maintain ties with the BSA, regardless of the outcome.

"We would hope that the Boy Scouts of America will continue to provide young people a formative experience grounded in virtue and directed by service to God and others," the National Catholic Committee on Scouting said in February.

A full picture of opinions was not captured in the survey, according to the BSA.

"When the survey process was originally announced, several chartered organizations, including the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Baptist church, and many parents asked that their youth members not be contacted as part of the survey."

There's been no shortage of lobbying on the issue, which will be taken up at the BSA's annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas.

"This (current) ban hurts kids and undermines key scouting values like helpfulness, friendliness and courteousness," says the Human Rights Campaign. "It's time to send a message of inclusion — not discrimination."

James Dale, an Eagle Scout and former assistant troop leader who was kicked out of the Boy Scouts in 1990 because he is gay, said the issue is about fairness.

"Each of us has the power to make positive change," he says in a video posted by GLAAD (The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation).

In an opinion piece for USA Today on Wednesday, BSA President Wayne Perry endorsed the policy change. "Parents, adults in the Scouting community and teens alike tend to agree that youth should not be denied the benefits of Scouting," Perry wrote. "The resolution is not about adults; it is about what is best for young people."

Conservative groups and some religious organizations have argued against making any change, saying it would dilute the Boy Scout message of morality and potentially destroy the organization.



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