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HEALTH

Debunking flu myths



IVAR VONG PHOTO EDITOR

University Health Center registered nurse Kathy Gartland immunizes coworker Tami Chase with the flu vaccine on Sept. 18, 2010.

Health officials promote 2010-11 flu vaccination, which will protect against three flu viruses

SARAH WALTERS
NEWS REPORTER

It's the time of year when the weather cools and the rain begins to fall, providing a perfect storm for cold and flu season.

Despite flu season's annual nature, two misconceptions about flu vaccines and illness prevention still prevail, and health officials want

the public to know the facts in order to prevent getting sick.

Betsy Meredith, nursing supervisor for Lane County Public Health, said the most prevalent myth is that people will get the flu from the flu vaccine. Meredith said this is simply untrue.

Some people will experience minor achiness or headaches after getting the flu shot, but their

symptoms are not part of a full-fledged flu.

"It's the immune system revving up," Meredith said.

The immune system will react to the shot as a means of protecting itself from the actual

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Enrollment increases in Oregon universities

University sees increase of 1,000 students from 2009-10 school year

STEFAN VERBANO
NEWS REPORTER

The University is seeing record numbers of student enrollments, a trend that other Oregon University System universities are also experiencing.

Sept. 27 marked the highest number of students to set foot on OUS campuses in state history, with a head count hovering around 92,000 — a number that higher education officials expect to grow even more by the end of fall term and increase to more than 93,000 come the end of spring.

The University declared the unofficial number of currently enrolled students to be 23,389, a roughly 1,000-person, or over 4 percent, increase from 2009, in which the University welcomed 22,386 new and returning students to campus.

Roger Thompson, vice provost for enrollment management, credited the University's booming numbers to the quality of its academic programs, with the state and national economic situation being an indirect cause.

"I think it's a combination of things, and the economy has made students think about their future with an eye towards higher education," Thompson said. "I am not a huge believer in the 'enrollment is up because the economy is down' idea ... (and) I like to think it is more about the educational value we offer."

According to the latest OUS statistics collected in 2009, the system has seen a 36 percent jump since 1999, representing a total increase of 24,233

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STATE

Elected state treasurer will face Oregon budget shortfalls

Both candidates have similar fiscal philosophies, but Wheeler has personal experience in the office

IAN GERONIMO
NEWS REPORTER

The race for state treasurer may not be as high-profile as the race for governor, but Oregon's next treasurer will take on the responsibility of working with the legislature in a time when substantial budget shortfalls dominate the discussion.

Treasurer is a partisan office, and incumbent Oregon Treasurer Ted Wheeler is running as the Democratic candidate, while Chris Telfer is running as the Republican candidate.

Margaret Hallock, director of the Wayne Morse Center of Law and Politics, said Wheeler took on a variety of issues during his six month tenure as state treasurer, including cutting back

the travel expenses of treasury officials, increasing the online transparency of the office and raising a red flag on the state's general fund debt. Wheeler called a policy advisory meeting in late September to warn the legislature about Oregon's deficit.

The policy advisory board, chaired by the treasurer, would normally convene in January in unison with the state legislature to provide legislators with detailed information on the state of the budget, but Wheeler believed the legislature urgently needed to know that the state is reaching dangerous waters in its incurrence of debt.

Wheeler explained that if the cost of bonds increases for a state, so does the cost of many of its infrastructure projects. He said independent bonding companies are tracking the states' bond ratings with heightened scrutiny

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THE INCUMBENT: TED WHEELER

Age: 48

Political affiliation: Democrat

Former position: Multnomah County Chair

Educational background: Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Stanford University, a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University and a Master of Public Policy from Harvard University.

Personal info: One of Ted's favorite activities is traveling around Oregon with his wife, Katrina, and daughter, Quinnlan.



THE CHALLENGER: CHRIS TELFER

Age: 60

Political affiliation: Republican

Current position: State Senator for District 27, representing Deschutes County in Central Oregon

Educational background: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from University of Denver, and she attended Franklin University and the University of Oregon for post-graduate work.

Personal info: Telfer spends her spare time with her granddaughter, Sofia, and her daughters, Tiffany and Merrideth.

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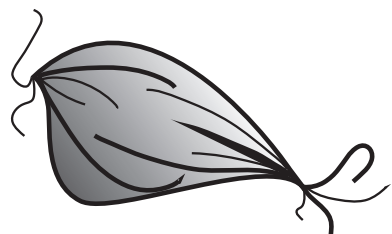
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THE Shallot

CANVASSERS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION CANVASSES CANVASSERS

Editor's note: This satirical piece is part of the Emerald's "Shallot" series. All content is unbelievably fake.

This week, the Canvassers Rights Association is running a nation-wide survey to find out how canvassers across the country are being treated by their employers and by the public.

It has released hundreds of canvassers on university campuses and busy city streets to poll local canvassers.

The well-intentioned effort is not popular among already well-established University canvassers.

"It's really annoying," said Greenpeace canvasser Willow Springs. "They won't leave us alone. All they do is ask us questions, and follow us around and try to make us donate money. I don't have money to donate!"

Many canvassers, from Greenpeace to the Oregon Student Association, have filed complaints to the University Department of Complaints and Recycling.

"We don't want to be harassed by those stupid canvassers," OSPIRG canvasser Elliot Arrowhead said. "It's like, jeez, I have a life, you know? I just want to go about my

day and get people to sign this petition to save the American spotted moth. At least what I'm doing actually matters."

CRA canvasser Emily Meyer, after being "blown off" by more than 20 canvassers, wonders why she has encountered such bad attitudes.

"We just want to ask them a few questions," Meyer said. "They act as if they don't even care about CRA's cause."

"I like their cause, but I have important canvassing to attend to," Springs said.

—JOANNA WENDEL

SCIENCE OF FICTION | MATT TELLAM

Poor economic plan makes Dudley a scary choice

Here's a shock: I think you should vote for John Kitzhaber. But before you flip the page to the sports section or close out of your web browser, here's why you might want to keep reading:

It isn't because Kitzhaber is a strong candidate. It's because Chris Dudley is an awful one.

I find it odd and slightly humorous that fiscal conservatives find this candidate attractive. Casting aside the fact that he was the treasurer of a labor union, his plans for the economy are potentially catastrophic. At some level, his goal jives with traditional conservative mantra — cut taxes. Mainly, cut capital gains taxes, which are the highest in the country. Common sense, right?

Wrong.

The cuts would lead to a loss of \$800 million over four years in tax revenue for the already struggling state. While Dudley likes to point to the theory that the increase in business investment and subsequent employment within the state would offset those losses, can't fiscal conservatives find this semi-alarming?

Surely, individuals who are concerned with spending can see the fallacy of this argument. It's like investing money you don't have in the stock market, or, for that matter, purchasing mortgage-backed securities so toxic that it is quite likely that they all will default.

What if those jobs don't come? It isn't that far-fetched to believe they won't during a time when the entire nation's economy is practically stagnant. Even if those jobs do come, it will take a couple of years. With an annual \$200-million hole, cuts will have to be made.

Dudley won't say where those cuts are going to come

from. How can fiscally conscientious people support someone who plans to do away with \$800 million in state revenue and won't detail where cuts in the state budget will come from?

The cuts, of course, will come from broad sectors of the state. Education, health care and public safety are just some of the groups that will be hit hard under Dudley. But he refuses to acknowledge this for the sake of his own political survival, hoping that by avoiding these topics the citizens of Oregon can somehow be duped into voting for him.

And it doesn't stop there. Dudley has made promises of starting a college scholarship program, although again he refuses to say how he would pay for this. Gee, that sounds terrific, Chris. While you're at it, why not just have the state government employ everyone without a job and remove taxes entirely.

If Oregon's economy was booming, then I might be able to take what Dudley is proposing. Then again, if Oregon's economy was booming, there would be no reason to slash capital gains taxes. The fact is, Oregon is currently one of the most economically depressed states in the country, and however badly Republicans may want to cut taxes, it is unbelievably shortsighted to believe that shortfalls in the state budget would be recouped by increased business. Dudley is essentially a politician without a plan — and that is the most dangerous kind.

I'll admit it, Kitzhaber isn't the most exciting individual. He tends to come across as aloof with his technical analysis of Oregon. When he left office in 2002, he claimed that Oregon was "ungovernable." Obviously, his stance has changed somewhat on that notion, but his campaign,

overall, has been relatively meek.

The fundamental difference is that Kitzhaber has an economic plan that is clear, plausible and manageable.

He wants to cut capital gains taxes more slowly, roughly \$100 million over four years. The plan acknowledges the problem without creating an inescapable hole in Oregon's budget. He wants to enact a series of weatherization projects, similar in theory to many New Deal construction efforts, to not only provide immediate jobs but also to cut down on energy costs throughout the state.

Kitzhaber at least acknowledges the fact that there will have to be a tightening of expenditures around the state. There is simply no way Oregon can continue without it. It strikes me that Kitzhaber is, if not more fiscally conservative than Dudley, than at least more fiscally responsible than Dudley.

Last Wednesday, President Barack Obama made an appearance in Portland to rally support for Kitzhaber. He made an analogy to the economy as a car stuck in a ditch. The president said, "Have you ever noticed, when you want to go forward in the car you got to put your car in D? When you go backwards, you put it in R? We don't want to go back into the ditch." I find Obama's analogy mainly accurate. Although the more I come to see it, it's more like we're idling in our cars in front of a canyon. On our left are the Democrats, pointing to the fact that there is a bridge just a few miles down the road, while on the right the Republicans are rubbing their chins and saying, "I think we could make it."

Go for the safe choice. Vote for Kitzhaber.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

MEASURE 74 KEEPS OREGON AT THE FOREFRONT FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA

Student turnout in this election is vital to the success of progressive ballot measures and democratic candidates. The Yes for 74 Campaign urges all students to return their ballots as soon as possible — and to vote yes on Measure 74.

Oregon's Measure 74 will create the nation's safest, most regulated and most taxed medical marijuana supply system. It will help Oregon's 45,000 doctor-approved medical marijuana patients obtain safe, reliable access to the medicine they need, while eliminating the need for them to patronize the black market.

Many of Oregon's patients are very ill and cannot grow their own medicine, or find someone to grow it for them. Measure 74 will give these patients safe, reliable access to the medicine that improves their quality of life.

Measure 74 allows for licensing, background checks, zoning and quality control and inspections of nonprofit dispensaries, similar to pharmacies, to ensure a

safe, well-organized, transparent system.

Measure 74 will tax medical marijuana, providing as much as an estimated \$20 million the first year for Oregon health programs. This is one program that doesn't take tax dollars — it makes tax dollars.

Measure 74 will help give us the scientific facts we need about medical marijuana that the big drug companies won't. It will fund medical research into the effectiveness of medical marijuana and the creation of quality control standards.

Measure 74 creates a system that will keep Oregon in the lead of progressive social policy in America, and that will be a model for other states.

I urge students and all voters to mark their ballot in favor of Measure 74.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS PLAN A WASTE OF MONEY

I would like to say I believe ASUO President Amelie Rousseau's push for a smoke-free campus is a way to gain personal political clout and put her on a political map somewhere as she gets closer to graduating and the "real world." I believe her efforts are more directed toward making at least one big change before her term in office is over, and there is a trend among politicians trying to gain popularity and political power by passing smoking bans in cities, restaurants, cafes — you name it. The Smoke-Free Campaign is in fashion.

I think it would be a waste of the funding to start a two-year campaign that would require a "culture shift." Rousseau and University President Richard Lariviere have both mentioned this "culture shift." Rousseau adds that even if the policy were implemented, "No policy includes 100 percent compliance," once again furthering my claim that the campaign is more about political glory than it is about making a difference for the University campus. Of the \$800,000 PacificSource Health Plans gave to the Executive as a grant, I hope not a penny goes to support or fund a campaign for a culture shift at the University. Neither our University president nor our ASUO president should be using language the way Rousseau already has in her statement that "a

smoke-free campus would be enforced through a campus culture shift."

Rousseau should encourage fostering University culture, and not enforce it. One small way would be to use just \$1,000 or less of the grant from PacificSource Health Plans to install informative signs about our important trees here on campus. The University is a National Arboretum and deserves recognition. Furthermore, many students chose to come here because of our campus beauty and the landscape, and this sort of measure would encourage students to spend more time on the campus grounds and foster learning as well as culture building. Our trees tell stories that are over 100 years old. Rousseau's Smoke-Free Campaign pushes a large population of students off campus and away from the community they came here to be a part of.

Lastly, I would like to ask Rousseau if she has ever smoked on campus.

These quotations are taken from the Daily Emerald vol. 112, issue 34, Thursday Oct. 21, 2010, front-page article titled "Rousseau's smoke-free campus plan moves ahead."

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HEALTH

Mice study finds light exposure at night causes weight gain

Results not conclusive for humans, but researchers propose link to college students and night studying

JAMIE MORGAN
THE LANTERN

A recent Ohio State University study found that eight weeks of exposure to light at night caused mice to gain nearly 50 percent more weight than mice given eight hours of darkness daily.

Laura Fonken, a doctoral student in neuroscience, and Randy Nelson, a professor of neuroscience and psychology, began the study examining human evidence, such as the increased body mass index among night-shift workers, Fonken said.

"There's been some evidence in studies with humans that kind of led us to be interested in this question, and not a lot of people have looked at these effects," Fonken said.

Nelson said there is also a possible link to weight gain for college students.

"Perhaps part of the 'freshman

15' represents a shift to a more nocturnal lifestyle in college," Fonken said.

However, results are not conclusive for humans, Fonken said.

"It's very hard to say at this point whether or not we will find a similar pattern in humans, just because we haven't looked yet, but it might start to explain some of the mechanisms we need to further investigate before drawing conclusions," she said.

The study placed some mice in a standard light-dark cycle, with 16 hours of light and eight hours of darkness.

The others lived in a light-dim cycle, with 16 hours of light and eight hours at 5 lux of light, the equivalent of an open computer screen.

After one week, the mice with light at night gained more weight than the others and continued to gain weight during the eight-week study.

The reasons for the weight

gain weren't clear at first, Fonken said.

"We thought there was probably a difference in activity and how much food was consumed over a day, but both were the same," Fonken said.

The weight gain could be caused by abnormal eating patterns among mice in the light-dim cycle, researchers said. They concluded that the mice in that cycle consumed more food at abnormal times, causing an increase in weight.

A follow-up study limiting food to the time of day when mice were most active led to the same amount of weight gain for both groups of mice.

"I think that by showing the increased fat could be blocked simply by restricting food intake to the active part of the day (night in the case of these nocturnal creatures) indicates a shift in metabolism and likely biological clock genes," Nelson said in an e-mail.

Light at night does not

affect corticosterone, a stress hormone that influences metabolism, but it might cause problems with melatonin, another hormone correlated with metabolism, Fonken said.

Research also showed that the mice exposed to light at

Aarthi Gobinath, a third-year student in microbiology and Spanish, said she is surprised that something as seemingly harmless as light at night might be related to obesity and diabetes.

"I think it is definitely

with poor quality of life and reduced longevity," he said. "It is growing in prevalence across the world, and no one really understands why that is so, especially in places where diets have not changed substantially over the past few years."

Fonken said researchers will continue to build on the study.

"The most exciting result is that exposure to such low levels of light can have such an impact on body weight without changing the number of calories ingested or the amount of activity shown by the individual," Nelson said. "We are interested in following up to look at the inflammatory effects of light at night in both brain and fat tissue."

This story originally appeared in The Lantern, the student newspaper at Ohio State University

"Perhaps part of the 'freshman 15' represents a shift to a more nocturnal lifestyle in college."

LAURA FONKEN
DOCTORAL NEUROSCIENCE STUDENT

night had a reduced glucose tolerance, an indication of a pre-diabetic state, she said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website, diabetes is directly linked to obesity. The CDC predicted one in three Americans will have diabetes by 2050.

important to study," she said. "Obesity is kind of an epidemic these days in developed countries, and anything that can be done to change the current habits is great."

Nelson agreed that research is an important step toward improving quality of life.

"Obesity is associated

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students in a single decade.

These attendance records may be indirectly related to

"Despite the budget cuts taken by our public universities, the campuses have kept their priorities in the right place, which is on student instruction and support."

GEORGE PERNSTEINER
OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM CHANCELLOR

state and nation-wide economic uncertainty, which has kept Oregon universities on their toes and students convinced that enrolling into or continuing school is more feasible than reckoning with a crowded job market.

The universities themselves deserve partial credit for the high numbers because preliminary budget records show that Oregon schools have used tax breaks and stimulus dollars to help subsidize the cost of school and make it more affordable.

Portland State University, boasting perhaps the most impressive enrollment increase, expects its fall 2010 enrollment to top 30,000 by the end of the quarter, making for nearly 2,000 more students than projected in an OUS fall 2010 head count forecast released in January.

With such a large, unexpected jump, administrators at Portland State are beginning to question its maximum occupancy.

"We can accommodate

that number," Portland State Associate Vice Provost Agnes Hoffman told the Oregonian in a late-summer report. "But beyond that going forward, classroom space is a challenge and residence hall space is a challenge."

Oregon State University officials announced in mid-September at the Corvallis campus expected upwards of 24,000 students to enroll for fall, exceeding the OUS start-of-year projections by nearly 2,500.

If this prediction holds true, Oregon State will see a 9.2 percent enrollment jump in a single year, squashing the previous fall's record of 21,969 students.

According to OUS fall enrollment numbers spanning the last 10 years, more students have been frequenting Oregon

PROJECTED FALL 2010 OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ENROLLMENT

Fall 2009 Actual Headcount*:

- Oregon State 21,969
- Portland State 27,972
- Oregon 22,386

Fall 2010 Projection*:

- Oregon State 21,510
- Portland State 28,075
- Oregon 22,307

Recent University officials' end-of-fall projection:

- Oregon State around 24,000
- Portland State over 30,000
- Oregon over 23,000

*based on OUS 2009 Facts and Figures

campuses every year for the last decade.

OUS Chancellor George Pernsteiner commented on last year's 91,580-student enrollment record, saying that increased higher education enrollment equated greater demand in Oregon.

"Despite the budget cuts taken by our public universities, the campuses have kept their priorities in the right place, which is on student instruction and support," Pernsteiner said.

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virus strain. "There is no research to show that the flu vaccine makes people sick," University Health Center Medical Director Jenny Soyke said.

The flu vaccine is also available in a nasal spray, which includes the live flu virus. The virus used in the nasal spray is weakened and cannot cause someone to get the flu. The live nasal virus is not provided at the University Health Center but is available at other locations in Eugene.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone over six months old get the flu shot. The CDC website reveals vaccination prevents an estimated 70 to 90 percent of infections in adults.

College students are at risk of spreading the flu due to close living conditions in dorms and constant contact with classmates and the University population.

Health Center Director of Nursing Sharon Harbert said vaccination not only protects an individual, but everyone they come in contact with.

"It's sort of a social responsibility," she said.

The flu vaccine is available at multiple locations in Eugene, including the University Health Center. Meredith said that October and November are the best months to get the vaccination.

"If you had the flu shot last year, you still need it this year," Meredith said. "The flu virus loves to change."

H1N1 is not considered a pandemic anymore, but is included in this year's seasonal flu vaccination because the swine flu strain is still circulating.

Soyke also recommended that people get the pertussis vaccine. Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, broke out in California this season. Ten infants have died from it, making this the worst pertussis outbreak in California in 60 years.

Methods of preventing the flu or common cold is the second area of misconception.

The old wives' tale of feeding a cold and starving a fever is not supported by any medical research, Soyke said. She said there are four simple things every person can do to prevent getting sick.

"Cover your cough, wash your hands, stay home if you're sick, and get the flu shot," Soyke said.

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STAYING HEALTHY

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends everyone over 6 months old gets a flu vaccine

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2010-11 flu vaccine will protect against the 2009 H1N1 virus, an H3N2 virus and an influenza B virus

Information from CDC website

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because of the national recession. Wheeler also sought to differentiate between general bond debt, which is based on the state's credit and the faith of lenders, and revenue backed debt, which is also a large part of the state's ability to fund services.

"The policy that's been in place for many, many years (in the legislature) is you can't issue more than five percent of the general fund toward supporting general obligation bonds," Wheeler said. "It's a self-imposed limit, because the consequence of exceeding that limit would mean the state's bond rating could be lowered, and if your bond rating is lowering the cost of your bonds begins increasing."

General fund debt is another area that concerns Wheeler.

The legislature has three main options in solving budget shortfalls: raising taxes, cutting services and incurring more debt. Those options are limited by the state's budget forecast.

"My personal viewpoint is debt is off the table," he said. "It throws another monkey wrench into the plans of the legislature ... leaves them with really limited options."

While her campaign could not be reached for this article, Telfer shares many of the same concerns about Oregon's budget woes. Telfer is a first-term state Senator with a strong background in finance, and she currently sits on the Senate Revenue and Finance Committee.

Her acknowledgement of the need to reduce the state debt is addressed on Telfer's website.

"With the state facing a budget deficit of over \$2.5 billion next

year, Chris Telfer will work to ensure that legislators don't try to balance the state budget on the backs of our children and grandchildren through excessive debt and borrowing."

Wheeler said he doesn't believe that Telfer differs significantly from him philosophically, but that his record and credentials better support his vision for Oregon's financial future.

"I don't see that philosophically, as far as where she would take the office and where I would take the office, she differs that much," Wheeler said. "The question is whose skills better suit their vision for the state ... I'm not a bean counter — I see my job as being about bigger picture thinking for Oregon."

Hallock said she believed the treasurer's race is as important as any in this election. Hallock considers these examples an

important indication of Wheeler's qualifications in the position.

Hallock encourages voters to think about the role the treasurer can play in the grander political scheme.

"It's obviously an important position for the overall health of Oregon," Hallock said. "(Wheeler) has shown good money management."

Formerly the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners chairperson, Wheeler was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski to fill the position of Oregon's chief financial officer after previous treasurer Ben Westlund died of lung cancer in March. Because of Westlund's death, Wheeler and Telfer are competing in a year that wouldn't otherwise have a state treasurer's race.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Fewer colleges nationwide administer cumulative finals

End-of-term final exams appear less frequently in humanity subjects

MICHAEL SHAMMAS
THE CHRONICLE

What many students consider to be the most frightening aspect of college courses — cumulative final exams — may be vanishing at many of the nation's universities.

A recent article by The Boston Globe, titled "The Test Has Been Canceled," cited anecdotal and statistical evidence supporting the idea that fewer college courses

are administering cumulative finals. At Harvard University, just 23 percent of the school's 1,137 undergraduate courses scheduled final exams last semester — the lowest rate since 2002.

Exams are often being replaced by take-home essays and group projects, according to the article. It is a break from tradition dating from the 1830s and a challenge to the notion that final exams are the best method of encouraging and evaluating college-level work.

Duke does not keep statistics on the number of courses that

give final exams, but every class is assigned a time for a final, Duke University Registrar Bruce Cunningham said.

Lee Baker, associate vice provost for undergraduate education, noted that there are many viable alternatives to traditional final exams, adding that his class this semester does not have a final test. Instead, his course will have three non-cumulative exams over the course of the semester.

"If Duke is giving less finals, I am confident that professors are finding better ways for students

to learn, communicate, think and write," he said.

Partially as a result of his own memories as a student, Orin Starn, professor of cultural anthropology, will also not administer a final this semester. There are better methods of assessment than cumulative exams, he said.

"We have three tests, each covering material from one-third of the class," Starn said. "My own memories of finals as a student was cramming like crazy for them and then pretty much forgetting everything by the start of the next term."

Starn also said that his impression was that finals seem to be less frequently administered in the more humanistic departments than in the physical sciences or engineering.

Many Duke students have noticed differences in the number of finals in the University's departments. Sophomore Zach Epstein said he normally takes math and science courses that often have finals. He has added that it seems like humanities classes frequently have essays and projects in the place of exams. Sophomore Willie Zhang, a math

and biophysics double major, said he has had finals in about 80 percent of his classes, most of which were cumulative.

But other students, such as Jose Lamazares, a sophomore Japanese major, have had few finals in their Duke courses.

"This year I'm going to have final exams in all my classes, but last year I had finals in only one or two of my classes," he said. "The rest were all essays or group projects."

This article originally appeared in The Chronicle, the student newspaper at Duke University

NATION

Millennial voting enthusiasm declines

18- to 29-year-olds not motivated in spite of upcoming election

CHELSEA DIANA
DAILY FREE PRESS

The Millennial Generation's enthusiasm for the American political process is wavering as the 2010 midterm election approaches, according to a new Harvard University poll.

The percentage of young voters has been on the rise, increasing 3 percent from 2002 to 2006. In the 2008 presidential election, 51.1 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds voted, according to the U.S. Census Current Population Survey.

Yet, only 27 percent of the

Millennials are planning on voting in the 2010 elections for Congress, 9 percent fewer than were forecasted to vote after a November 2009 poll by the institute.

"In 2008, Millennials took control of their own destiny, entered the political process and changed the direction of the country," said John Della Volpe, director of polling for the Institute of Politics, in a statement.

"Two years later, the challenges they face as a generation could not be higher."

According to the study, 53 percent of Millennials would prefer a Democrat-controlled Congress after the

November elections.

However, just 49 percent now believe that President Barack Obama is doing a good job in the Oval Office.

In a hypothetical 2012 election match-up between Obama and a generic Republican candidate, 31 percent said that they would vote for Obama, 30 percent said they would vote for the Republican and 39 percent said they don't know.

But, when paired with three possible candidates — Newt Gingrich, Sarah Palin and Mitt Romney — the results changed drastically in favor of Obama.

"Although Millennial enthusiasm for the midterm elections seems to have slipped

over the past year, recent election cycles show candidates who can motivate this critical demographic will have an important advantage in November," Harvard's Institute of Politics Interim Director John C. Culver said in a statement.

In the company's earlier survey from February, 38 percent of Republicans were interested in voting and involved in their party, versus 33 percent of Democrats and 19 percent independents.

But Harvard's Institute of Politics doesn't think that this is particularly notable, stemmed

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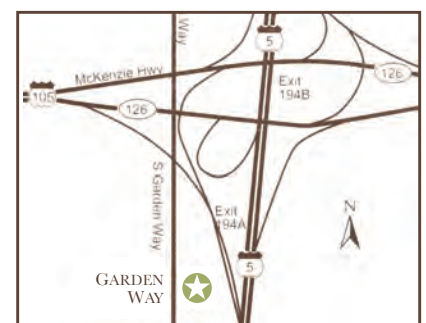
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NEWS

CRIME

American University professor killed

Business school teacher found dead in her home with signs of struggle

MEG FOWLER
 THE EAGLE

Sue Marcum, 52, an executive in residence and an accounting and taxation professor in the business school at American University in Washington, D.C., was found dead in her home Monday morning.

There were signs of forced entry into Marcum's home and signs of a struggle inside, leading Montgomery County Police to treat her death as a potential homicide, according to spokesperson Daniel Friz.

A friend found Marcum on the lower level of her home and

contacted police, according to Montgomery County Police.

The police responded at approximately 10:52 a.m. and found Marcum dead inside.

Marcum's 1999 tan Jeep Cherokee, with the Virginia license plate YXE-1456, was driven off from the house before 10 a.m.

Friz said American University students should call 911 if they see the vehicle.

Tearful students left Marcum's 2:10 p.m. Principles of Financial Accounting class Monday after an American University official announced the class was canceled.

Marcum was beloved by many of her students.

As he left the classroom where Accounting 240 was supposed to be held, student Jose Ferreiro said Marcum was the most helpful

professor he ever had.

"She was always available to answer e-mails and had helpful office hours," Ferreiro said.

Provost Scott Bass and Richard M. Durand, dean of the business school, sent an e-mail to the campus community to announce her death.

"Professor Marcum was a beloved member of the (business school) community and her sudden death is a tremendous loss to her students and colleagues," the e-mail said.

Arielle Sodowick, a sophomore in the business school, said she was in shock as she left the classroom.

"She was an amazing professor," Sodowick said.

Marcum graduated from American with an undergraduate

degree in Accounting and a Master of Science in Taxation. She received a BSBA in Professional Accounting, also from Kogod.

After working nine years in public accounting, Marcum spent seven years working for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey as tax director, which involved managing the company's taxes and supervising eight staff, according to the American University website.

She returned to teach at American University in 1999. She served as president of the business center's alumni chapter and was the faculty adviser to the Accounting Club and a faculty brother of Alpha Kappa Psi, according to the American University website.

This article originally appeared in The Eagle, the student newspaper at American University

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from the fact that only 18 percent of Millennials consider themselves politically engaged to begin with.

"Let's hope they reverse the current decline in interest and participation, and continue the process of becoming this era's

defining political force," Della Volpe said.

Students at Boston University are torn as to why such low numbers of 18- to 29-year-olds are planning on going to the polling booths on Nov. 2.

"We don't feel the impact of the decisions our leaders make — I don't really care because I

feel like it doesn't affect me. If they're talking about education I'll care more but even then I probably won't notice," said Andrew Russo, a freshman engineering major.

"A big reason, for college students, is confusion over how and where to register. Especially out-of-state students

lack the information whether they should register in their college town or state, or how to get an absentee ballot in order to vote back home," said Jack Moriarty, a freshman political science major.

This story originally appeared in The Daily Free Press, the student newspaper at Boston University

SPORTS daily in the Emerald.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Dear UO Student Community:

The UO is deeply committed to creating conditions that enhance student learning and student safety while still giving students the freedom to make their own decisions.

Halloween is a time of celebration and exciting activities for many children in our local community. It is also a celebratory time for college students. Most UO students drink responsibly. Many don't drink at all. If you choose to use alcohol, we encourage you to consider your obligations as a Eugene community member and role model for families with young children during this celebratory time of year.

From past experience, we have learned that the actions of a few irresponsible or intoxicated individuals can ruin a holiday, as well as threaten the safety of members of our campus and local community. In past years, some parties hosted near campus have resulted in complaints from neighbors and an escalated police response. Please be aware of making safe choices and your responsibility as a Eugene community member.

There are numerous social events for university students—none of which include alcohol—that are being organized on campus during the weekend of Halloween. We know that many of our students will be participating in these events, and/or will be volunteering with local youth and giving back to our local community. We thank you and applaud your efforts!

If you do decide to host a party during the Halloween weekend, converse with your neighbors and cooperate with law enforcement. Please, if you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you are only serving people who are 21 years of age and older. Also, watch out for your peers and help each other to make safe and healthy choices. Lastly, be safe, walk in pairs, and, if possible, always carry a charged cell phone.

The UO Department of Public Safety and the Eugene Police Department maintain a visible presence in and around the campus area with education, intervention, and enforcement. They expect students to understand their rights and responsibilities. You can read more about these rights at asuo.uoregon.edu and the Department of Public Safety website.

We wish you a safe, fun and happy Halloween!

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BASEBALL

Jack of all trades

Sophomore Jack Marder wants to contribute to the Ducks — in any way possible



JACK HUNTER PHOTOGRAPHER

Jack Marder has worn many different hats for the Oregon baseball team in the past. Marder has been pencilled in at first base, right field, second base and shortstop, and is now trying out catcher.

BEN SCHORZMAN
FREELANCE REPORTER

The Oregon baseball roster lists Jack Marder as an infielder, but the talented sophomore from Calabasas, Calif., is a man of many talents. Last year, Marder split time between right field and first base, while also filling in at times at both shortstop and second base.

This fall, Marder is again adding to his versatility by working out at a new position: catcher.

“When people ask me what position I play, I say I don’t know,” Marder said with a laugh. “Whatever position I play is where coach wants

me ... it doesn’t matter to me. I’ll just go after it as hard as I can, and I’m all for it.”

“He’s playing all over the place,” head coach George Horton said. “But we see him in the middle of our lineup. The domino effect is, where does Jack play ... It helps our team in flexibility and depth. If someone goes down, he has experience there.”

Trying Marder out at catcher is something Horton planned originally for last fall.

In 2009, the Ducks platooned the catching position between a few guys, but he was intent on finding a solid starter.

Not long after Marder arrived on campus for his freshman year, he injured his ankle. Senior Eddie Rodriguez

2009-10 PAC-10 RECORDS

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2. UCLA (18-9)
3. Washington State (15-12)
4. Stanford (14-13)
5. Oregon (13-14)
6. California (13-14)
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8. Oregon State (12-15)
9. Washington (11-16)
10. USC (7-20)

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VOLLEYBALL

Oregon prepares to complete challenging Pac-10 schedule

With the postseason looming, the Ducks face a key nine-game stretch that will pose serious challenges

ANDY DRUKAREV
SPORTS REPORTER

Exactly one-half of the way through its Pacific-10 Conference season, the Oregon women’s volleyball team finds itself in a familiar position.

Just like last year at this time, the Ducks are 4-5 in conference and about to embark on a critical run of nine Pac-10 games that will determine their post-season fate.

Last season, Oregon went 5-4 to close the season, including a three-game winning streak that cemented an NCAA tournament appearance.

Though it’s impossible to know how many more wins it will take to make this year’s tournament, head coach Jim Moore hopes his team closes the season strong.

“I don’t know what (the number) is, I want to win enough to make sure we get into the NCAA tournament,” Moore said.

Ms. Consistency

If the Ducks are able to reach the NCAA Tournament, senior Heather Meyers will be a big reason why. During the Ducks’ up-and-down start to Pac-10 play, Meyers has been a model of consistency.

Meyers has hit at least .200 and tallied nine or more kills in each of the Ducks’ nine Pac-10 matches. She’s averaging 13 kills per game and a .320 hitting percentage during that stretch of time.

“Heather’s a special kid and she’s a special player,” Moore said. “She may be the most fun player I’ve ever had to watch and her consistency has been wonderful this year. It’s just been a fun ride.”

Around the Pac-10

A pair of losses to USC and UCLA over the week-end dropped Oregon from No. 16 to No. 18 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll. Despite the losses, the Ducks were ranked in the



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Sophomore outside hitter Katherine Fischer digs the ball in the Ducks’ match against Arizona on Oct. 9. Oregon ranks 1st in the Pac-10 in individual service aces per set, while Fischer is third individually in the Pac-10.

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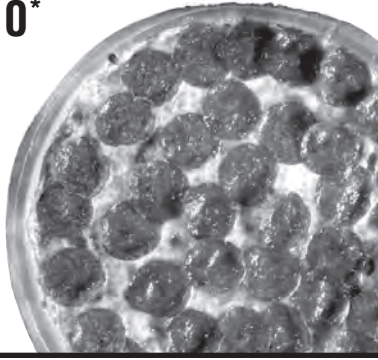
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THE RED ZONE | PATRICK MALEE

Ducks, Trojans prove how much can change in a year

PATRICK MALEE
SPORTS REPORTER

At 4:15 a.m. on Oct. 31, 2009, my alarm clock went off. After slowly rolling out of bed, I jumped in the shower and threw on a yellow T-shirt. With that, my roommate and I were off to Autzen Stadium for the taping of ESPN College GameDay.

Given the ungodly hour of the day, the sun had yet to rise as we crossed the bridge over the Willamette River. Already, I was feeling like an underdog.

No. 5 USC was coming to town, and though Oregon was not far behind at No. 10, it was hard to imagine toppling the mighty Trojans. To me, Oregon was still an unknown commodity as a football team. USC, on the other hand, was a well-polished machine that had dominated the national headlines for nearly a decade.

Growing up in suburban Chicago, I had never attended GameDay. As we approached the set, still shrouded in darkness, I didn't know exactly what to expect.

When we finally arrived in the parking lot where the stage was assembled, a raucous crowd was there to greet us. Students piled into the pit area in the middle, while hundreds of others hugged the railings off to the side. If I wasn't fully awake on the walk over, I sure was now.

We grabbed a spot just off to the right of the student section, close to the Home Depot bus where Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso, Desmond Howard and Chris Fowler would soon emerge. As soon as the show started, the crowd turned its energy up a notch, and it pretty much stayed at a frenzied level throughout the morning. A beaming Chip Kelly donned

the Duck costume and high-fived fans, and most everyone seemed to have embraced the role of the confident underdog.

By the end of the show, as I walked home to rest up before the 5 p.m. kickoff, I felt energized and convinced that Oregon could pull it off.

We all know what happened that night. The Ducks pounced on USC for a 47-20 win, and the fates of each program effectively crisscrossed.

Oregon would go on to win the Pacific-10 Conference outright and a trip to the Rose Bowl. The Trojans fell into a tailspin, losing two of their last four games and settling for an appearance in (gulp) the Emerald Bowl.

Pete Carroll departed for

bowl game, period.

Back on that dewy morning last year, I could have never imagined that things would play out this way. USC was like an empire; it might stumble, but it could never truly topple.

To be clear, the specter of USC has not been

vanquished. The Trojans may not be bowl eligible for the next two years, but they certainly have their fair share of talent. Matt Barkley is as good as they come at quarterback; five-star running backs fill the backfield; Robert Woods is emerging as one of the Pac-10's premier wide receivers. I don't know what to say about the defense, but it can't get much

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This year, it is the Ducks who are ranked No. 1 in the nation, while the Trojans barely crack the top 25. It's national championship or bust for Oregon; the Trojans can't play in any bowl game, period.

the NFL just before the NCAA hit the Trojans with major sanctions, barring them from bowl appearances for the next two years.

Lane Kiffin was hired as a controversial replacement, and the future was as uncertain as ever.

And now, here we are. Almost exactly one year later, Oregon and USC meet again. GameDay will be in attendance as well, this time in Los Angeles, and it is safe to say that no love is lost between the two schools.

Yet this year, the roles have been effectively reversed. This year, it is the Ducks who are ranked No. 1 in the nation, while the Trojans barely crack the top 25. It is national championship or bust for Oregon; the Trojans cannot play in any

worse, right?

Like Oregon a year ago, USC will be the underdog as GameDay heads to town. As the Ducks proved last year, that doesn't mean anything. Special games seem to follow GameDay wherever it goes, and I expect another classic battle this weekend.

I would imagine that somewhere on campus, a USC student will be waking up bright and early Saturday morning to experience GameDay for the first time. Like me, they won't know what to expect, from the show or the game later in the day. To them, I would say that anything is possible.

This time, however, I'll be rooting for the favored team. And I certainly won't be getting up at 4:15 in the morning.

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THE RED ZONE | PATRICK MALEE

Five questions to tip off 2010-11 NBA season



PATRICK MALEE
a junior journalism major hailing from Chicago, is now in his second year as an Oregon Daily Emerald sports reporter. An avid Chicago sports fan, he aspires to one day cover sports for a national publication.

Oh, baby. Ladies and gentlemen, the day is finally upon us. The NBA season has arrived.

It actually began last night, but as this column is written, the results of those games are unknown. And you know what? No one cares what I think about LeBron playing for the Heat, or Shaq moving to the Celtics. I could write hundreds of words about Derrick Rose and my hometown Bulls, or the Lakers' chances to repeat.

But the truth is, I'm not an authority on such matters. Fans have the experts at ESPN to answer their questions. (And boy, do they ever this year. Want some information on the Heat? Go to "The Heat Index." Carlos Boozer's bizarre injury? "ESPN Chicago." I can't wait for their next creation: "ESPN Slam Your Head Into a Table," for anyone who still watches the Timberwolves.)

So no, I can't give you any inside information on the Thunder's chances to win the West. What I can tell you is that there are some fascinating subplots to this upcoming NBA season. Pundits are calling it the most anticipated season in decades; with so much roster upheaval in the offseason, it's a reasonable statement to make.

This column, however, will focus on the little things. After all, the details are what make the NBA so great. Without further ado, here are a few of my burning questions as the season begins:

1. When is Dirk Nowitzki filing his papers to transfer to the WNBA?

A couple weeks ago, I stumbled across a Mavericks preseason highlight and thought I was watching the greatest women's basketball player to ever live. Alas, it was just Dirk Nowitzki sporting his latest hairstyle. He seems to be making this a yearly tradition: growing his hair out in the offseason, leaving it for a few weeks, then finally cutting it after seemingly realizing how ridiculous he looks. Personally, I hope he keeps it for the whole season this time. I'm not sure anyone's ever seen a player score 25 points per game with hair down to his chest. Let's make this year a first.

2. How many times will Drew Gooden be traded this year?

Drew Gooden is 29 years old. He has played in the NBA for nine seasons. In that period of time, he has played for ... nine teams. When you think about it, that's pretty extraordinary. In his first NBA season, he was traded from Memphis to Orlando. In the 2008-09 season, he played for three different teams (Chicago, Sacramento, San Antonio) before heading to Dallas for the 2009-10 season. From there, he was traded midseason to the Clippers. I'm exhausted just typing all of that. He starts this season in Milwaukee, but somehow I don't think he'll play there for a full season. Just a hunch.

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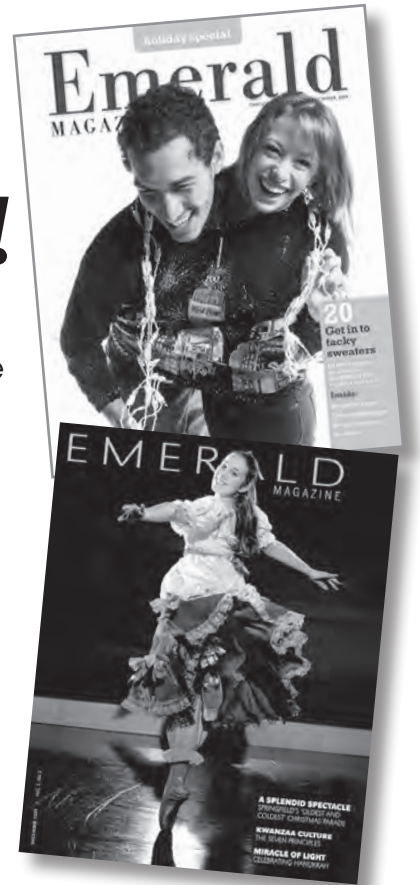
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Be Smart, Be Safe

Did you know that not all UO students drink and of those that do, the majority drink in moderation and responsibly? However, there are times when students are at risk as a result of their alcohol consumption. So keep these tips in mind.

Legal ramifications:

If you are under 21, any amount of alcohol on your breath, or in your blood or urine will result in legal actions.

A Minor in Possession of Alcohol (MIP) carries a minimum fine of \$299 and one year suspension of your driver's license in the state of Oregon. Note: You can receive an MIP from campus safety while on campus grounds.

According to Oregon State law and University Conduct Code an individual who is "mentally incapacitated," including under the influence of alcohol or drugs, cannot consent to sexual intercourse.

Should a roommate or friend consume too much alcohol we encourage you to seek help immediately. Please remember the following alcohol poisoning signs and symptoms:

- Unconsciousness or semi-unconsciousness
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- Bluish fingernail beds or gums
- Extremities are cold, bluish or clammy
- Excessive vomiting or vomiting blood
- Irregular pulse - above 100 or below 60 beats per minute

Planning ahead, before you begin to drink, will help you and your friends stay safe. Here are some safety tips so you will enjoy your night out without regrets. They include:

1. Always designate a sober driver, take a taxi, DDS or APS, or plan on walking
2. Drink water in between drinks
3. Eat before and during drinking

4. Drink in moderation - fewer than 4 drinks for women and fewer than 5 for men
5. Avoid drinking games
6. Use a buddy system
7. Watch your drink
8. Keep your phone on you at all times

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2. DPS (Department of Public Safety)
 - a. 541-346-6666 for campus dispatch emergencies
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 - a. 541-346 - 2770
 - b. The SANE Program through the University Health Center provides comprehensive support services to students that have been sexually assaulted. 9-5 M-F.

The UO offers plenty of alternative activities to drinking; with more than 200 student clubs and organizations to get involved in. Personally, I suggest the Outdoor Program, intramural sports or even just hanging out watching movies and playing video games with a few friends. However, if you do decide to drink, be sure to be smart and safe about it so that you can recall your college experience fondly.



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FOOTBALL

No.1 Oregon remains focused on details with USC on tap

Ducks concentrating on health, fundamentals despite being squarely in the national spotlight

LUCAS CLARK
SPORTS EDITOR

As the Oregon offense meshed at its usual high-octane pace in practice Tuesday morning at the Moshofsky Center, the words "finish" and "tempo" were uttered like a broken record by head coach Chip Kelly.

Kelly worked his way back and forth behind the offense, giving his usual pointers as players jogged back to the line of scrimmage, continually looking toward the sidelines for the next play call.

"They understand where they are," Kelly said. "They understand what they can do and what they can't do, and it all hinges on us winning this week."

The team has won the day, or rather the week, for seven consecutive weeks this season, and that consistency is what Kelly and his staff knows will get them through a tough road test on Saturday.

So far this season Oregon has won at Tennessee, Arizona State and Washington State, but faces a much larger task in going to Los Angeles and entering the daunting Coliseum on Halloween, during USC Homecoming weekend.

Fortunately, Oregon has seen a handful of encouraging signs health-wise early this week.

On Tuesday, Oregon sophomore running back

Kenjon Barner showed positive indications he was recovering from head injuries suffered against Washington State. Barner was a welcome sight on the sideline for the Ducks, dressing down in full pads with a protective red No. 23 jersey on, though he still has not competed in contact drills.

Also on the injury front, sophomore cornerback Cliff Harris was back in action with the first-team defense after watching most of Monday's practice from the sidelines. He intercepted scout team quarterback Bryan Bennett twice in 11-on-11 drills. The first was a tough diving snag in the front of the end zone, the second a batted ball that Harris quickly pounced on. At this point in the week it looks as though Harris will record his second consecutive start at cornerback opposite Talmadge Jackson III, in place of injured junior Anthony Gildon.

True freshman wide receiver Josh Huff and junior defensive end Terrell Turner also wore red jerseys in Tuesday's practice. Turner, however, participated in 11-on-11s, while Huff observed from the sideline.

One of the major focuses this week has been special teams, which Oregon knows it must master to win on Saturday.

"That's the challenge for us," Kelly said. "Ronald Johnson is one of the top punt returners in this league ... you



JACK HUNTER PHOTOGRAPHER

The return of sophomore running back Kenjon Barner to practice was just one of several positive developments for the Ducks this week. Although Barner didn't participate in contact drills, sophomore cornerback Cliff Harris looked to be back at full strength after playing with the first-team defense.

really have to make sure that that's not a factor in the game.

"Our guys have been good so far, but this is going to be their best challenge. He's the best returner we've face to date."

Johnson is one of sophomore quarterback Matt Barkley's favorite targets on offense, having reeled in 39 receptions for 464 yards and seven touchdowns this season. Johnson is particularly dangerous in the return game,

though he's only fielded nine punts for 168 yards and one score in 2010. His lone return score came off an 89-yard return in the third quarter against Hawaii in the season opener.

Oregon practiced its punt formation extensively Tuesday, with a slew of dangerous return men — Harris, true freshmen Dior Mathis and Lache Seastrunk, and sophomore LaMichael

James — all simulating Johnson's presence.

The Ducks will have to deal with another dangerous return man in true freshman Robert Woods, arguably the most decorated high school football player on the Trojan roster. In addition to Woods' six receiving touchdowns, he has also returned 21 kickoffs for 537 yards and one touchdown coming off a 97-yard return against Minnesota on Sept. 16.

Between Johnson and Woods, the two have accounted for more than one third of the USC offense this year, scoring 92 of the Trojans' 262 total points.

Oregon's Harris and USC's Johnson rank first and second in the Pac-10 for punt returns, respectively, making every punt a possible determining factor in the game's final outcome.

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VOLLEYBALL

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top 25 for the 55th straight week — an impressive feat for any program. Before Moore took over as head volleyball coach in 2005, Oregon's longest streak in the top 25 was 28 weeks, from 1986-88.

The Pac-10's supremacy was also confirmed in the latest rankings. Seven Pac-10 teams rank among the top 25. Oregon's next opponents — No. 3 Cal and No. 4 Stanford — are the two highest-ranking teams.

When the Cardinal and Bears visit McArthur Court this weekend, the Ducks will have to contend with five of the nine Pac-10 players of the week. Stanford's Alix Klineman won the award three times, and Cal's Tarah Murrey and Carli Lloyd each took

home the hardware once. Alaina Bergsma, remains Oregon's only honoree.

By the Numbers

As a team, Oregon finds itself in the middle of the Pac-10 in several major statistical categories. The Ducks are fourth in assists, fourth in kills and fifth in hitting percentage.

Oregon stands out from the pack with its serving. Buoyed by Meyers' conference-leading 0.69 service aces per set, the Ducks rank first in the Pac-10 in that category. Katherine Fischer (third) and Jocelyn Levig (seventh) also rank highly in the conference.

Though serving has been a season-long strength for Oregon, blocking has plagued the Ducks all year. Oregon ranks ahead of

only Washington State in the conference, despite the Ducks' significant efforts to improve.

"We have to fix our blocking, our net defense," Moore said. "We've spent more time (on blocking) than we normally have, especially now at this time of the year."

Individual Standouts

Several other Oregon players rank highly in the Pac-10 in major statistical categories. Meyers is 10th in the conference in kills, freshman setter Lauren Plum is third in assists and libero Haley Jacob is fifth in digs.

Meyers is also fifth in the conference in total points, with 4.65 per set.

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Junior catcher Paul Eshleman is one of several players competing for playing time at catcher for Oregon next season. Eshleman will be challenged by sophomore Jack Marder, senior Mitch Karraker and three newcomers from the Ducks' recruiting class that was ranked fifth in the nation by Baseball America.

BASEBALL
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emerged as an apt offensive player, but was sometimes suspect defensively.

This fall, Horton returned to molding Marder into a catcher, and he will have plenty of competition to evaluate. Junior Paul Eshleman and senior Mitch Karraker both filled in the past two years and three new recruits have been added to the mix.

It's a luxury Horton loves to have.

"It's wide open right now because of quality ... we think whoever wins that job is going to be a tremendous player," he said.

In fact, Horton is finding this fall season to be different because of the amount of depth he has all around the diamond. His third recruiting class at Oregon was named the fifth best in the nation by Baseball America, and he believes it will go down as one of the most decorated groups he's ever recruited.

"My prediction is we will look back on this as one of the most spectacular classes as a

whole I've ever had," Horton said. "I've had good players where I come from and two good classes here, but when all the dust settles, these guys and the impact they made is going to be spectacular."

The Ducks were able to persuade six athletes from signing contracts with MLB teams, but perhaps the most impressive feat was that two of those had offers of more than \$750,000.

To Horton, it's an encouraging indication. The team was able to sign some more offensive-minded players, which has been lacking the past two seasons. The head coach even mentioned the Ducks might have focused too much on pitching at first.

"We had good pitching depth in the first two years — probably too many good pitchers, really," Horton said. "I never thought I would hear myself say that, but we didn't have enough quality hitters. Now, the tide has turned a little bit and we probably have 20 kids fighting for nine spots"

The added offensive output will be a relief for the Ducks, who look to make a run at

winning a NCAA Regional and even surprising a team in the Super Regionals. According to Marder, the experience of the Connecticut Regional last year, where the Ducks lost to Florida State in the final pairing, has helped this unit. Two years into Horton's program, things

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JACK MARDER
SOPHOMORE CATCHER

have definitely settled down.

"We have a system that accomplishes things a lot more efficiently now and guys who set the tone, showing how to do things the right way," Marder said. "We have a solid group here. Lots of leadership."

Horton said the leadership has emerged this fall under the slog of 30 days of practice. He called the practices a "grind," but it's in the middle of October where a championship can be won or lost.

"The good news is that

we're one of 25 teams that could win a national championship this year because the culture is there and the talent level is there and the experience is there," Horton said. "But the difference between those 25 teams is probably going to be a prac-

tice on October 14 and how they go about weight training and conditioning instead of waiting until January."

Now, Oregon wants to make last year's success a reoccurring theme. Horton's teams are expected to make the playoffs every year. It's what they do in the postseason that really matters.

"We're a tough team," Marder said. "We're not going to be flying under the radar now. People know who we are."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The bustle is overwhelming. Traffic, noise, people's requests and demands of you -- it all gets to be too much. Quiet your mind and slow down, and you'll be able to handle everything, one moment at a time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'd prefer that a certain person watch and listen to you with rapt interest. Sometimes you wonder why you need the attention. You're not wrong for wanting to be noticed -- everyone wants this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Perseverance is necessary. One thing that helps you to persevere is not putting too much emphasis on anything that goes a little wonky along the way. Look at what's working, and keep on going.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Listen to the voice of experience, all the while knowing that it reflects the way things used to work. Things happen differently now. You will respect the old ways and move them into the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Regardless of your age, there is no sense in trying to grow up too fast. Today you'll have the wonderful and rare opportunity to revel for a while in your own safe bubble of wholesome innocence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Forgive yourself for the mistakes you've made, big and small. This

is a day for starting over. Besides, you've also done quite a lot of things right, and your intentions were always good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need more personal space than usual. You want people to know that you still like and accept them, though. So you'll throw your kisses from a distance and leave messages on machines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You express yourself in mysterious and subtle ways, and you don't even mind when nobody "gets" it. However, you must admit that when someone does "get" what you're doing, it gives you a thrill.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your loyalties are clear. Your feet are firmly planted in the home, family and country you claim. However, your eyes and mind are open to everything the world has to offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If the morning is a little dull, the day gets better. The evening conversation is so stimulating that you could have trouble getting to sleep tonight. Your mind will be spinning with possibilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll give your undivided attention to whatever endeavor you take on, which gives you an edge. It's so easy for you that you wonder why everyone is not so focused. This kind of focus is actually rare these days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Formalities take a lot of energy, and today you'd rather expend yours on something else. You're likely to dress casually, speak directly and cut out a lot of the extras. However, do not skimp on good manners.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

NO LUCK FOR DUCKS AT LAS VEGAS SHOWDOWN

The No. 25 Oregon Ducks stagnated during the second round of the Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown, finishing the day with a collective 1-over-par 289 at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

Oregon, at 12-over 588 for the tournament, is tied with tournament host UNLV in ninth place, two strokes back of Missouri and six back of Washington and East Carolina. Arkansas (23-under 553) has a commanding lead

entering the third and final round over Arizona (5-under 571).

Freshman Raphaela Dyer fell back to even-par for the tournament with a 2-over 74, but senior Kendra Little improved to even-par with a 2-under 70. Both golfers finished the day in a tie for 17th place.

Junior Ashley Edwards also shot 2 under par to move up to a 4-over 148 (tied for 39th place), while senior

Monika Graf and sophomore Avery Sills carded second rounds of 75. Graf is tied for 66th place (8-over 152), while Sills is tied for 71st (9-over 153).

Emily Tubert of Arkansas shot a 4-under 68 to move up to 13-under 131 for the tournament, increasing her individual lead to six strokes over teammate Kelli Shean and East Carolina's Amber Littman.

— ROBERT HUSSEMAN

NBA

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3. At what point in the season will David Stern bar the Toronto Raptors from appearing on television?

Have you seen the Raptors' roster this year? They weren't very good even when Chris Bosh was there, and now they're just atrocious. Going through every team's lineup, Toronto is probably the only team that I have absolutely no interest in watching. Really, things can't be going well when you hand Amir Johnson a \$34 million contract in the offseason.

4. Can Ron Artest continue to top himself?

Ron Ron provided one of my all-time favorite NBA moments last season when he thanked his psychiatrist after winning the

championship. It was both hilarious and endearing — how many athletes (or human beings, period) would have the courage to say something like that on national television? It didn't help Artest's image as the league's resident crazy man, but I loved it nonetheless. Slowly, but surely, Artest is moving the brawl in Detroit out of the public consciousness.

To provide for more moments like this, it should be required that Artest is interviewed after every game. I don't care if he had no points, 10 turnovers, and fouled out of the game, the sideline reporter must talk to him. Ron Artest and live television is a match made in heaven.

5. What will David Kahn's next move be?

If you don't know who Kahn is, he's the current general manager of the Minnesota Timberwolves. His tenure thus far has

been quite interesting. In the 2009 draft, he famously managed to draft two straight point guards (Ricky Rubio and Jonny Flynn) while whiffing on the only good one (Stephen Curry). In the offseason, he re-signed (yes, re-signed) Darko Milicic for \$20 million, then compared him to Chris Webber during a summer league game. Webber, by the way, was right next to him when he made this comparison, making for a fantastically awkward moment.

Kahn followed this by trading Al Jefferson (one of his best players) to the Jazz for essentially nothing (two first round picks and ... Kosta Koufos!). Oh, and he acquired Michael Beasley to top things off.

Kahn's occupation before heading to the NBA? He was a journalist for The Oregonian. Well, here go my chances of being an NBA general manager.

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- 7 Be respectful and cooperative with neighbors, police or other concerned persons who may want to discuss a problem.
- 8 Clean up promptly after your guests.

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