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Mykael Moore shares her thoughts on her experience at ASOSU, upcoming year

By Chris Correll THE DAILY BAROMETER

ASOSU House Speaker Profile:
Mykael Moore
Major: Human development and family sciences
Year: Senior
Past Leadership Positions at OSU:

Moore joined the Associated Students of Oregon State University her sophomore year. During her two terms on the Senate, she developed her appreciation for the legislative branch, applying herself to crafting bills (such as amendments making scholarships earned by transfer students at their old schools apply at OSU) and getting them passed. She has served as chief of staff for the span of Taylor Sarman's administration.

Question 1: Why did you decide to run for office?

A: "I really enjoy the legislative branch just in general. I think that, in ASOSU, it's kind of the underrepresented, under-talked-about portion; most people focus on the executive branch. But it's also probably the most publicized because it doesn't really do a lot, and so for me the possibility of growth is really enticing. I was thinking about how there's a lot of applicability to what I've been doing this year as chief of staff to speaker of the House — managerial things that could be applied to working in the legislative branch.

The constituency bill that was talked about and worked on this year really kind of pulled at my heart strings, and

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Of bones, blood, bettering of life



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Arianna Kahler-Quesada, a sophomore biochemistry/biophysics and chemical engineering major, cuts away plastic from a slice of a mouse's tibia bone.

Student researches connection between kidney failure, bone disease

By Meghan Vandewettering THE DAILY BAROMETER

Arianna Kahler-Quesada picks up a paintbrush and brushes on a small amount of clear liquid to the bone-embedded plastic. The small machine called a microtome that runs the plastic over a razor blade quietly hums as she slides a razor over the plastic piece and cuts away a sliver of plastic and bone.

"We take whatever bone we're looking at, and we embed those bones in plastic," Kahler-Quesada said. "Then you take a microtome, which carries that piece of plastic across a razor blade and takes a really, really thin slice — like four nanometers thick. A bone slide tells you what's really going on in the bone, and what the bone was doing when the organism died."

Kahler-Quesada, a sophomore studying biochemistry/biophysics and chemical engineering, plays violin in the Corvallis-Oregon State University Symphony, mentors students in racial minorities to become more involved in STEM programs through the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation and works in Professor Russell Turner and Assistant Professor Urszula Iwaniec's Skeletal Biology Lab in the basement of Milam Hall.

The link between bones and kidneys

"We look at mouse and rat bones for a variety of different things," Kahler-Quesada said. "What I'm writing my thesis on is kidney failure and its effect on bone."

Kahler-Quesada and her faculty mentors work in collaboration with nephrologists from the University of California San Diego in order to minimize the impact of kidney failure on the skeleton. The kidneys are a pair of blood-filtering organs that reside in our upper gut. They remove waste, control important mineral levels and maintain fluid balance. The skeleton is a supportive and protective framework for organs, a scaffold that muscles use to produce movement and a storehouse the body utilizes when the blood's mineral supply is running low. When kidney failure occurs, mineral

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OSU Theatre to hold auditions for 'Romeo and Juliet'

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Oregon State University Theatre will hold auditions for their upcoming play "Romeo and Juliet" between May 17 and May 19, according to a press release from OSU.

The William Shakespeare classic will call for a cast of around 25 people total, though the spring auditions will be for casting 12 principal roles. Those auditioning are asked to read "Romeo and Juliet" in advance,

according to the release. Audition times will take place between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. at the Withycombe Hall Main Stage Theatre on campus. Auditions will be open to "all OSU students, faculty and staff and to the community," according to the release. Anyone interested may attend one or all of the audition sessions.

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Sunday, May 3

Car crash

A Corvallis police officer answered a report of an injury accident that involved four vehicles piled up in one lane of the street, according to the log. One of the drivers was cited for following too closely.

Thefts, open container, warrant arrest

A suspect reportedly drove away in a Ford Explorer after stealing beer, according to the log. A Corvallis police officer was reportedly able to locate the vehicle and recover the stolen beer. The officer arrested the man for third degree theft, having an open container of alcohol in public and an outstanding warrant for harassment. The alleged getaway driver was also arrested for third degree theft. Another suspect

was cited in lieu of custody for having an open container of alcohol in public.

Saturday, May 2

Speeding and marijuana

A Corvallis police officer stopped a man for speeding, according to the log. The man was reportedly caught with marijuana and claimed to be an Oregon Medical Marijuana Program patient. The man was not an OMMP patient and had been misled by a grower who told him he could possess marijuana as long as he applied to the program in 90 days, according to the log. The man was issued a warning for possession of a controlled substance.

DUII

A Corvallis police officer arrested a woman for driving under the influence after the officer reportedly observed her driving without functioning rear lights. The woman also reportedly made two turns under five mph, causing traffic to stack up behind her. The woman allegedly failed standard field sobriety tests and her blood alcohol content was reportedly 0.12 percent. The woman also received a citation for operating a vehicle without required lighting and no valid operators license, according to the log.

Need to Know

Aggressive panhandling:

The city of Corvallis Code of Ordinances prohibits “aggressive panhandling” in public, making it a Class C misdemeanor to do so. Part two of Section 5.03.080.150 defines aggressive panhandling as “begging, demanding funds, or soliciting alms or charity, knowing that a reasonable person would find the manner of the begging, demand or solicitation to be alarming or threatening.”

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Friday, May 1

DUII - drugs

Corvallis city units were contacted by dispatch to locate an intoxicated driver in Corvallis, according to the log. An officer reportedly located the driver and asked her if she would consent to standard field sobriety tests. After reportedly consenting, the driver was allegedly confirmed to be impaired and was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. According to the log, the driver also had an Albany Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear — larceny and a warrant from the Linn County Circuit Court for failure to appear — driving under

the influence of intoxicants. The driver reportedly had a blood alcohol content of 0 percent when she tested at the Benton County Jail, but after providing a urine sample she was lodged at the jail for driving under the influence of intoxicants-drugs and the warrants.

Hit-and-run

An older red minivan reportedly drove the wrong way down a street and hit a parked Chevrolet Impala car on the side of the road before moving on. A witness was unable to provide a more detailed description of the vehicle or driver, according to the log.

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Dalai Lama's aide to speak at Lane Community College

By Jeff Wright
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — The Dalai Lama has given many talks over the years on “The Art of Compassion.”

But Geshe Thupten Jinpa — like his religious mentor the Dalai Lama — is equally interested in the science of compassion.

Jinpa's face may look familiar to some local residents — at least to the estimated 14,000 who packed Matthew Knight Arena two years ago to listen to the Dalai Lama in person. That's because Jinpa, who has served as the Dalai Lama's principal translator for more than three decades, was at the Dalai Lama's side throughout the appearance.

Two Lane County organizations — the Lane Peace Center and the Palmo Center for Peace & Education — have now joined to bring Jinpa back to Eugene, for a Mother's Day appearance at Lane Community College on Sunday. Jinpa's presentation is titled

“Fearlessness & Compassion: Cultivating the Courage to Change the World.”

Jinpa, 56, brings an academic perspective to the topic: He is the creator of the Compassion Cultivation Training Program at Stanford University, and is director of the Life & Mind Institute, a Massachusetts organization that studies connections between Buddhism and neuroscience.

“It's very cutting edge,” said Stan Taylor, director of the Lane Peace Center, of the work that Jinpa and his colleagues are doing at Stanford. “They are looking at the development of compassion in particular parts of the brain, and bridging the gap between contemporary science and ancient Buddhism and other practices of contemplation.”

New science and old contemplative traditions embrace the world's interconnectedness, said Taylor, who also is a political science teacher at LCC.

“There are many paths to peace, but

this is a path that anybody can walk,” he said.

Sharon Tabor, a retired school counselor affiliated with the Palmo Center, said Jinpa will address questions commonly associated with compassion: Can it really be cultivated? Should we worry about the dangers of “compassion fatigue”? And what about the fear of being taken advantage of, or compromising our ambitions, in the effort to be compassionate to others?

In his talk, Jinpa will share practical skills for developing compassion — a skill that a growing body of research suggests is in a person's own self-interest, as it correlates with happiness, stress reduction and a sense of purpose, Tabor said.

The two peace centers hope Jinpa's appearance will be the first in a series of events focused on “building peace through compassion,” Tabor and Taylor said.

Organizers hope the series will culmi-

nate in a peace symposium in the spring of 2016 that will focus on the science and practice of compassion.

The Palmo Center for Peace is named for Lady Jangchup Palmo, a Tibetan yoga teacher in Cottage Grove, who is credited as being the primary force in persuading the Dalai Lama to visit Eugene in 2013.

The idea for the center was conceived two years ago, before the Dalai Lama's visit, as a place where everyone is welcome regardless of their beliefs, Tabor said.

The Palmo Center does not have a building, but volunteers are exploring sites and hope to pick a property soon, Tabor said.

The Lane Peace Center formed at LCC in 2005 “to meet the clear need to teach peace in a world beset by war, racism, poverty and environmental destruction,” according to its website. The center offers a course in peace studies.

Seismic upgrades to Oregon schools top priority for Courtney

By Joce Johnson
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — In the all the years and legislative sessions he's pushed for state funding of seismic upgrades to prepare Oregon's public schools for a major earthquake, Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney said, he's never seen this level of interest and momentum.

Courtney, D-Salem, is one of only a few legislators behind proposals for increased funding to retrofit schools to make them safer. Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, is sponsoring Senate Bill 794, which authorizes the state treasurer to issue bonds in the amount of \$300 million in net

proceeds for seismic rehabilitation of public schools. Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, is sponsoring SB 447, a bill that establishes a grant program to provide matching fund grants to school districts for capital construction.

The Senate president testified Friday before the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction on the necessity to move forward with these investments.

“We're finally at a point where we can make a real investment in protecting our schools when it comes to the big quake, which is now scientifically documented — and I think being accepted internationally as something

that will take place — and it will come to the West Coast and it will particularly hit hard in the areas of California, Oregon and Washington,” Courtney said.

Courtney's proposal, which he made in August, is to make 133 safer school buildings by funding the Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Program at \$200 million from general obligation bonds for the 2015-17 biennium.

A statement from the Senate President's office said about 275 school buildings are at a high risk of collapsing, according to an assessment by the Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

Courtney described a “long

and frustrating road” that led to the development of the program. In 2001, he sponsored resolutions to create two grant programs — one for emergency services and one for school buildings. The resolutions were approved by voters in 2002 as ballot measures 15 and 16.

“Stunningly, they both passed when statewide ballot measures involving money were going down,” Courtney said. “Since then the program has funded 37 schools for \$34 million appropriated by the legislature.”

Following approval of the ballot measures, Courtney requested a mandated seismic assessment of schools and emergency buildings. Two bills passed in

2005 and 2012 to require the assessment and that schools maintain updated information.

In the previous three biennia, the legislature has approved grant funds as part of the Capital Construction Budget. The result is \$33.7 million spent on schools since 2009, including community colleges, public universities and K-12 schools.

Courtney told the subcommittee Friday that interest in the program is at an all-time high.

“School districts are engaged, parents are engaged and lawmakers are engaged,” he said.

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Calendar

Tuesday, May 5

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Senate meeting.

Wednesday, May 6

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. House meeting.
College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join the College Republicans for friendly conversation on current events and politics.
Bird Nerds, 5pm, Nash 032. Monthly member meeting with speaker Kyle Pritchard.

Events
Craft Center, 1-3pm, Craft Center, Student Experience Center Basement Level. Watercolor Wellness. Supplies provided.

Thursday, May 7

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Is travel a tool for global peace? A discussion.

Friday, May 8

Meetings
Student Organization Resource for Community Engagement (SORCE), 2-4pm, SEC 354.

Tuesday, May 12

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Senate meeting.

Wednesday, May 13

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. House meeting.
College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join the College Republicans for friendly conversation on current events and politics.

Events
Craft Center, 1-3pm, Craft Center, Student Experience Center Basement Level. Watercolor Wellness. Supplies provided.

Friday, May 15

Meetings
Student Organization Resource for Community Engagement (SORCE), 2-4pm, SEC 354.

Tuesday, May 19

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Senate meeting.

Events
Student Health Services, Noon-1pm, MU Journey Room. Novo Veritas: Honest Change. 2 Stories, 1 Common Thread. Join Betsy Hartley and Spencer Newell for an authentic conversation about battling substance addiction and obesity, and their healthy new lifestyles in recovery. Snacks provided.

Wednesday, May 20

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. House meeting.
College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join the College Republicans for friendly conversation on current events and politics.

Events
Craft Center, 1-3pm, Craft Center, Student Experience Center Basement Level. Watercolor Wellness. Supplies provided.

Correction

In the article, “OSU Greek students perform at Sing,” which ran in the Monday, May 4, issue of The Daily Barometer, the sorority Alpha Omicron Pi was incorrectly referred to as Alpha Omega Pi. The Daily Barometer regrets the error.

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S/U for you?

■ Deadline for students to switch to S/U grading Friday at 5 p.m. of week 7

By Greg Germano
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students have many reasons for choosing to S/U a course, and as the deadline draws closer, the opportunity to switch slips away.

"Last spring I S/U-ed a 300-level history of Islam class that was a Bacc Core requirement for Western Civilization," said Geoff Lowe, a senior double majoring in new media communications and business. "I thought it was beneficial for me at the time because it was nice when I could show up to a class that was not really important to me and do 'x' amount of work and still pass; it freed up a lot of time for me to focus on major classes. I am thinking about S/U-ing another class this term, we'll see."

There are many options for classes and majors. Depending on the student, some of those classes are unappealing or less important. Oregon State offers "satisfactory/unsatisfactory" grading as an alternative grading scale, allowing students to remove specific courses from their GPA that they may not like. Instead of a standard letter grade, it is altered to a simple pass/fail.

"S/U is an alternate grading system available at OSU," said Jeff Malone, University of Exploratory Studies Program assistant head advisor. "If a student elects for S/U grading in a course, that course is removed from GPA calculations. Grades from A and A-, B+ to B-, C+ to C- result in an S (Satisfactory) mark. Grades of D+ to D-, or F result in a U (Unsatisfactory) mark. S grades earn credits. U grades do not earn credits."

According to Malone, this grading system is something students are made aware of during the START process as well as on the Office of the Registrar's webpage. However it can be overlooked, especially because there are some restrictions and guidelines.

"The students have until Friday (5 p.m.) of week seven each term to submit S/U forms. The approval signature of the student's academic advisor is required before submitting the form to the Office of the Registrar," Malone said. "The S/U option is primarily available for Baccalaureate Core courses and elective courses as most majors will not accept S/U grades for their major required courses."

Students can save time and stress by choosing to S/U a class they are not doing well in.

The S/U grading can be applied to a maximum of 36 credits. A student cannot, however, choose to S/U a repeated course if the first attempt in the class received a grade on an "A-F" scale. Students can S/U a course regardless of their class standing. This can be helpful for upperclassman who have last-minute electives they want to get out of the way.

"I S/U-ed my Bio 103 class during my junior year," said Grant Springston, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering. "I did not want to be stressed about a class that did not really matter to me or my major. The S/U system is beneficial because no one wants to be stressed about Bacc Core classes, especially when they take up valuable time."

There are pros to S/U-ing a class, but there are some negative effects as well. If a student receives a "U" grade, it could lower the number of credits earned that term, which could potentially hurt the student's financial aid or scholarships as well as slow their process to proceed to the next class level.

College offices have pre-arranged walk-in hours to discuss S/U options before the deadline of each term. Any student who is interested in S/U-ing a class can consult with the academic advisors in their majors before deciding if it is the best thing to do.

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Democratic majority in Salem pushes through expanded background checks for gun sales

By Saul Hubbard
THE REGISTER-GUARD

SALEM — Marking the end of a fierce and time-consuming legislative debate, the Oregon House today approved a bill expanding background checks to include most private gun sales, sending it to Democratic Gov. Kate Brown.

Senate Bill 941 passed 32-28, a near party-line vote, after almost five hours of floor discussion. All House Republicans and three Democrats — Rep. Caddy McKeown of Coos Bay, Rep. Jeff Barker of Aloha, and Rep. Brad Witt of Clatskanie — opposed the measure.

Brown, who has publicly expressed support for Senate Bill 941 in recent weeks, will sign it into law, a spokeswoman confirmed.

SB 941 has drawn the ire of gun rights activists, who bombarded lawmakers with calls and emails and started recall petitions against three Democratic legislators from moderate districts.

The bill would require background checks on all private gun sales and transfers, except between extended family members, closing what bill proponents characterize as a dangerous gap.

Oregon law currently requires background checks for sales of guns by federally licensed dealers, such as retail stores, and at gun shows, but not for person-to-person or private online sales. The law prohibits felons and some others with criminal backgrounds, as well as some people with a history of severe mental illness from buying a gun.

In Monday's debate, opponents of SB 941 said that expanding background checks would do little to stop criminals from obtaining guns, would inconvenience and potentially criminalize law-abiding gun owners, and would be impossible to enforce.

House Republican Leader Mike McLane of Powell Butte said the policy "offers false hope" that it would prevent felons from getting guns.

"Colleagues, we all know that's not true," he said.

Rep. Duane Stark, a Central Point Republican, said that it was natural for victims of mass shootings to "go searching for solutions." But he said SB 941 was "fruitless" as it "doesn't actually resolve the injustices related to gun violence."

But backers said the policy was a "common sense" approach that would be a minor inconvenience for legitimate gun owners and stop illegal gun sales to felons and people with mental illness.

Rep. Jennifer Williamson, a Portland Democrat, said the bill was a narrow attempt to target a specific "loophole" in current gun laws, not an effort to restrict gun ownership.

"This is about illegal gun sales, not

the Second Amendment," she said.

Rep. David Gombert, a Lincoln City Democrat, said he didn't think SB 941 was perfect. But existing background checks stop around one percent of gun sales, he said, which proves they do make it harder for felons and others to illegally obtain guns.

"Bad people are going to find a way to acquire firearms," he acknowledged. "But we don't have to make it easy for them."

Republicans complained that Democrats had not seriously considered any GOP amendments to the bill since it was introduced in late March.

On Monday, they proposed a series of alternatives during the floor debate that would have increased Oregon State Police's monitoring of illegal gun sales and increased penalties for certain gun-related crimes. Democrats rejected their proposals, however, arguing that those policies might complement, but shouldn't be a substitute for, universal background checks.

Under SB 941, to legally make a transaction, a private seller and buyer will have to go together to a licensed gun dealer who would conduct the background check on the buyer for a fee. That would make it much more difficult to conduct a legal online person-to-person sale.

Rep. Carl Wilson, a Grants Pass Republican, said that provision wouldn't work, because big retailers such as Wal-Mart and Cabela's, which handle many gun sales, wouldn't be interested in running those checks.

"Do you think it is in (big retailers') business plans to be the middle man in private gun sales? No, it is not," he said.

House Majority Leader Val Hoyle, a Eugene Democrat, countered that gun dealers will be allowed to charge a "reasonable" fee for running those checks under SB 941. The rule will also bring more people into gun stores, she added, who will potentially make other purchases.

"If I were a gun dealer ... I would do whatever I could to get a person in my store," she said.

SB 941 contains two other components:

It would let judges prohibit patients receiving court-ordered mental health treatment in a community setting from buying a gun, if they are deemed a potential danger to themselves or others.

If a buyer flunks a background check, Oregon State Police would be required to notify local law enforcement. The provision would put into law an agency rule adopted by Gov. John Kitzhaber last year.

A coalition of backers of SB 941 — a mixture of local groups and well-funded national gun-control proponents — on Monday hailed the hard-fought victory.

OSU Ag Days begin

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Oregon State University Ag Days have begun. Tuesday, Ag Days will hold "Ag Days in the MU plaza/quad" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to a flyer distributed to The Daily Barometer by Agricultural Executive Director of Ag Days Austin Miller.

The event will feature country western dancing, animals, more than 30 groups and other attractions, according to the flyer.

Ag Days continues throughout the week, including an event Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Memorial Union Lounge, which will feature a discussion in partnership with the Oregon Farm Bureau, and a grant workshop Thursday at 4 p.m. in MU room 2013, according to the OSU Agricultural Executive Council Facebook page.

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Yesterday's Solution

SPEAKER

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my desire to see our student body better represented in the legislative branch, so I figured any opportunity I could get to work on something like that would be a good one."

Question 2: What are your specific goals for this year?

A: My biggest role as speaker of the House will be working on the development of the legislative branch and what they really have as a capacity to do, and I think that really starts with a constituency base and working with other organizations on campus who desire to be represented. I think we had a really good launching pad this year, but there's more relational building that needs to happen before we can really put a bill on the floor that everyone in the university can be happy with.

Additionally, my biggest priority is to work with (the Student and Incidental Fees Committee). The way the student fee process is right now, I don't think it's necessarily a very transparent process, so I think it's important to have more awareness for students on our campus, and more of a relationship between ASOSU and SIFC. Every year during joint

sessions, representative(s) and senators are going 'we have no idea how this process was set. We have no idea where this money is coming from.' I think that's an injustice to our organization and our students."

Question 3: During the race, the winning president/vice-president team named tuition as their primary concern. Do you also plan on addressing this issue?

A: "Absolutely. I think there's been a lot of work and talk within the executive branch about 'we need to be lobbying at the capital, working with OSA on these kinds of issues,' but it tends to get pushed back on the executive branch, and there's not enough initiative — in my opinion — within the legislative branch to be sending representatives into the capital and working on that. For me, I think that's the very base level ... additionally, I think there needs to be relationship building between the president/vice-president and the speaker of the House in the legislative body to push forward that legislative agenda. That's something I'm really passionate about."

Question 4: Have you made any mistakes in your time with ASOSU that turned out to be beneficial, in that you learned something valuable from them?

A: "Not necessarily a large mistake, but just something that I would have done differently. When I was in senate, I wrote a bill that increased office hours for senators, which is something I think is really important. That way we have more availability to students, but ... my way of dealing with that was basically by calling out senators and telling them they needed to get off their lazy asses and do something, and that wasn't the best way of handling it or the best way of making friends in the senate and getting anything done. I think my maturity within the organization (as chief of staff) has taught me that there are a lot better ways of handling situations. For me, that means guiding people rather than telling them what they need to be doing."

Question 5: What attributes/policies to you plan to take from your predecessor, Saul Boulanger?

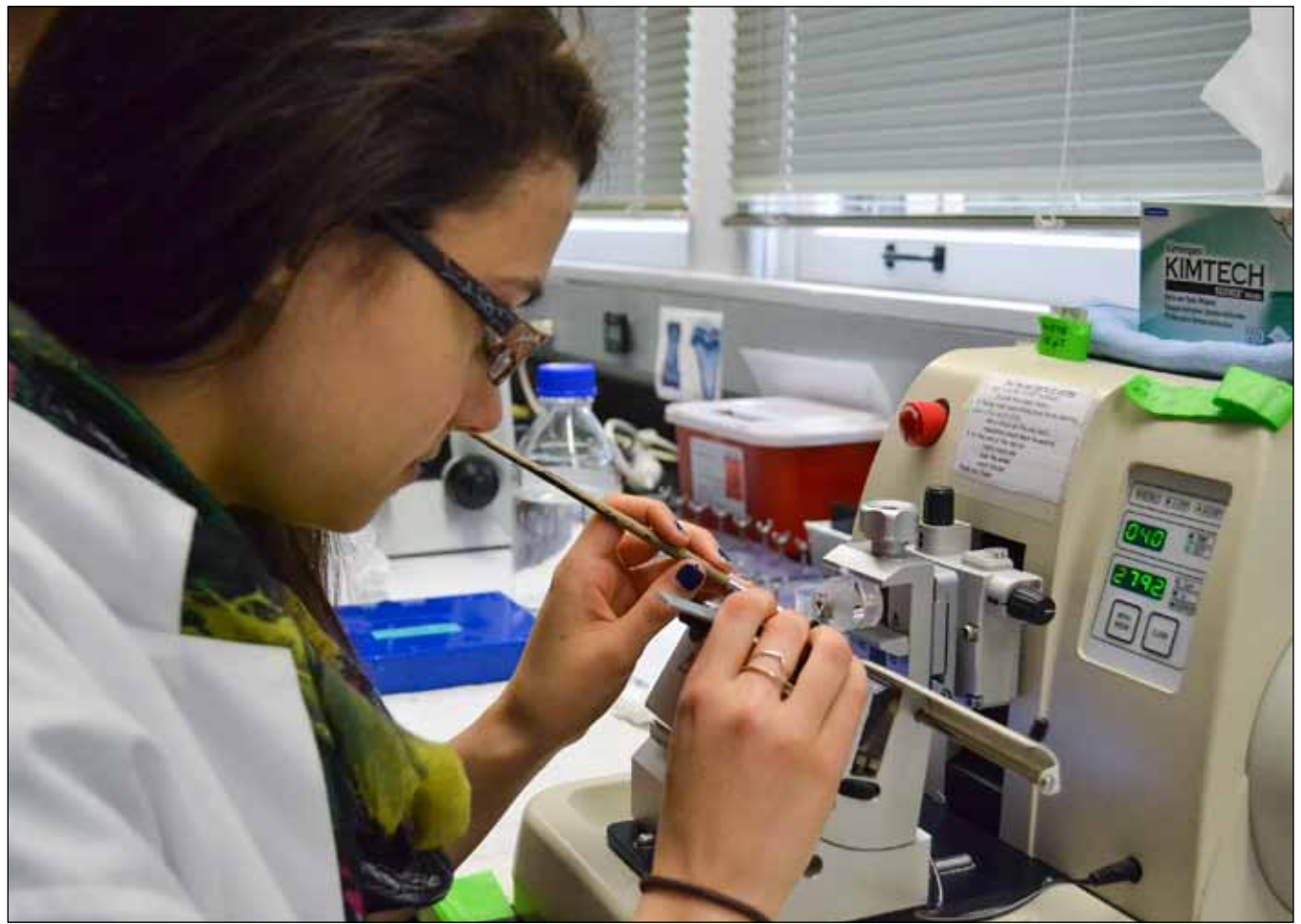
A: "Saul is a go-getter. He's very, very passionate about his position and he loves the organization. If you talk to him you can tell he thrives within ASOSU, and to have that passion for not only your student and the representatives you serve, but just for the job you do, is something I want to embody. I want to be in love with what I do every day."

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Arianna Kahler-Quesada retrieves a bone from a bone storage refrigerator at the Skeletal Biology Lab.



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Arianna Kahler-Quesada prepares the microtome for the production of a mouse tibia bone slide in the Skeletal Biology Lab in Milam Hall.

BONES

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balance isn't sustained.

"It's a cascade of events. When your kidney stops working, you're unable to eliminate phosphorus and you eliminate too much calcium," Turner said. Turner is director of the Skeletal Biology Lab at OSU and works with undergraduates — like Kahler-Quesada — in his lab and collaborative teams from UCSD to study kidney failure and bone health.

"Your blood calcium has to be kept within really narrow limits, it's one of the most tightly controlled things because there are so many biochemical processes that occur in your body that rely upon balanced calcium levels," Turner said. "If you don't take in enough calcium through your diet, or don't retain it because of a failing kidney, it has to come from someplace. And that place is usually the skeleton. You can do this for quite a while, but you can't do this forever."

Bone disease develops from constant withdrawal of calcium from the bone. Also called the "silent crippler," bone disease can begin developing without many detectable signs.

"It's really hard to diagnose the actual bone disease, we don't have a non-invasive methods to detect it," Turner said. "The standard method is to take a biopsy of the bone. We don't do that very often so we have to assume what's going on because no one wants a biopsy of their bone! It's going in and taking a drill to extract a piece of core from the bone. It's fairly invasive."

While bone disease may be medically elusive, kidney failure is a more prevalent and pressing medical condition in adults and children alike.

"When kidney failure reaches a point where it can't eliminate all the toxic waste material, then it's done with kidney dialysis. About 300,000 people are on kidney dialysis at any one time, so it's not a rare event," Turner said. "We start seeing the bone effects even before you reach this point, and that's the model that Arianna's been studying."

Modeling kidney failure

The model that Kahler-Quesada's studying is designed to mimic children in a pre-dialysis stage of kidney failure. At a young age, a child's bones are growing rapidly. If the bones are not able to harness the necessary minerals needed to grow because of a dysfunctional kidney, early onset of bone disease occurs.

"This is important because when you have bone problems, it makes it so much worse for kids. It makes them especially susceptible to bone weakening," Kahler-Quesada said. "If you have kidney failure and you're growing and you're a kid, then those just combine ... and it's not good."

By studying six-week old mice whose kidneys are dysfunctional, but not completely failed, Kahler-Quesada hopes to provide more insight into the molecular mechanism connecting the kidneys and bones in a pre-dialysis, adolescent stage. A recent study Kahler-Quesada was involved in featured six-week old mice that underwent induced kid-

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Russell Turner

Director of the Skeletal Biology Lab

ney failure by removing 83 percent of the mice's kidneys. After a number of weeks, the bones of the kidney-deficient mice were harvested and sent to Turner and Iwaniec's lab where the bones were analyzed.

"What we do mainly here (in Turner and Iwaniec's lab) is data analysis. We receive bones from other parties we're collaborating with and then do different types of analysis. Looking at cell types in the bones by preparing slides with the microtome and finding total bone volume with a microCT are a few," Kahler-Quesada said. "They help us discover what the bone was doing when the organism died."

Hormone under investigation

Turner and Iwaniec's collaborators at UCSD raise the mice in highly controlled experimental environments. The mice are given different chemicals that aim to control the hormone that involved researchers believe is the foundation of childhood kidney failure and poor bone health: leptin.

"Right now, they're trying to put other signals into the brain that would basically counteract the effects of having too much leptin and if it works, then you'll see an improvement in the appetite and other aspects of the metabolic condition of the mice," Turner said. "If (leptin) is, in fact, the cause of poor bone condition, there could be treatments that could bring this all into a better balance."

Leptin is a hormone found in the brain that alerts the body to an over-excess of energy and fat. It sends a cascade of signals that causes the body to speed up the rate at which it burns energy stores and decreases overall appetite. This powerful hormone is a key component in the relationship between kidney and bone health.

"Leptin is sending information to the brain about where the body's energy storage are, and the brains of these children with reduced kidney

function, are essentially interpreting the information as 'I have too much fat, I have too much fuel, I need to basically get rid of it.' They're getting the wrong information," Turner said.

Children and calcium deficiency

Because children with kidney failure experience a suppression of appetite, they have overall low amounts of calcium in their diets and an accelerated removal of essential calcium via their failing kidneys. With a pressing demand for calcium, their bodies resort to their mineral-rich skeleton and start using their bones as their calcium source. Bones with low amounts of calcium experience more fractures, more pain and less productive growth and regeneration. Children

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A microtome used to cut slices of bone four nanometers thick in the Skeletal Biology Lab, based in Milam Hall.



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Arianna Kahler-Quesada presents a tibia bone from a mouse — the current subject of her study that relates bone condition to the pre-dialysis stage of kidney failure.

with poor bone conditions have a significantly lowered quality of life, and it is this that Kahler-Quesada hopes to improve in her research.

"The results really show that in the model, the mice develop pretty severe deficiency in bone. In fact, it's a little surprising that it is of the magnitude it is," Kahler-Quesada said. "The goal would be applying this model, and the things we've learned from it, to humans."

Turner described the research's application to health.

"What can we do from preventing complete kidney failure, and how can we protect the skeleton and lower the risk of fractures, bone disease and bone pain? We can likely lower the risk of developing disease, that's a first step," Turner said. "Next step would be attempting to minimize the impact of those diseases."

Learning from research

Kahler-Quesada believes that her experience in research has allowed her to expand her ability to learn lab techniques as well as apply her knowledge to fix real-world problems.

This summer, Kahler-Quesada will travel to Italy to study solar cells through the International Research Experience for Undergrads program of the American Chemistry Society.

"As an undergraduate doing research, you get to know just the environment, what it's like to be a scientist. In your classes you learn things, but here you actually get to apply things and get results. Instead of learning about a disease for two months in a classroom, you can apply research and attempt to fix disease, which is pretty great," Kahler-Quesada said.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day
 "Tremendous support all series in Seattle. Thanks for coming to see us #BeaverNation. Big week ahead. #GoBeavs"
 @CaseysCorner5 Pat Casey

OSU baseball seeks redemption

Beavers drop series

■ OSU softball loses Monday night rubber match and series against Washington

By Josh Worden
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State softball team ended up on the losing end of a Monday barn-burner with Washington in Seattle, with 28 runs scored in the last Pac-12 game of the year.

Oregon State (26-25, 6-18 Pac-12) traded leads early in the contest but eventually dropped a 17-11 decision to No. 20 Washington (39-14, 10-10) in the rubber match. OSU won Sunday's contest, 14-8, and will now need at least one win next weekend against San Diego State to avoid dropping below .500 and being ineligible for the postseason.

A postseason berth is not guaranteed for OSU even with two wins over SDSU, though a sweep could keep that possibility alive.

The Beavers started out Monday's game with a bang, using a solo home run in the top of the first inning from senior center fielder Dani Gilmore to take an early advantage.

Washington's offense was easily potent enough to overcome Gilmore's homer, however, scoring two in the bottom of the first and averaging two runs per inning.

It was appropriate for Gilmore to hit a home run in her last ever Pac-12 regular season game; she has 10 home runs this season and 35 on the year. Her previous season high came her freshman year, when she had a team-high nine round-trippers.

Success against the Huskies is old hat for Gilmore: in 2012, her freshman year, she had her 10th multi-hit game of the season against then-No. 9 Washington, going 2-for-3 with a home run, three RBIs and two runs scored.

Gilmore is sitting at 209 career hits. She was 0-for-3 in OSU's victory in the middle game but scored twice in the contest, drawing a walk and a hit by

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Sophomore shortstop Trever Morrison looks to make the throw to first during the Beavers' series against the Oregon Ducks in Eugene April 12 at PK Park.

■ Tuesday's nonconference Civil War gives Beavers chance to accomplish what they couldn't in Eugene

By Andrew Kilstrom
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

It was Oregon that beat Oregon State in the two teams' Pac-12 Civil War series on April 12, taking two of three games.

The Beavers (29-14, 12-9 Pac-12) look for

redemption in a nonconference matchup with Oregon (27-20, 9-12) Tuesday night in Goss Stadium.

The Beavers held leads in all three games in Eugene, and actually tied Oregon in runs scored over the three games at 15, but struggled to close the door in later innings.

Oregon State has played some of its best baseball of the season since falling to the Ducks, however.

OSU is 6-3 since losing 10-9 to Oregon on April 12. The Beavers have won their last three Pac-12

series during that span and have moved all the way up from a bubble team to a projected No. 2 regional seed should the playoffs start today.

Oregon, meanwhile, is 6-4 since knocking off Oregon State and is battling for a postseason berth.

The Ducks' RPI ranking of 83 likely isn't strong enough to get them into the playoffs, making every remaining game important. Tuesday's matchup is especially vital for Oregon, considering it's on the road against an OSU team that is No. 35 in RPI, even

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Oregon State Polo Club open to anyone

■ OSU's polo club on the rise after going to National's for first time in almost 10 years

By Sarah Kerrigan
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University Polo — no, not the short sleeve shirt with a collar, but rather the fast-paced sport played on the backs of horses for which the shirt name is derived from.

While most people know what a polo shirt is, not many know much about the sport beyond that, other than it's people hitting a ball with a mallet while riding a horse.

At the very base level that is polo: trying to get the ball between the goal posts. However, the realities of the many rules and fouls along with the fact that players are also having to control an animal with a mind of its own makes polo a challenging sport.

"Not only do you have to communicate with the other players on your team, but you also have to communicate with the animal you are riding," said Arden Babb, a freshman polo club member. "That adds a dynamic that a lot of sports don't have because you have to be a part of a team, but you have to be a part of the team with the horse as well."

A polo team consists of three or four people, three of which are playing at one time. Each team has six horses



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Mariah Mudgett, Nicole Johnson and Carina Deck stop to for the camera in between matches at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany.

that they rotate throughout the match to avoid exhausting the horses.

There are four quarters in a polo match called chukkas. Oregon State plays arena polo so a match consists of four chukkas, each seven and a half minutes in length.

The short chukkas make for a fast paced sport filled with lots of excitement for players and spectators.

"It is really fast paced and it can be scary to run a horse full speed

towards a wall and be halfway off your horse swinging a mallet," said Brianna Mortier, a sophomore polo club member. "But it's not as hard as it looks really it's just intimidating at first."

Polo is the only contact equestrian sport and is not for the light of heart. When a player hits the ball, a line of the ball is established. This imaginary line created by the ball traveling down the field or arena is what creates the

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Players fight for position and look to make contact with the ball during a polo match in Albany.

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pitch. In her final conference game, she was 2-for-4 at the plate with a home run, a double, a walk and three runs.

It was a high scoring series overall, especially between the 14-8 game Sunday and the 17-11 score from Monday. In total, 59 runs and 67 hits were recorded from both teams across the three-game series.

In Monday's game against the Huskies, the Beavers were in a hole late, trailing 13-6 before freshman left fielder Lovie Lopez hammered a bases-loaded triple in the sixth inning, scoring three of OSU's five runs in the frame.

That brought the Beavers within two runs, but the Huskies extended the lead shortly thereafter and held on for the six-run win.

For Lopez, sixth innings were particularly fruitful in Seattle; she highlighted the Beavers' win in the second game with a grand slam in top of the sixth in addition to Monday's sixth-inning, three-RBI triple.

Lopez had three at bats with the bases loaded Sunday, going 2-for-3 in those appearances with the grand slam and a single. She had five RBIs in the game and two runs scored. In the series, she went 5-for-8 with nine RBIs



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Senior catcher Hannah Akamine closes her glove on a pitch during the Beavers' series against UCLA at home April 27.

The Beavers were coming off a 14-8 win over the Huskies on Sunday, OSU's first win in six tries. The opening game of the series came down the wire, with Washington taking a 5-4 win after adding the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh and final inning.

Senior third baseman CJ Chirichigno was red hot to open

the series, recording two hits and two runs batted in during each of the first two games. She also scored three times between the two contests.

Junior second baseman Mikela Manewa rivaled her teammate offensively, starting 5-for-9 in the first two games with two RBIs, a run scored and a walk.

Neither winning team in the

first two games recorded more hits than the opposing squad in their respective wins. OSU out-hit the Huskies, 10-7, in the opener but Washington ended with the 5-4 win. In OSU's 14-8 victory, both teams finished with 11 hits. Even in Washington's six-run victory Monday, the Huskies only have three more hits than the Beavers.

The Beavers committed no errors in the first two games of the series before having six errors in the final game. Before the final contest, OSU was ranked last in the Pac-12 in errors, recording a conference-high 68 errors and a conference-low .953 fielding percentage.

The Beavers had been without starting pitcher Beverly Miller, who was injured in the ASU series two weekends ago. The junior pitcher returned in Seattle and appeared in all three games.

With the Washington series done, the Beavers have completed the Pac-12 season. OSU finished 5-17 last season in the Pac-12 and 18-31 overall, adding one conference win and eight total victories by comparison this season.

The Beavers will wrap up the regular season with a pair of games against San Diego State.

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Senior outfielder Kori Nishitomi prepares to make contact with the ball against the Bruins in Corvallis April 27.

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if it's a nonconference bout.

Freshman right-hander Sam Tweedt will get the start on the mound for the Beavers, while Oregon is expected to go with Josh Graham, who missed his scheduled start Sunday for an unspecified violation of team rules.

Oregon State will also play its fourth-consecutive game without shortstop Trevor Morrison, who fractured a bone in his left hand April 26 against USC.

The sophomore, who was hitting .319 with 18 runs batted in, is expected to miss the entirety of the regular season, but could return to the lineup for the postseason.

Sophomore Caleb Hamilton



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Sophomore left fielder Kyle Nobach hits the first base bag against Oregon in PK Park April 12.

moved over from third base to shortstop to fill in for Morrison over the weekend and will

play there until he returns. Freshman Michael Gretler is expected to fill in at third base

while Morrison is out.

Tuesday's nonconference matchup is the first of four straight home games for the Beavers, who host Pac-12 foe Utah for a three-game set starting Friday.

Oregon travels to Pullman, Wash., to take on Washington State for a three-game series of its own following the Civil War matchup.

Tuesday's game is the second-to-last time the two teams will meet in the regular season. The final Civil War matchup is scheduled for May 19 in Corvallis.

First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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rules for safely approaching and continuing the play of the ball for the riders.

Players can only approach the ball along the line of the ball and the opposing team can gain possession of the ball by pushing the other team off the line of the ball. Although it is a contact sport, there are also many fouls in place to keep the horses and riders safe.

"For me who is still learning, fouls are a really big deal because they are really complicated so it takes a while to learn those," Babb said. "The fundamentals are pretty easy to pick up, hitting isn't that bad and once you learn to ride it's pretty self explanatory, it's more the details that make it complicated."

Despite the many rules to learn, the Oregon State Polo Club encourages people of all experience levels to participate.

The club is open to new members all year round with a no experience required policy. The first two lessons or practices are free for potential members. The club fee is \$200 for the first term, then \$250 for each subsequent term. Included in the fees are costs for equipment, uniforms and lessons riding English style.

While the club is open to new members at anytime, the beginning of the year is the best time to join since they are done riding for the remainder of this year and the horses they lease are going back to their respective homes for the summer.

"Fall would definitely be the best time to start because that's when we get ready for competitions and train the new members,"

Mortier said.

The Oregon State team is wrapping up a successful year, in which it sent one of its three teams to nationals in Connecticut this spring. The women's varsity team made it to the first round of nationals for the first time since 2006.

The club's three teams consist of 20 members with a women's JV and varsity, while they have only a men's varsity due to fewer numbers.

While many of the members are graduating, the club is eager to recruit new members. The club can be contacted for more information about joining through their facebook page or by sending an email to polo@oregonstate.edu.

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Editorial

We are proud of Pride Week

This May 4-9 is Pride Week at Oregon State University. The theme of this year's week is "Can You Queer Me Now?" and features a barbecue, a movie night, "The LGBT Members of STEM" and the Spring Drag Show.

We are pretty excited. And we just can't hide it.

You should definitely go to the Facebook page and "like" it so you can keep updated on the upcoming events.

Something we realized while we were discussing this staff editorial was how natural it felt that we were going to write a piece about Pride Week and its general awesomeness.

It got us thinking that if we wound back the clock 30 or 40 years, we might be dealing with a strong negative response from the OSU community — folks who might write in wailing sin and the end of days.

We aren't particularly concerned with receiving such a response in 2015.

A huge part of it is the fact that society has been stumbling toward acceptance of homosexuality since 2011.

Pew Research Center found that approximately 60 percent of U.S. citizens find homosexuality perfectly acceptable — we're sure that the other 40 percent will eventually fade into the background as millennials take over the country with our fear of phone calls and Internet chat-speak.

In all seriousness though, a study by Dan Cox and Robert P. Jones from the Public Religion Research Institute found that millennials are more open to homosexuality than older generations.

As a result in recent years, we have seen sweet coming out stories wherein parents wholeheartedly accept their kids, where grandparents stand up and take in disowned kids who have recently come out and of course, the story of a straight guy asking his best friend who identifies as gay to prom.

We have seen companies that refuse to do business in states that would allow their businesses to refuse service to gay folks, a wash of equal opportunity for marriage make waves across the country and positive role models appear in popular media.

We have seen progress, and that is pretty neat.

In addition, the progress appears to continue as we see more laws and rights appear on a federal and state level.

But we are not trying to negate the sacrifices that have happened for this progress to take shape, or that the battle is "won" by any means.

We still have a long way to go before we can even hint at claiming such.

But these past few years have been a series of victories — we are going to celebrate that, and suggest everyone else at OSU and within the community participate in the upcoming activities this week.

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Skinny shaming is body shaming, creates social barriers

As the warm weather looms and the temperature rises, folks are becoming concerned about what they should wear.

Excuse me — what society tells them they should wear.

This has led to a consistent trend of body shaming: The inappropriate negative statements and attitudes toward another person's weight or size.

Often — not always — this shaming is aimed at women's bodies in a way to police us and how we look. We are informed through the thousands of images we see every day showing us that only 1 percent of the female population is visually acceptable and even that one percent is chopped and cropped to squeeze out every ounce of alleged "perfection."

Not a particularly fair standard to hold up to human women.

Because humans come in every shape and size and we should celebrate the simple fact that we are alive



Cassie Ruud

Short hair don't care and not some microscopic amoeba on the other side of the universe.

Sadly, this is not the case.

In recent years and music, there has been a backlash to fat shaming with the response of skinny shaming.

You can see this in Meghan Trainor's "All About That Bass" with the line, "I'm bringing booty back, go on and tell them skinny b***hes that/Nah I'm just playin' I know y'all think you're fat."

Or in Nicki Minaj's "Anaconda" wherein she expresses that all the "skinny b***hes" in the club need to leave so she can see the "fat *ss b***hes" in the club.

I have never really seen the term "b***h" as that of endearment, but that's just me.

Point being, in songs that are

supposed to be celebrating the difference of body type, there are lines which only work to re-clarify that difference and make it offensive.

Skinny shaming is an issue, despite what Rachel Baker writes in The Yale Herald opinion section about the supposed myth of it.

I can personally empathize with the logic that fat shaming is an issue in the world, as Baker puts it, "by pairing Trainor's or Minaj's or any other person's individual criticism of "skinny b***hes" with the systemic and cultural condemnation of all those who are not "skinny b***hes" is to completely ignore the hierarchy of power associated with body-type and weight in modern American culture."

Yes, there is absolutely a problem with the system — people who are heavier are told that they aren't desirable, that they are the way they are because they are undisciplined with their eating and exercise, that they are somehow less than. However, I can't condone shaming

another body type, regardless of the hierarchy.

I have friends who have suffered from relentless bullying for their skinniness, being told they looked like a boy or that no one would want them because they didn't have curves.

That's not OK.

Throwing mud will only make everyone dirty.

Body shaming only works to make everyone feel crappy about how they look and succeed in policing our bodies so that we buy more stuff to supposedly look better.

Body shaming divides us; it creates barriers between the unities we should form as people.

And in the upcoming war against our inevitable robot alien overlords — we will need all the unity we can get.

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Unfortunate optics problem, low morality present in NFL draft

I am a simple man. I enjoy movies with big explosions and ordering the biggest steak on the menu when I can afford it.

I live my life my by three documents: The Ten Commandments, The U.S. Constitution and The Key Club International Pledge.

Aside from my family and friends I have two great loves in this life:



Jacob Vandever

The capitalistic system and Dallas Cowboy football.

Along with many other red-blooded Americans, I sat with bated

breath watching the results of NFL draft.

I was excited when the Cowboys bolstered their mediocre secondary by taking Byron Jones in the first round, and I was left almost in tears when the St. Louis Rams took our own Sean Mannion away from my beloved Cowboys by snagging him in the third round.

As an NFL fan I was bothered by

the optics of the event.

During the events of the Draft NFL, Commissioner Roger Goodell was booed by fans just about every time he took the stage following a season where his leadership was time and again called into question after a number of controversies arose.

Despite concerns over his off field behavior, Jameis Winston was selected as the No. 1 overall draft pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Shane Ray was selected 23rd overall by the Denver Broncos, despite being arrested for drug possession right at the lead up to the draft.

Football means a lot to me, but so does character.

Despite being cleared of the charges by local authorities, the movie "The Hunting Ground," which highlights the rape allegations against Winston and some of the questionable circumstances of the following investigation, will keep Winston's name in the news for all the worst reasons.

Fully knowing about the film and the current image problem that the NFL is facing, the Buccaneers were still comfortable awarding Winston the prestigious honor of being the first pick of the draft.

For me and many of those that played football in high school, it was a way to build character, become more disciplined and learn to work together as a team.

Many in the NFL show that strong character that we would like our sports heroes to exhibit.

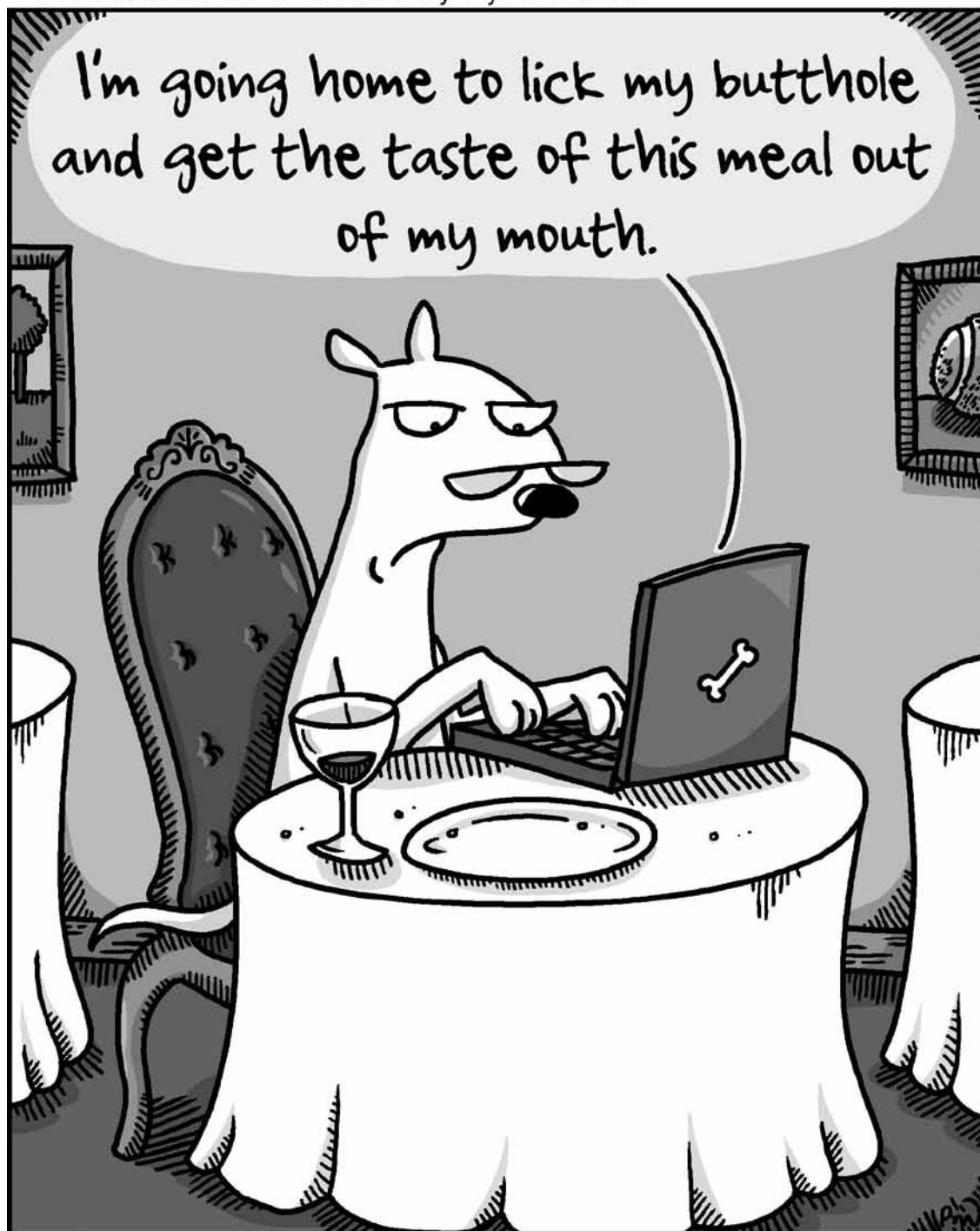
Russell Wilson, Jason Witten and Thomas Davis are just a few who give back to their communities in amazing ways, but unfortunately those men and their good works do not get the attention that they should.

Following last year's controversial season, I hoped that the NFL would get serious about addressing its optics problem and start standing up to those players who, despite their great athletic ability, are failing to live up to the standards we should expect from our sports stars.

Maybe I am reading into the events of the draft too much, but if this is a signal of the "changes" that the NFL has promised to make, then I am not waiting to hold my breath.

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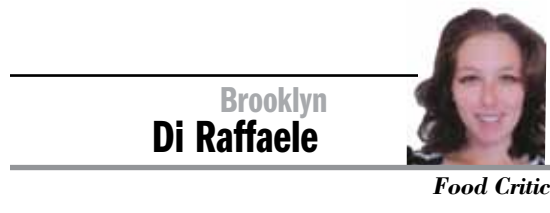
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Ninkasi's Space Beer is out of this world

Three, two, one, lift-off! Houston, we have beer. And any other space launch sayings there are. What I'm getting at here is Ninkasi Brewing's latest and greatest feat of craft beer kind: they made space beer. Ninkasi released their newest craft creation in April 2015: Ground Control. This stout was made from brewer's yeast that was sent up into outer space and it is glorious. Just when you thought craft beer could not get any more awesome. Ninkasi sent a rocket into space containing six vials of active brewer's yeast with dry ice to see if a life-sustaining source could survive space travel and then be viable enough to brew beer with it. In case you didn't know, yeast is very fickle and will die if not in the right condition. Good news, it was. Two missions were conducted all for the sake of beer kind. The first mission was a failure so they tried for



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round two and thank the goddess Ninkasi the yeast survived. According to Ninkasi, the rocket achieved an altitude of 408,035 feet — 77.3 miles above the Earth — and the yeast was weightless for four minutes in space. Then the rocket fell back down to earth and was retrieved by a U.S. Army helicopter to ensure its safety back to the labs for brewing. This project was a year in the making, and now humanity can enjoy beer from space. The beer made from the yeast is appropriately named Ground Control Imperial Stout, and is only available in limited locations in 22 ounce bottles and

on draft at Ninkasi Brewing in Eugene. The company only made 55 barrels — so when the tap runs dry, that is the last of it. Believe me when I say this beer is limited, because it took me a few weeks to find this coveted brew. When I read that there is going to be beer made from ingredients that traveled to the final frontier, I had to try it. I wrote down the launch date into stores and waited until that time. I had to make several phone calls all over Oregon until I found this precious dark beer that has been further into the atmosphere than I ever will be. I found the beer, not just on the shelf of Corvallis Brewing Supply, but in a snazzy box with the 22 bottles inside. With the price I paid for this beer it better have come in a box. Ground Control is brewed with the even more appropriately named Apollo, Comet and Bravo hops, Oregon hazelnuts, star anise, cocoa nibs and ale yeast that graced the stars. All of the ingredients created a stellar tasting beer that is definitely unique. Anise is used in cooking as a bittering agent and to add a licorice flavor. The hop varieties used in the stout are also bitter, mostly used in making IPAs, but this beer was not bitter in its entirety, which is very interesting. Instead, the stout tasted more of hazelnuts and cocoa nibs, and had a full-body feel with a slight bitter aftertaste. Chocolate, honey and crystal malts were also used in brewing, which gave the beer a greater chocolate and nutty flavor that enhanced the hazelnuts and cocoa. This chocolatey stout was a smooth beer to drink, which made the bottle go by way too quickly. I always enjoy tasting new beers. It is one of my favorite hobbies, and Ground Control was an amazing experience I recommend to any beer lover out in the universe. Of course, the space yeast is what makes this beer entirely unique, but a great brewery that knows their stuff and can make a gorgeous brew made it. If you want a distinctive beer experience, find Ground Control and prepare for take-off.



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'Other Space' is 'Interstellar' on drugs

For all the complexities keeping space travel the expertise of an isolated few today, the creators of "Other Space," a Star Trek-ish parody series distributed by Yahoo! Screen, understand that like all cutting-edge technology, eventually it will probably become a toy for college-age idiots. As far as cast is concerned, the only astronaut to truly stand out is Stewart — Karan Soni — who after acing a high-pressure military simulation with grade-school logic is appointed captain of his own ship. His older, more professional sister now has to obey her dorky sibling's commands and, understandably, isn't too pleased. The crew of this Enterprise sort of functions like a group project where no one wants anything to do with the other members. Stewart's leadership gets a head start on irritating everyone from the moment he takes the reigns. He's funny in an awkward trying-way-too-hard kind of way, and I like him just fine, but Kirk he is not, unless Kirk was somehow an effeminate hipster in an alternate universe. Speaking of alternate universes, the pilot episode introduces us to the premise by tearing open a hole in space for our heroes to get sucked into. From there, they have to deal with aliens, food shortages — all they managed to bring along was an endless supply of fudge — and a bunch of other shenanigans, all of which are super weird. Oh, and they've got a sassy robot on board, because let's face it: the setup just wouldn't be complete without one. As far as being a serious contender against Netflix and HBO for on-demand content, Yahoo! Screen has a long way to go. With powerhouse shows like "Game of Thrones" and "House of Cards" as competition, it's a wonder they're able to get on their feet at all. However, smaller-scale series like "Other Space" might just be their ticket to a seat at the table. It's a welcome contrast to the big-budget dramas we've seen so much of lately. It's great to get invested in a serious show, but sometimes we just need something silly and low-key to unwind with and this definitely fits that description. The cheesiness of bad green screen backgrounds and CGI is kind of charming when it's done on purpose. It's an adventure with no stakes whatsoever, and I'm just fine with that. Like "the Last Man on Earth," "Other Space" has a strong premise with a few gaping holes — I don't know how long they'll manage to keep things from going stale, even with an infinite universe as a setting — and may become more popular if it stabilizes in season two.

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'Age of Ultron' takes over weekend box office

Marvel is well on its way to owning the entire movie industry. With 85 percent of this weekend's box office going to "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," and seven more Marvel character movies to be released in the next year and a half, it seems as though Marvel might have enough money to produce an actual Iron Man.



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to be too powerful to control, and plans to annihilate humanity in order for life to evolve. Ultron enlists the help of super-powerful twins Scarlet Witch (Elizabeth Olson) and Quicksilver (Aaron Taylor-Johnson). The film puts a lot of stock in the rescue of citizens throughout, something that many superhero movies hardly acknowledge — "Man of Steel" had no regard for human life during Superman's building throwing fight with Zod. The movie is a bit long (141 minutes), a bit overstuffed — a new character is introduced near the end of the movie and gets about 10 minutes of screen time — and at times doesn't make much sense — some of Ultron's goals seem like mini-missions compared to the overall gameplan. Even so, "Age of Ultron" is great at doing what it's supposed to do; you will see a bunch of cool action/fight scenes, lots of things will explode and everybody on screen will have a quick tongue, even the evil robot super villain. This is what Marvel movies do. They don't want the gritty realism that comes with "The Dark Knight" series. They go for a much more light-hearted — even on the



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brink of human extinction — on a similar and enjoyable tone, with much more huge action scenes. "Age of Ultron" might not be better than its predecessor, but if you enjoyed the first one, the sequel takes you

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With the growing popularity of comic book movies, the budgets have gotten enormous, which allows director Joss Whedon to produce a behemoth like the newest "Avengers." What's funny is that although the action scenes are good, much like the first one, the best parts of the movie occur when the team stays low key and we see Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Captain America (Chris Evans), Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner) and Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) have their quick-witted banter — largely with jokes being thrown at Captain America. With the whole gang back together, it's their job again to save the world, this time from Ultron (James Spader), the arrogant artificial intelligence that Iron Man and Hulk accidentally created. Their plan was to make A.I. (housed in Iron Man suits) that could protect the world in case of another alien invasion. However, Ultron turns out