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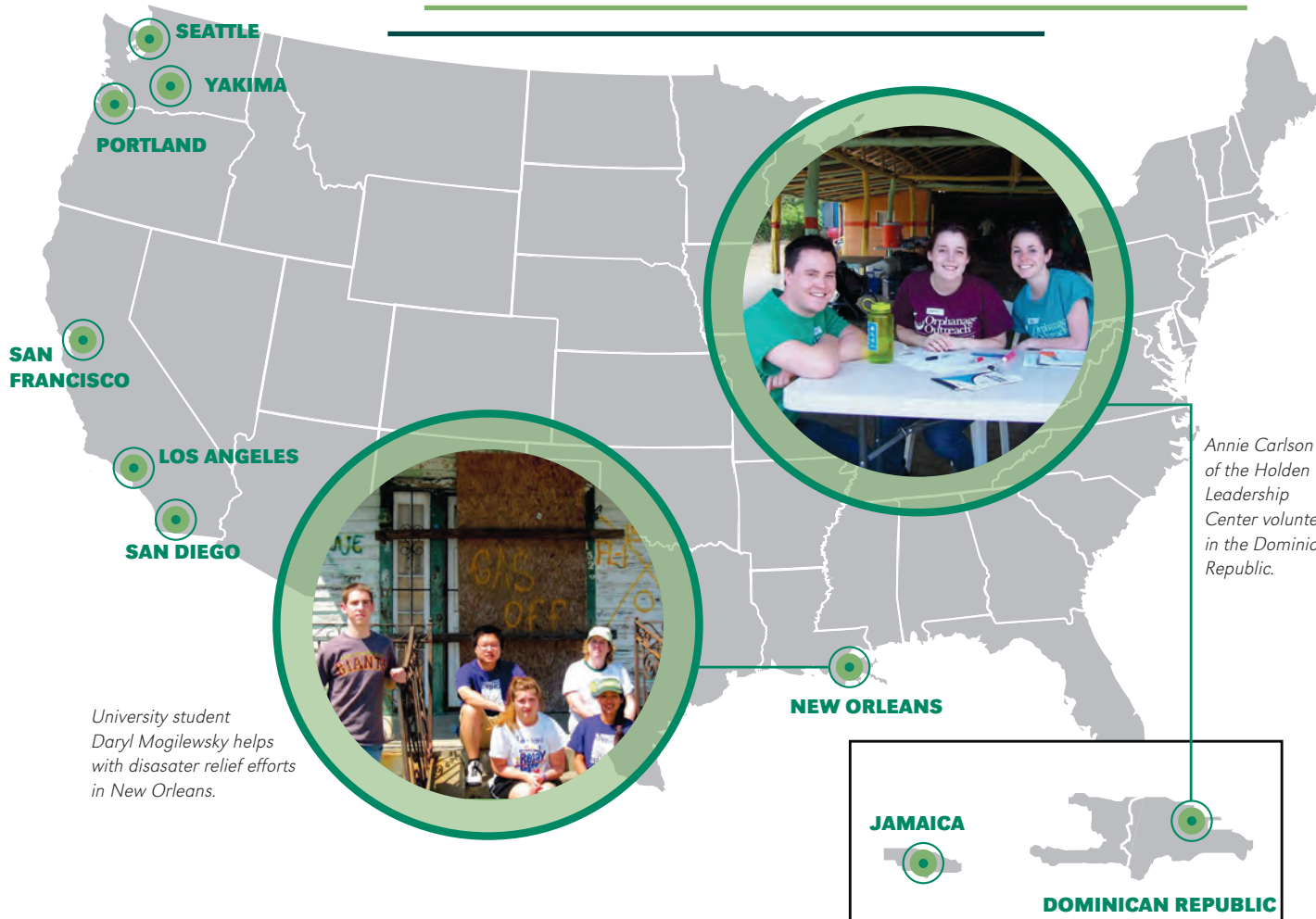
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University student Daryl Mogilewsky helps with disaster relief efforts in New Orleans.

Annie Carlson of the Holden Leadership Center volunteers in the Dominican Republic.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASUO vote on revised ACFC deal looms ahead

New proposal would funnel excess LTD funds to OSPIRG, SASS program

FRANKLIN BAINS
NEWS REPORTER

The ASUO will vote this week on the returned proposal of the Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee, after finding more than \$80,000 in excess funds from within the Lane Transit District contract that would have funded bus service for the five percent of University students taking online classes or studying at satellite campuses.

The returned budget still includes no money for Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, and the ACFC will not consider funding negotiations until students are able to opt out of supporting the group financially, Sen. Ian Fielding — vice chair of the committee — said.

Fielding also said there was a special Senate meeting scheduled tonight to vote on the budget.

ASUO President Amelie Rousseau vetoed the original ACFC budget proposed by the committee because it didn't include OSPIRG funding. After her veto was not overturned by Senate at the end of last term, she promised to work with the ACFC to find additional money in one of the other ACFC contracts.

Fielding and Rousseau's examination resulted in the committee finding unnecessary money going to LTD, and the ASUO was able to successfully negotiate \$80,000 away from the bus service contract.

The proposal the ACFC voted on didn't include OSPIRG funding because of the opt-out issue and because members wanted to maintain a current service level increase for athletics and some increased funding to Sexual

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Students experience 'voluntourism' through national and worldwide University programs

SANNE GODFREY
NEWS REPORTER

More than 100 University students embarked on alternative break programs last week to assist various communities around the world, while also learning about national and international social justice issues.

"This was the first year that we went international," said Laura Grangaard, service program coordinator for the Holden Leadership

Center. The center organized trips to Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. "It's something different. It's a really unique opportunity to do some service-immersed work."

Students also trekked to New Orleans to focus on disaster relief efforts.

However, for students like sophomore Nikki Wyatt, the more localized programs held greater appeal. The HLC also hosted five national programs in San Diego, San Francisco,

Los Angeles, Chiloquin in rural Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Wyatt grew up in Medway, Mass., and she said she arrived in Oregon feeling ignorant about social justice issues on the West Coast.

"Last year I explored the border rights issue in San Diego," she said. "It's something that I didn't experience in Massachusetts, but in San

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SAFETY

Study abroad programs suspended in Japan after earthquake

Citing unpredictable outcomes, Study Abroad Programs recalls students

DEBORAH BLOOM
FREELANCE REPORTER

In response to March 11's 9.0-magnitude earthquake in Japan that triggered a tsunami and an ongoing nuclear crisis, the University's Study Abroad Programs' office is suspending its operations in the country during spring term.

"There were too many uncertainties for us to allow the spring program to continue," said Paul Primak, director of the Oregon University System's International Programs.

Two days after the quake hit the northeast coastal city of Sendai, OUS decided to recall its 23 students studying in Japan and to inform 12 students in Oregon that their plans to go abroad for spring term would be terminated.

"A disaster of this magnitude is something

that we're not just accustomed to dealing with," Primak said. "Given the unpredictability of what is happening now, we thought it prudent to bring our students home."

University student Rachel Bracker had left Japan a few days prior to the quake, with plans to return to Tokyo for another term abroad.

"I thought that maybe I'd wait a week or two before going back," Bracker said.

"But by then, the program was cancelled."

Given the 250-mile distance from Sendai to Tokyo, Bracker thought the decision to take her peers out of Japan was too abrupt.

"We could have remained there and been fine," she said.

Soon after disaster struck, those on her program discovered their passports were going to be revoked, Bracker explained.

Even those who had secure jobs were forced to leave, "including the people that wanted to stay — and a lot of people wanted to stay," she said.

Primak said some students even posed arguments to him for why they wanted to stay in Japan, despite the havoc.

Yet, the decision to suspend operations ultimately came down to an issue of resources.

Amid Tokyo's frequent electrical blackouts and food runs, Primak said it was important not to assert any extra pressure on OUS's network of host families and colleagues abroad.

"Any time you start to curtail operations in foreign countries — recalling students who are very happy to be where they are — it's a tough decision," Primak said.

When Bracker returned to campus, she and her classmates were assisted in getting into classes at the last minute with help from University staff and faculty members.

Many other universities, such as Notre

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PAUL PRIMAK
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS,
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Dame, Dartmouth and the University of California have also recalled students studying abroad in Japan.

Study Abroad Programs will continue its programs in Tokyo, Sapporo and Akita in summer 2011.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAREY AND LANGE REPRESENT INTERESTS OF ALL STUDENTS

As fraternity and sorority presidents at the University of Oregon, we officially endorse Sinjin Carey, Kaitlyn Lange and Students United as a slate that not only represents the best interests of our Greek community, but the interests of all students at the University. Sinjin and Kaitlyn understand the importance of creating traditions that enhance the lives of the everyday student here at the University. They believe, as we believe, that collaboration between campus organizations is the best way to further our common mission. As presidents, we understand the qualities needed in effective leadership and that the ASUO is better off under the integrity and accountability of Sinjin and Kaitlyn.

As a team, Students United is cut from all across campus, ensuring that all of our voices will be heard. For years the ASUO has failed to reach out to all students and organizations. As presidents representing more than 1,800 students, we need their voice in the ASUO to change this.

The ASUO, in times like these, needs to unite students behind a common cause that we all share. It needs to do more with the same amount of money, while protecting our environment. Sinjin and Kaitlyn understand this. And, as presidents, we share their vision. Join us in supporting Students United, so we can move our campus forward, together.

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THE SCIENCE OF FICTION | MATT TELLAM

Obama doctrine to shine in Libya



MATT TELLAM is a junior from Lake Oswego. He is a political science major who, oddly enough, writes political opinion columns. He began writing for the Emerald last year. He likes reading and watching the Portland Trail Blazers. He also likes the New York Jets due to a convoluted story that no one probably cares about, except to acknowledge that it is strange that a guy from Oregon, who has never been to New York, or even east of the Mississippi for that matter, chooses to root for "gang green."

During the presidential campaign of 2008, vice presidential candidate Joe Biden, in typical fashion, raised eyebrows among Democrats — and endorphin levels among Republicans — when he claimed:

"Remember I said it standing here ... we're gonna have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle of this guy."

Biden was referring to his running mate, presidential candidate Barack Obama, the politically young senator from Illinois. Biden claimed said "crises" would arise within "six months" of Obama's inauguration. Republicans pounced at the opportunity to raise questions about Obama's experience, doubting whether the 47-year-old had the relevant knowledge to deal with such a scenario.

Despite Biden's loose words, he and Obama won the election.

Biden turned out to be correct about crises occurring, although his timeline was off by about eighteen months. Still, a margin of error of a year and a half when prophesying a global crisis isn't bad; maybe somewhere between Nostradamus and Jeane Dixon.

What remains to be seen is the effectiveness of Obama with regards to the events unfolding in the Middle East.

With Egypt, President Obama and his staff lucked out. Had Mubarak decided to attempt to hold onto his power against the democratic pressures of his people, President Obama would have faced a dilemma. On the one hand, the United States claims to be an ally and promoter of democratic movements abroad. On the other hand, Hosni Mubarak had been one of the United States' biggest supporters in the Middle East and turning against him could have had negative strategic implications around the world.

Mubarak made the decision for the White House by resigning, rescuing President Obama from the relatively unclear and divided message emanating from the Oval Office. Not only did Mubarak's resignation allow the White House to breathe a collective sigh of relief, but in doing so Mubarak averted a possibly bloody crisis in Egypt. His resignation also gave hope to thousands of protesters in other Middle Eastern countries that they could dispose their overlords as well.

Libya, and Moammar Gadhafi, is the crisis.

Granted, the situation is much more black and white for the Obama administration than a conflict in Egypt would have been. Moammar Gadhafi is no friend of the United States. In 1986, the U.S. carried out

surgical strikes against Libya in the hopes of killing Gadhafi, which obviously failed. Gadhafi subsequently renamed the country the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, a clear ideological break from the U.S. during the Cold War. Gadhafi is a dictator of the worst sort, a third-world bogeyman whose tools of oppression include executions, imprisonment and assassinations. Gadhafi has sought nuclear weapons since the '70s and has sponsored terrorist groups both at home and abroad.

One might wonder why we chose say, Iraq, over Libya.

In any event, Obama's response to the events unfolding in Libya has been, as one might expect, a clear shift in foreign policy from the way President George W. Bush operated. Bush Doctrine emphasized preventative war, or self-defense by removing a perceived future threat. Such a policy is not generally favored internationally (it turns out to be fairly difficult to judge how much of a danger a country will be in the future; i.e. those darn WMDs), and as a result the United States under President Bush was forced to act unilaterally in Iraq.

It is this split between unilateral and multilateral policy that represents the real schism between President Obama and President Bush.

First, President Obama waited for the United Nations. Resolution 1973 implemented a no-fly zone over Libya, increased sanctions and empowered UN member states "to take all necessary measures to protect civilians and civilian-populated areas under threat of attack (in Libya)."

What has come from the resolution is a U.S.-led coalition strategically attacking Gadhafi's forces and enforcing the no-fly zone and sanctions. The goal is to prevent Gadhafi from massacring his people, not to necessarily oust him. That is currently being left up to the Libyan people.

Obama, however, has made it clear that the White House's policy is to see Gadhafi ousted. Whether this means committing more U.S. military personnel to Libya remains to be seen. As Iraq has shown us,

NEW ASUO EXECUTIVE SHOULD SUPPORT PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

Most students can agree that higher education ought to be affordable and accessible. However, once we dig a little deeper into how to accomplish these goals, clear differences emerge. Some candidates in this year's campus election would accept a risky privatization scheme that would put the state in even greater debt and make our University's financial health dependent on a turbulent stock market.

What's worse is the University administrations' so-called "New Partnership" would establish a private board of directors that would be able to increase our tuition. This board would have little oversight from taxpayers, minimal student involvement and — if the administration's track record is any guide — little transparency.

Regardless of what Sinjin Carey and Kaitlyn Lange say during their campaign, Lange is on the record supporting privatization. Last June she signed a letter ("Commit to higher ed and restructure University funding," ODE, June 3) urging the current ASUO Executive to join her "in solidarity in supporting a new partnership with the state."

The best way to ensure the next leaders representing 24,000 students do not support this plan is to vote for Ben Eckstein and Katie Taylor for ASUO Executive. They are for a public university, now and always.

KEVIN C. CRONIN
UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

removing tyrants from power is a long and arduous affair, requiring enormous amounts of manpower, resources and time, particularly if a nation is going at it alone. What President Obama seems to view as a necessary precursor to U.S. involvement is not only international approval, but also international assistance. This makes the possibility of U.S. intervention, along with other countries, much more feasible, justifiable and appropriate. The fact that citizens of Libya revolted against Gadhafi on their own also adds credence.

The crisis that Vice President Biden predicted has finally arrived. With its relatively close proximity to an election year, Obama's course of action will have huge repercussions for whether or not he is re-elected. Regardless of the outcomes, the U.S. will finally get to see what Obama Doctrine truly is.

And we will observe his mettle.

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Despite recession, Oregon personal income enjoys rise

Per capita personal income sees 2 percent increase in last decade

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New data released last week by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis suggests Oregon's per capita personal income continued to rise in 2010, suggesting statewide economic conditions are improving despite a continuing revenue shortfall.

The Oregon Center for Public Policy's analysis of the bureau's data found that over the last decade, Oregonians' per capita personal income has risen 2 percent, despite an eight-month recession beginning in March 2001 and an 18-month recession beginning in December 2007.

According to the information released by the BEA, Oregon's PCPI in 2010 was \$37,095.

Oregon ranks 30th among all states, and the state is facing a revenue shortfall, meaning state income is not at its necessary level.

But where Oregon ranks nationally is hardly important, OCPP executive director Chuck Sheketoff said, because each state faces its own challenge and must be measured on a case-by-case basis.

"Our revenue shortfall stems from the recession and anemic recovery," Sheketoff said in a news release.

"Whether other states have higher per capita personal

income is irrelevant.

Whether we as a state can continue to fund our schools, health and human services, and public safety — programs that low-income and middle-class Oregonians rely upon almost every day — depends on whether we decide to raise the necessary revenue."

One way for the state to raise that revenue would be to modify existing tax codes, OCPP policy analyst Jason

to \$37,095 in 2010.

Oregonians' total personal income, which is the total income a person receives from all sources, dropped .26 percent in 2009 because of the recession. But in 2010, total personal income increased by one percent, overturning the 2009 decline.

"Overall and on average we're having growth in personal income, but the growth is not fairly shared among

"The problem is that for a long time now, the income gains largely have been flowing to the very top."

CHUCK SHEKETTOFF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OREGON CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Gettel reasoned.

Gettel also said the "simple answer (to overcoming the revenue shortfall) is to raise more revenue based on a progressive system," wherein individuals are taxed based on their ability to pay.

"Some (tax expenditures) are well-designed and have targeted benefits, and some are not," Gettel said.

"Significant revenue can be obtained by going through tax revenues and reforming them in order to make sure they are well-targeted and benefit the Oregonians."

With inflation taken into account, Oregon's per capita personal income increased 68 percent over the last four decades, from \$22,070 in 1970

Oregonians," Sheketoff said.

"The problem is that for a long time now, the income gains largely have been flowing to the very top."

Gettel said the new data implies very little about the typical Oregonian, and since it is an average, the data can be thrown off by income equality.

"What it does say for Oregonians in general is that the income both on an aggregate or total sense, as well as per person, has been trending up for several decades," the analyst said.

"What this means is the income is there to fund the services Oregonians count on, like schools and public safety if we choose to do so."

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Diego, there were immigrants in the parking lots at Home Depot. I talked to them, and my Spanish isn't really good, but I realized these were real people looking for a better life and a better future."

Wyatt's experience was eye-opening, and when she was given the opportunity this year to plan for — and lead — a trip, she decided to explore the Pacific Northwest over San Diego.

"I wanted to learn something new. It's not related to my professional goal, but it is more of a personal goal."

Throughout the planning process, Wyatt worked closely with Trevor Mathwick, who was the other trip leader for the Pacific Northwest excursion.

The trip focused on four aspects of social and environmental justice: renewable energy, organic farming, energy

conservation and politics. The week started with 13 students — 10 from the University and three from Oregon State University — in Cottage Grove, who then moved to Corvallis, Portland and Seattle.

"Portland was more

"Once we started calling and emailing, (organizations) were excited to share information."

NIKKI WYATT
UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE

mundane," Mathwick said, explaining how the Cottage Grove and Corvallis segments centered on finding ways to farm organically, while the days in Portland were spent restoring park trails.

This was Mathwick's second year with the program as well, and he said he was attracted to the program because of the connections he was able to make with people he met.

Trip leaders Mathwick and

Wyatt contacted a variety of local organizations to find places that could accommodate the students on their trip.

"Once we started calling and emailing, (organizations) were excited to share information,"

Wyatt said.

Grangaard pointed out that not all organizations are as easy to work with, citing San Francisco as an area overwhelmed with volunteers during spring break.

However, the coordinator said most of the locations were incredibly helpful in providing students with the opportunity to serve and learn about social justice.

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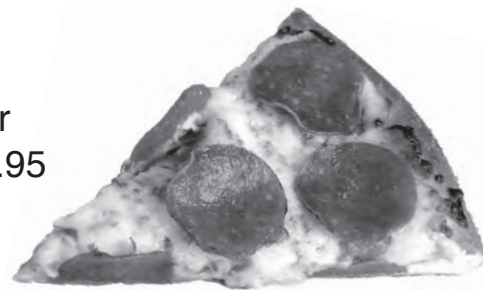
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Assault Support Services. The executive's proposal was to give a large majority of the recovered funds from LTD to the OSPiRG contract and a small portion to SASS.

"I can't speak to how Senate will vote; I know the

\$80,000 would also pay for some advocacy and make up a part of the executive director's paycheck.

Rousseau said the executive made their pitch and will leave it up to Senate to decide on the next step.

"I think we made it really clear what our priorities

"I can't speak to how Senate will vote; I know the executive will continue to advocate for the most services possible."

AMELIE ROUSSEAU
ASUO PRESIDENT

executive will continue to advocate for the most services possible," Rousseau said.

The "most services possible" means the more-than-\$80,000 would fully go to OSPiRG; the \$45,000 prior request from OSPiRG was a compromise that would pay for the organization at the chapter and state levels. The

were," Rousseau said. "We'll see what Senate decides to support."

The special meeting is scheduled for tonight at 9 p.m. in 112 Willamette, and a budget must be finalized by Thursday, March 31.

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ENVIRONMENT

USC eggs to come from cage-free farms

School agrees to change after student group campaigns, petitions

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The University of Southern California will begin purchasing eggs from cage-free farms this fall in response to environmental concerns.

"We know it is the right thing to do," said Kris Klinger, director of USC Hospitality. "We already decided that going cage-free was something that needed to happen and when USC ALIVE started petitioning, it just confirmed what we already knew and planned to do."

USC Always Living In View of the Environment, an environmental student group, launched a campaign in November encouraging the university to serve only eggs from cage-free farms. According to USC ALIVE, residence halls currently serve students eggs from battery-cage farms where hens are kept in small, unsanitary cages.

More than 4,300 students signed the online petition, according to Connie Gao, a sophomore majoring in business administration and the group's director of External Communications.

"This is something that is obviously very important to environmentally conscious students, and soon all students who live on campus will have the option to choose cage-free eggs, which is a very environmentally friendly choice," Gao said.

Stanford, UCLA and several other universities in California already serve eggs from cage-free farms, which allow hens to roam and eat grass.

According to Klinger, eggs from cage-free farms possess dark yellow yolks. This can add nutritional value to the egg.

Having cage-free eggs is both an animal rights issue and an environmental one because battery-cages can raise the risk of salmonella. Raising hens in battery-cages is also a high pollutant because of the lack of cleanliness, which leads to the spread of diseases, according to Gao.

"It's about time," said Richelle Gribble, a sophomore majoring in fine arts. "USC has not exactly made huge leaps compared to other colleges as far as becoming more environmentally conscious, so this cage-free switch is a huge improvement."

Klinger said buying these eggs imposes a significant cost on the university — \$60,000 a year. Hospitality chose

not to raise meal plan prices because of the cage-free initiative, however, so the university will absorb the expense, Klinger said.

"\$60,000 is enough money to pay the salaries of three full-time employees so we had to move funds around to pay for the switch and retain all of our staff," Klinger said.

Elsa O'Callaghan, a senior majoring in communications, said she is concerned many

and other retail establishments on-campus, Klinger said, adding that he has not seen a significant difference in students' dining habits.

"For students to appreciate the cage-free switch, the university has to fully publicize it, and also educate students so they know what cage-free means because most students don't know the difference between a cage-free egg and a regular one," O'Callaghan said.

Gribble said although the

"USC listened to those students concerned about animal rights, but the switch is not just a victory for them but also a victory for the entire student body."

RICHELLE GRIBBLE
SOPHOMORE, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

students fail to recognize how important the cage-free switch is for promoting animal rights and environmental sustainability.

"I consider myself someone who is really environmentally-conscious and I had no idea USC was going cage-free until right now," O'Callaghan said. "I'm very happy USC is doing this, but honestly I don't think many students will take notice."

USC already serves eggs from cage-free farms at Moreton Fig, Seeds Marketplace

physical difference might be subtle, the cage-free initiative assures students the eggs they eat are healthy and come from hens living in relatively humane circumstances.

"Just knowing where your food comes from is really comforting," Gribble said. "USC listened to those students concerned about animal rights, but this switch is not just a victory for them but also a victory for the entire student body."

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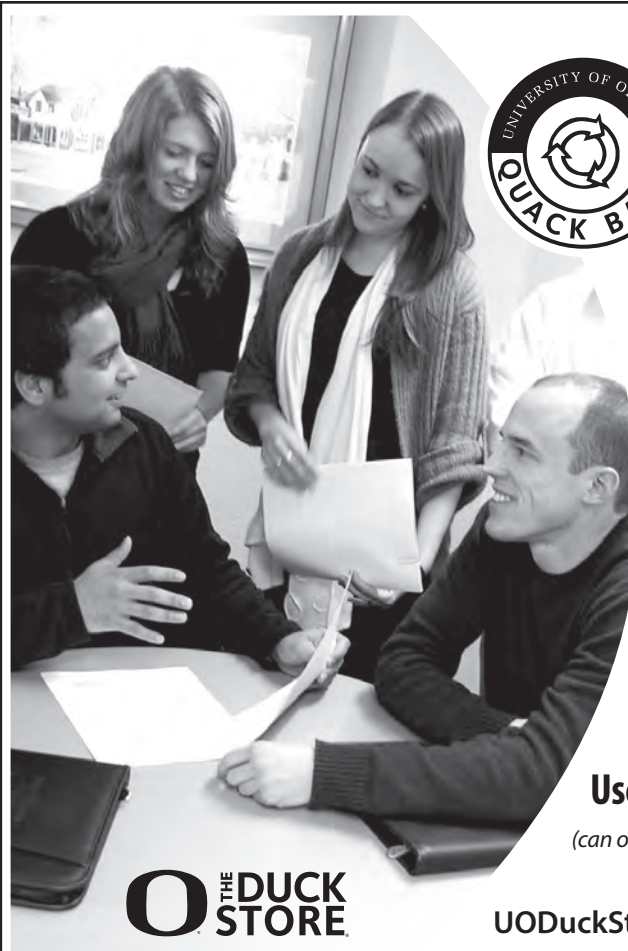
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Washington skiers and snowboarders who choose to cross into clearly marked closed mountain areas could be charged with second-degree trespassing if a bill introduced in the Washington State Senate passes.

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5186, sponsored by Sen. Jim Kastama, D-Puyallup, passed its third reading by the Rules Committee on March 4 with a vote of 43 to 5. ESSB 5186 is accompanied by House Bill 1484.

Kastama, who works as a ski patrol at Crystal Mountain, said his goal in creating this bill is to prevent deaths and injuries of adventurous skiers. He said in the last

10 years alone, five people have died and 520 people have been caught skiing in closed areas at Crystal Mountain.

"There's something about skiing that makes people feel invincible," he said. "I know really good skiers that tell me they'll take a chance and go into these closed areas. We find people just ducking under that rope and disobeying the signs. It's clearly indicated that you could die."

According to the bill, skiers who choose to knowingly trespass in an area that has signs indicating its closure can be fined up to \$1,000 or 90 days in jail.

However, Kastama said first-time offenders would most likely be given community service hours.

Kastama said the bill got off to a rough start this session because many people did not understand the difference between closed areas and out of

bounds or backcountry areas.

He said the bill only addresses closed areas because those are the areas that pose a real threat to skier safety.

"I love skiing, and I understand people wanting to go backcountry skiing," he said. "This is not a bill about that."

Washington State University Ski Team President Tomas Sadilek said he will be devastated if the bill passes. He said new skiers should know not to ski in clearly marked closed areas, but experienced skiers who know the mountain well should not be punished for going in an area they know they can take on.

"If you've been skiing for like 35 years and you cross the line, you shouldn't have to do community service or pay a fine just for having fun," he said. "If you're new, for your own safety, you have to use common sense and not go into

those areas."

Sadilek said newer skiers should not even be on the mountain if they cannot judge the safety of the runs they choose to ski on.

He said it is upsetting when ski patrols close backcountry areas during times of good snow because it prevents experienced skiers from participating in challenging runs.

He said ESSB 5186 is unnecessary and the repercussions associated with it would be harmful to skiers' criminal records.

"It's really annoying running away from the ski patrol like they're cops," he said. "I've gotten caught (in a closed area) by the ski patrol and they were really mean about it. I would be so upset if I got a misdemeanor charge for that."

Bill Williamson, the mountain operations manager at Schweitzer Mountain Resort,

said while Idaho does not have a similar law in effect, he has worked at mountains in several counties in Washington that have repercussions in effect for skiing in out-of-bounds areas. Williamson said when

rescue them, those people are endangered as well," Williamson said.

Williamson said current Idaho law contains a statute requiring skiers to obey all signs, but there are no ramifications.



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TOMAS SADILEK
PRESIDENT, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY SKI TEAM

he worked at a resort near Lake Tahoe, closed-area trespassers were arrested.

He said the most dangerous aspect about skiers who choose to go into closed areas is that others could follow their snow tracks thinking the area is safe to ski in.

"If the person (who trespasses) gets hurt, shame on them, but if someone else goes in to follow their tracks or to

"There's nothing with any penalty," he said.

"You can't be in a closed area, but it doesn't come with repercussions.

"I am supportive of some type of teeth that prevents people from going into inappropriate areas."

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HIGHER EDUCATION

National program meant to aid grad rate

Obama administration unveils new 'College Completion Tool Kit'

WILLIAM JAMES
DAILY TEXAN

The Obama administration rolled out a new program Tuesday that it hopes will help the United States boast the best college graduation rate in the world by 2020.

During a summit in Washington, D.C., Vice President Joe Biden introduced a "College Completion Tool Kit," a program that will offer governors ideas on how to enhance college graduation rates through strategies that are "low-cost" or "no-cost" to the state.

"Right now, we've got an education system that works like a funnel when we need it to work like a pipeline," Biden said in a press release.

"We have to make the same

commitment to getting folks across the graduation stage that we did to getting them into the registrar's office. The dreams and skills of our college graduates will pave the way to a bright economic future for our nation."

The plan has seven key strategies including aligning high school standards with college entrance and placement standards, making it easier for students to transfer and targeting adults with some college completion but no degree.

In order for the U.S. to increase the number of college graduates to the goal of 50 percent, the Department of Education claims each state will need to have a 60 percent completion rate by 2020. Currently, about 42 percent of U.S. citizens ages 25-34 have college degrees, according to information at the summit. The state of Texas falls below this target percentage, with an approximate 45.8-percent

completion rate.

The American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research also released a study that ranked University of Texas's 78 percent as the 11th-highest among U.S. state universities. Ranked first was the University of Virginia at 93 percent, and second was University of California, Los Angeles at 90 percent.

Thomas Palaima, a classics professor, said the problem with the country's graduation rate is the structure of higher education itself, and that unless the core structure is fixed, the Obama and Biden remedies will not ultimately fix this problem.

"It's a good goal to have the highest graduation rate in the world, but unless you address the underlying structural problems, this is not going to improve life very much for the people who are going to be literally tricked by this system," Palaima said.

America once led the world in the number of college graduates it produces, but the country has fallen to ninth, said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who delivered opening remarks at the Summit on Monday evening.

According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Korea currently holds the No. 1 college graduation rate, with 58 percent of its population finishing college.

"While our educational advancement stalled, other countries have passed us by. We need to educate our way to a better economy, and governors must help lead the way," Duncan said. To meet the 2020 goal of regaining the No. 1 spot, the U.S. will have to turn out at least 8 million additional graduates by the end of the decade.

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EDUCATION

Actor James Franco confirms intention to teach at NYU

Ten to 12 graduate students will have the Oscar-nominated Franco for third-year directing

KELSEY DESIDERIO,
ARIELLE MILKMAN
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS

James Franco showed some love for New York University at the Oscars, and now he's coming back for more. Next year, Franco will teach a section of graduate film students.

Franco mentioned the news in an email to Washington Square News, responding to a question on why he hasn't been very vocal about his time at NYU.

"The book of poems has not been decided upon," he said. "I love the idea of working with students, especially NYU students."

"James' own film work has been based on poems, or about poets, so this is a nice fit for him," Tintori wrote in an email. "James has an amazing mind. And limitless energy. Our students will be fortunate to learn from him."

Christine Nguyen, a

"I don't know how to be more vocal about it. I will be teaching NYU graduate students next year."
JAMES FRANCO
ACTOR

"I love NYU," Franco wrote. "My fellow NYU film students are some of my closest friends. I mentioned NYU at the Oscars and on David Letterman; I don't know how to be more vocal about it. I will be teaching NYU graduate students next year."

Franco will teach a section of third-year directing in the fall, according to John Tintori, the chair of the graduate division of the Kanbar Institute of Film and Television. Each of the 10 to 12 students in the class will adapt a Louise Gluck poem; Tintori said Franco has met with Gluck and has secured permission to adapt her work.

Franco said his class will develop a book of poems into a feature film, and that he will teach at NYU "probably for a year."

second-year graduate student in the Tisch Interactive Telecommunications Program, said she hopes Franco wasn't hired only because of his name.

"Hopefully they're basing this decision on the fact that he's qualified to do it, not because he's James Franco," she said. "It's not such a bad idea for NYU (to have) a celebrity or an actor teach at the school. It's a smart move for NYU."

Andrew Scott, a Tisch freshman studying film, thinks Franco is a valuable addition to the faculty, despite the actor's quirks.

"He's a crazy guy," he said. "He does what he wants."

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TECHNOLOGY

New York court halts Google's quest to digitize Harvard books

University alters plans to put 17-million-volume library online to share

GAUTAM S. KUMAR
HARVARD CRIMSON

A district court in New York recently ruled against Google's proposal to digitize every book ever published, halting a project for which 850,000 of Harvard's books have already been scanned and challenging the tech giant's plans to tap into a larger portion of Harvard's 17 million volumes.

Instead, the University now plans to continue to develop a plan for the Digital Public Library of America, a vast collection of online volumes that will represent a collaboration between Harvard and many other public and private libraries.

Harvard agreed in 2005 to let Google scan nearly a million books in Harvard's collections that had already entered the public domain. Harvard was one of four academic institutions initially approached, along with Stanford, the University of California colleges and the University of Michigan.

But in October 2008, when Google returned to the University with a plan to expand the pool of preserved books to include texts under copyright protection, administrators

rejected the proposal, citing the legal risk involved in allowing Google to digitize the new volumes.

According to leaders in the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, a research institute at Harvard Law School, Harvard administrators will continue to focus on the separate DPLA project, with the aim of attracting further capital this spring. The project has already received backing from the Sloan Foundation.

But the initiative faces numerous challenges.

Harvard Law Professor John G. Palfrey '94, a co-director of the Berkman Center, noted that the project is "incredibly complex," requiring page-by-page scanning of every volume.

"At this point, I couldn't even give you an accurate guesstimate of when this project is going to be completed," Palfrey said.

The project will seek to create a free and accessible online library, allowing for the broader dissemination of written materials to the public. The Library of Congress, the National Archives, and the Smithsonian Institution have already begun collaborating on the initiative.

"This is a very, very ambitious project," University Professor and Director of the Library Robert C. Darnton

'60 said.

Darnton has previously expressed concerns about the Google proposal. He published an opinion piece in The New York Times on Wednesday arguing against Google's project, calling the New York court's decision "a victory for the public good" and urging Google to join the coalition spearheading the DPLA program.

"(Google) has scanned about 15 million books; two million of that total are in the public domain and could be turned over to the library as the foundation of its collection," Darnton wrote.

"The company would lose nothing by this generosity, and might win admiration for its good deed."

Google's latest legal setback comes after the company settled for \$125 million with several publishing houses and the Authors Guild, which had sued for "massive" copyright infringement in 2008.

The following year, the Department of Justice raised initial objections to Google's settlement, saying the agreement violated antitrust laws and would put much of the digitized resources available under the purview of one for-profit firm.

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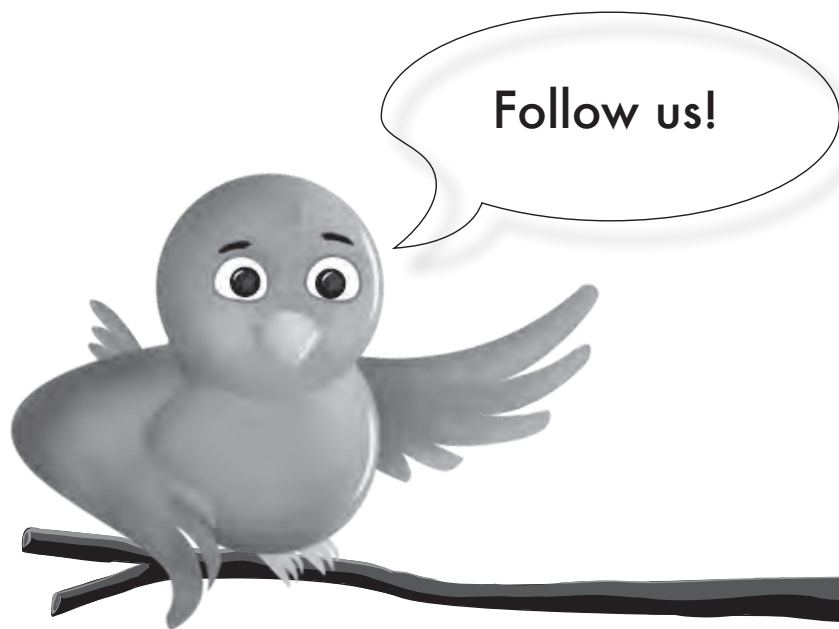
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New York Times now charging for unlimited online service

Non-subscribers limited to 20 articles per month under new payment plan

MARTY TWELVES
THE DAILY UNIVERSE

Starting yesterday, access to The New York Times' website is no longer free.

Announced on March 17, the newspaper giant will limit non-subscribers to 20 articles per month.

Once readers reach their limit, the website will prompt them to sign up for a monthly subscription to gain full access.

On the Brigham Young University campus, a number of political science classes make use of The New York Times because of its wide reach in reporting domestically and internationally.

Brian Champion, an adjunct professor in the BYU Department of Political Science, requires regular reading of The New York Times for his Introduction to World Politics class.

"In my class, I've never been too keen on the online version as on occasion it truncates stories (compared to the paper version) which in some cases may short-change students who need the complete story," he said in an email.

Instead, he recommended students to get paper copies of The New York Times from

various locations on campus.

Valerie Hudson, a political science professor, also requires students to read The New York Times as part of her Introduction to International Relations, National Security Policy and International Political Economy of Women classes.

"The Intro to IR and Nat Sec class both require the students to buy a subscription, so that would not be a problem," she said in an email.

smartphone and tablet apps. Subscribers of the paper edition will continue to have unlimited access online.

The Times also allows readers access to articles beyond the 20-per-month limit if they follow links through search engines, blogs and social media sites like Twitter and Facebook.

Some search engines will have limits imposed as well, though.

Brian Barrett, an editor at

"Even if you hit your unspecified daily limit on Google, you can head on over to Bing."

BRIAN BARRETT
EDITOR, GIZMODO.COM

"However, I have not required a subscription on the part of my IPE of Women students, and apparently I may have to do so."

Company executives spent the last couple of years examining a variety of payment models to structure their program.

They settled on a tiered subscription system for online content, according to the different devices that can access The New York Times' site: \$15 a month for the website and smartphone apps, \$20 a month for the website and tablet apps or \$35 a month for the website,

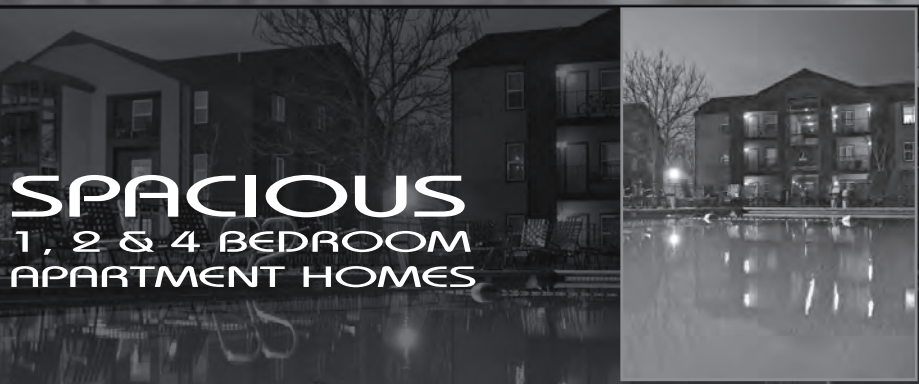
Gizmodo.com, had a simple suggestion to get around the monthly limit for those unwilling or unable to pay a subscription.

"You can just copy and paste the headline into Google for free and easy access," he wrote in a blog post the same day The New York Times made the announcement.

"Even if you hit your unspecified daily limit on Google, you can head on over to Bing or, if you're feeling 2002 about it, Alta Vista."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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ALEX MCDUGALL PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior guard Garrett Sim tallied 14 points, including a game-high-tying three three-pointers in five attempts in the Ducks' 84-76 loss to the Bluejays Monday.

ALTMAN'S RETURN TARNISHED BY DEFEAT

Oregon's last-minute push not enough to overcome Creighton's home-court advantage as Ducks fall 84-76

LUCAS CLARK
SPORTS EDITOR

Dana Altman's return to Omaha didn't quite go according to plan Monday night as the Oregon men's basketball team fell 84-76 to the Creighton Bluejays in game one of the best-of-three championship series for the 2011 College Basketball Invitational.

The Ducks (19-18) could not overcome a stellar shooting night on Creighton's part in front of 12,381 fans in attendance, and they will return to Eugene for the second game of the series on Wednesday night, which will be held at Matthew Knight Arena.

For Altman's part, the return to the school he helped bring into the limelight of college basketball was expected to be awkward at the very least, but the first-year Oregon man didn't seem fazed by the outside distractions.

The numbers Altman posted during his 16-year tenure at the Bluejays helm speak for themselves (327 wins, nine Missouri Valley Conference regular-season and tournament titles, seven NCAA tournament appearances, and two NCAA wins), but on Monday night it was current Creighton head coach Greg McDermott, and his son, Doug, who stole the show.

Doug McDermott, a 6-foot-7 freshman forward, scored the first five points of the game for Creighton to help the Bluejays establish an early lead. Creighton went on to make six of its first seven three-point attempts, and shot 90 percent from the floor over the first nine minutes of action en route to a 44-point first half.

After they trailed 44-37 at intermission, a pair of made buckets from Oregon's Malcolm Armstead and Joevan Catron appeared to breathe some life back into the Ducks, but a 12-0 run over the next 3:59 gave the Bluejays a comfortable cushion to work with.

McDermott scored nine consecutive points for

Creighton during that stretch, and finished with a game-high 21 points on 7-of-12 shooting, to go along with four rebounds and one assist.

With the Bluejays ahead by 17 points after the big surge, Oregon went on a 12-3 run of its own to narrow the margin to eight and swung the momentum back in its favor.

A made three-pointer by Garrett Sim, his third of the night, a pair of jumpers from Catron, and a three-point play by freshman guard Johnathan Loyd brought the score to 76-72 with 2:34 remaining in regulation.

Gregory Echenique and Antoine Young combined to

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hit three free throws and extend Creighton's lead to seven, but senior Jay-R Strowbridge nailed a three-pointer with 1:31 on the clock to get the lead back down to four.

After the teams traded timeouts, Creighton sophomore Josh Jones put the dagger in Oregon's comeback with another three-pointer early in the possession to seal the Bluejays' fourth consecutive victory.

Catron led five Oregon players that finished in double figures with 15 points and nine rebounds, while E.J. Singler tallied a double-double with 10 points and 10 boards. Sim and Strowbridge finished with 14

TOP PERFORMERS

Oregon

Joevan Catron — 15 points, nine rebounds
Garrett Sim — 14 points, 3-for-5 on threes

Creighton

Doug McDermott — 21 points, four rebounds
Gregory Echenique — 15 points, nine rebounds

Key stat:

Creighton (19-for-27) made seven more free throws than Oregon (8-for-12) attempted.

BASKETBALL
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

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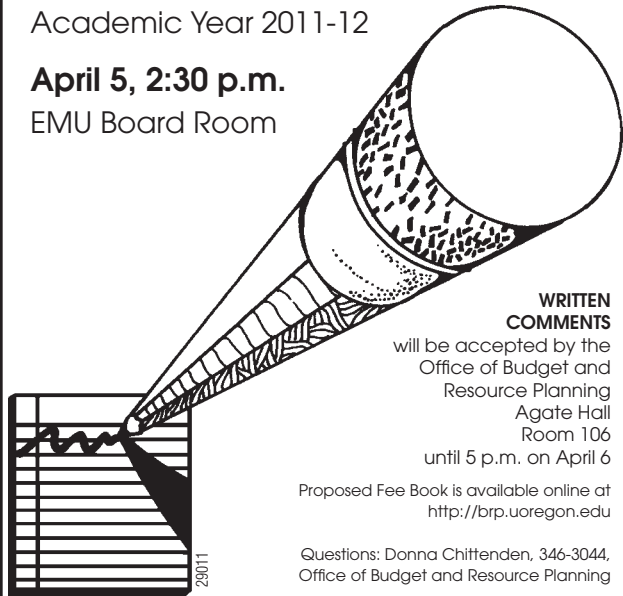
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FOOTBALL

Ducks return to field for spring practice

After a championship run, Oregon is back to business in spring drills

PATRICK MALEE
SPORTS REPORTER

The dawn of spring can mean only one thing for the Oregon football team: It's time to get back to business.

With the afterglow of a national championship run beginning to fade, Chip Kelly and the Ducks return to the field today to begin spring practice drills in preparation for the 2011-2012 season. The workouts serve as a leadup to the annual Spring Game that takes place at Autzen Stadium on April 30.

As was the case last year, the game will be used as a way to honor the United States armed forces and will be broadcast nationally on ESPN2.

"This not only presents a tremendous opportunity for our fans to pay their respects for the sacrifices men and women around the country make every day, but proved to be an eye-opening experience for our players and coaches," Kelly said in an athletic department statement. "There were relationships formed from last year's experience that extended beyond just one afternoon."

Before any of that, however, the team has to get through a month of serious practice. With plenty of returners such as running back LaMichael James, quarterback Darron Thomas, and cornerback Cliff Harris, the Ducks do not lack for star power as they head into the first phase of a new season. Yet, spring is a time for new faces to prove their worth as potential contributors. Without further ado, we present some notable story lines as a new season officially begins.

The evolution of Darron Thomas

In the midst of all of the hoopla surrounding James, the Heisman and Oregon's undefeated regular season run, lost in the shuffle was the fact that Thomas led the Ducks to the BCS National Championship Game in his first



JACK HUNTER EMERALD ARCHIVES

Oregon quarterback Darron Thomas passes during drills at Autzen Stadium last spring. Thomas, now secure in his starting spot, will use spring practices to fine-tune specific aspects of his game.

season as a full-time starter. Returning to practice for what will be his junior season, the sky is the limit for Thomas as a collegiate quarterback.

Though spring practices surely cannot be described as "all-important," it will be interesting to see how Thomas improves as the unquestioned leader of Oregon's offense. No longer fighting for his job with veteran Nate Costa, as was the case last season, Thomas will be free to develop his skills in peace.

Preseason All-Americans

GoDaddy.com announced its 2011 preseason All-America team back on March 24, and it included two of Oregon's most popular players. James was named a first team running back, while Harris made the

cut as a first team cornerback and punt returner. Thomas and senior tight end David Paulson were also named as honorable mentions.

Who will fill the shoes at linebacker?

Perhaps most noticeable in the line of departures from last season's squad were starting linebackers Casey Matthews and Spencer Paysinger. A surprisingly stingy Oregon defense relied heavily upon the leadership of the two seniors, who combined for 155 tackles in 2010. Emerging talents Michael Clay and Kiko Alonso wait in the wings to replace the departed seniors, alongside returning starter Josh Kaddu. Yet, it remains to be seen just how much of a hole will be left at two of the crucial

positions on defense. Spring practices will show just how prepared the newcomers are for the spotlight.

A chance to shine

Redshirt freshman running back Lache Seastrunk spent the entirety of his inaugural season at Oregon on the bench. It was widely known that the adjustment to the new role, or lack thereof, was difficult and that the Texas native had thoughts of transferring. Spring practices provide the opportunity for Seastrunk to finally prove his worth as a spell for James and backup running back Kenjon Barner. After fellow redshirt freshman Dontae Williams' departure from the Oregon program last February, it is Seastrunk's spot to lose. Whether he will step up to the challenge remains to be seen, and he may also face potential distractions after his name popped up in an NCAA investigation of Oregon's relationship with Texas scout Will Lyles. Seastrunk's talent cannot be denied, however, and it could be on full display during spring workouts.

Culture change?

Oregon's run to the national title last season placed the program into the national spotlight. A trip to the Rose Bowl in 2009 was noteworthy, to be sure, but nothing compares to an undefeated regular season and shot to win it all. Thus, spring football may have a slightly different feel to it this year. With the nation still abuzz about Oregon's high octane offense and flashy uniforms, there may be more attention paid to these practice sessions than ever before. How the Ducks react to it remains to be seen, though if Kelly has a say, the players will approach it no differently. Whatever the case, fans will find out soon enough.

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Despite end-of-season skid, future looks bright for Ducks



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It is equal parts thrilling and breathtaking to realize the Oregon men's basketball team has continued its season for a longer stretch than all but a handful of teams. This includes all four No. 1 and all four No. 2 seeds from the NCAA Tournament.

Perhaps most surprisingly, the Duck men lasted longer than the Duck women; Oregon, a No. 9 seed in the Pacific-10 Conference tournament, ending its season with a 13-17 record.

The Ducks lost 11 of their last 12 games, playing the final nine without point guard Nia Jackson, who succumbed to knee injuries against Washington State. Opponents scored 77.1 points per game against Oregon, which averaged 76.3 per game offensively, on the season.

Jackson averaged 17.0 points and 5.7 assists per game in her 21-game season, marks that led the Pac-10 at the time, and she was named All-Conference for her efforts. Junior forward and academic standout Amanda Johnson garnered All-Pac-10 honorable mention notice, while freshman forward Deanna Weaver earned All-Pac-10 freshman honorable mention honors.

A six-member senior class gradually gave way to three of Oregon's burgeoning freshman talents in Weaver, guard Ariel Thomas and forward Danielle Love during the second half of the Pac-10 season. Thomas showed an aptitude for running head coach Paul Westhead's offense, while Love showed flashes of impressive outside shooting and committed press defense.

The Ducks will be young and presumably hungry next season. Only one of the top seven scorers, Kristi Fallin, will be lost to graduation. Oregon's sophomores will have further schooling in the up-tempo system and should allow Westhead the best rotation of talent and depth he will have had as head coach. The team should be much better in the short term.

But how much better? Herein lies the fundamental flaw of the Oregon women's basketball program. The Ducks might have a shot at cracking the top half of the conference standings, falling in line with former athletic director Pat Kilkenny's stated metric for success. (Kilkenny hired Westhead, a long-time friend, to

replace Bev Smith in 2009.) As presently constructed, building a program on par with Stanford and UCLA in the Pac-10 appears to be a monumental challenge.

Westhead is 72. He has championship rings from the NBA and the WNBA, something no other coach does. He loves the game of basketball, and the passion is evident in practice and on game days.

Westhead also has a contract that allows him to leave Eugene for five months out of the year to return to his hometown of San Diego, and he spent much of the preseason on crutches after sustaining a leg injury. He has earned the right to dictate his own terms through his record, but that directly conflicts with the Oregon athletic department's goals for building a program.

None of his three assistants — Dan Muscatell, Kai Felton and Keila Whittington — seem expressly set on succeeding Westhead if and when he leaves. That puts the long-term future of the program in jeopardy, more so after putting significant resources toward an up-tempo team. What happens if Oregon's next coach wants to slow it down?

Kilkenny and the previous athletic administration learned the hard way that Oregon was not a destination job for men's basketball. It does not appear to be one for women's basketball, either, despite a new arena and a state that is traditionally supportive of girls' basketball at the lower levels.

Many of these questions are best answered at another time, but in Year Three of Westhead's rebuilding phase, time becomes a precious commodity. The long term may quickly be catching up to the short term.

Westhead's contract expires in three years. Will he seek an extension? Will he be granted one?

How will Oregon women's basketball satisfy the demands of the athletic department? Of the student-athletes? And what, exactly, might those demands be?

The immediate, on-court future for the Ducks is promising. Off the court, a new administration that has much to clean up from years past must answer tough questions.

Here's to those answers coming soon.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 29). Family celebrates you. New friends enter your world over the next 10 weeks and will continue to be a source of variety and spice. Thrilling challenges arise in May. You will study a new culture or profession in April. June brings your favorite kind of distraction. Invest in July for a return that will come in three years. Leo and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 20, 4, 31 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your leisure moments will be magical. You will get swept up into a brilliant piece of entertainment. The pettiness and worries of daily life will disappear as you thoroughly enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There is nothing wrong with keeping score. If you didn't, there would be no game. However, you realize that there are times (like today) when it is better to throw out the scorecard and start fresh.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Like the god your guiding planet Mercury was named for, you will make your next moves with speedy assurance, defying laws of gravity as though there were wings on your shoes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a competition on the horizon. You will give your best and most focused attention to preparing for this event. As you apply all you know, you will be a magnet for the new information you need to succeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You set the kind of goals that will challenge you but won't be so difficult that you are likely to be overwhelmed by the enormity and seeming impossibility of the task.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You put people first and consider the feelings of others at every turn. When it's your turn to get in the

game, though, you play to win. The thrill of victory will be one of the things you enjoy most about today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You thought you knew your own priorities, but you will be surprised by your reaction to the day's events. This indicates that something or someone is more important to you than you previously thought.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are curious about what is going on in the lives of others, but you are not nosy. You respect the boundaries of privacy. As you show interest in others without the crossing the line, you'll teach through your example.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You realize that there is no way to accomplish the day's work without a fair dose of teamwork. That's why you will downplay the "I" and give your emphasis to the "we."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will put yourself in the other person's shoes. It's not hard to do this, but it takes a special person to make the effort — a person who is willing to let go of his or her own egoistic needs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something you are trying to do despite the fact that, given your current situation, it seems highly improbable that you will succeed at the task. Give everything you have, and you will turn the odds in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel like you are being picked on. Just keep in mind that sometimes the very thing you think of as rejection or bad luck is actually the luckiest thing that could happen to you.

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Across

- Rapper Snoop
- 5 Rope material
- 9 Rude sort
- 14 "et mon droit" (British monarch's motto)
- 15 Pooch in a Jim Davis cartoon
- 16 Book between Daniel and Joel
- 17 Reese Witherspoon's role in "Legally Blonde"
- 19 Spanish rains
- 20 "Groundskeeper's supply
- 21 Highest-grossing film of 1977
- 23 Lakeside rental vacation home
- 26 Browning who directed "Dracula," 1931
- 27 "And one more thing..."
- 28 1922 novel with a Dublin backdrop
- 30 Fingers, in a way
- 32 Syrup brand
- 33 Purchase for a vacation, maybe
- 39 1-Down's W.W. II command
- 40 Lose control of a car
- 42 Auction listing
- 43 Personal esteem
- 45 Headless
- 46 Gymgoer's unit
- 47 Neighbor of Irkutsk on a Risk board
- 50 "Touching" Olympic event
- 53 Address lapses?
- 56 Emmy-winning AMC series set in the 1960s
- 57 House that drains finances, slangily
- 59 Parishioner's place
- 60 Bonfire
- 61 What the starts of the answers to the eight italicized clues are
- 66 Consumed
- 67 Like many lockets
- 68 Setting for an Agatha Christie mystery
- 69 Apply a bandage to
- 70 Millions (lottery)
- 71 Sign near a stairway

Down

- 1 39-Across commander
- 2 Masseur's supply
- 3 Solidify
- 4 "I suppose..."
- 5 Top with a top
- 6 Tokyo, once
- 7 Central position
- 8 Pasta topper
- 9 Blacken
- 10 "Nonsense!"
- 11 Bar order, with "the"
- 12 Fannies
- 13 It may be thrown from a horse
- 18 Rice holders
- 22 "Goodbye, Luc!"
- 23 Diner fixtures, informally
- 24 Make happy
- 25 Snowy region of Austria
- 29 Hubble
- 31 "Spring forward" to this: Abbr.
- 34 OB's statistical blemish
- 35 ___ scale
- 44 Goes absolutely still
- 45 Port, for one
- 48 Cousin of a gazelle
- 49 Woodstock folk singer
- 50 Bury (in)
- 51 Arctic
- 52 Maternally related
- 54 Handmade sign for TV cameras
- 55 Avert, with "off"
- 58 Strong desires
- 62 Kind of gift
- 63 Quash
- 64 Roth of "Inglorious Basterds"
- 65 Solidify

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points each on a combined 6-for-10 from behind the three-point line, and Loyd chipped in 10 points and five assists.

Echenique (15), Jahenns Manigat (11), and Jones (11) each finished in double digits for Creighton.

Oregon will be back in action Wednesday night, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

Sim, Fearn earn All-Academic honors

Junior guards Nicholas Fearn and Garrett Sim represented the Oregon men's basketball team on the second-team Pac-10 All-Academic squad, the league announced Monday.

Fearn, a Seattle native, earned a 3.14 grade-point average as a business administration major, while Sim, a Portland native, tallied a 3.08 GPA as an accounting major.

To be eligible for selection to the academic team, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.0 overall GPA and be either a starter or significant contributor.

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ALEX MCDUGALL PHOTOGRAPHER
 Senior forward Joevan Catron led the way for Oregon in the Ducks' 84-76 loss to Creighton Monday, tallying 15 points and nine rebounds in the loss. Four other Ducks scored in double figures.

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