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**ACFC reaches growth cap, searches for funding alternatives**

ASUO senators discuss other options to continue committee's financial expansion

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NEWS REPORTER

The Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee has already reached the growth a finance committee is allowed by state law, before the ACFC's next hearing with the Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group to discuss its

ASUO funding happens Tuesday.

While there are possibilities to renegotiate already agreed-upon contracts with services such as Lane Transit District or the athletic department, the ACFC has already allocated a 7 percent increase by Wednesday, which is the maximum allowed.

This is an increase from approximately \$3.75 million to just over \$4 million in incidental fee dollars going to pay for student services. If the

committee were to fully fund OSPIRG's request, the ACFC total budget would go over \$4.1 million, a 10 percent increase over the 2009-10 ACFC budget. OSPIRG is requesting \$117,000, which would then proceed to fund the salaries of advocates, the organization's executive director and a campus organizer, as well as money to fund the state PIRG office.



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BUSINESS

**Snack time for big kids**

Students' peanut butter business experiencing the smooth spread of success



**RACHELLE HACMAC** PHOTOGRAPHER

Roommates Keeley Tillotson and Erika Welsh make Flying Squirrel peanut butter on their dining room table in Eugene Thursday night. "The greatest thing about peanut butter is that everyone loves it, and we've thought of a way to make it unique," Welsh said.

**DARIN MORIKI**  
NEWS REPORTER

University sophomores Keeley Tillotson and Erika Welsh are self-proclaimed "peanut butter connoisseurs."

"We were roommates in the dorms last year and we used to trade off for who had to buy the jar of Adams (peanut butter) for the week, because we ate so much of it," said Tillotson, a journalism major. "We have a really deep history with this food."

But that routine suddenly changed on a night three weeks ago when they ran out of peanut butter to eat with their celery sticks. With no spare jars in their apartment, Tillotson and Welsh used a bag of raw peanuts and their brand-new food processor to try and make their own peanut butter. After

several attempts that night, they found a recipe that worked and their "peanut butter revolution" began.

"After we made the peanut butter, we were so impressed by what had just happened in the food processor," said Welsh, an environmental studies and Spanish major. "I remember turning to Keeley and saying, 'This is amazing,' and as we looked at each other, we were like, 'We can do this!'"

After distributing samples to their friends, Tillotson said they received enough positive responses and words of encouragement to start their own business. Today, their business, Flying Squirrel Peanut Butter, is seeing gradual success, and Welsh said the business

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CAMPUS

**Arab crises inspire debate by community**

Tunisian, Egyptian upheaval sparks Arab Student Union to host event

**MAT WOLF**  
NEWS REPORTER

Against the backdrop of violent street clashes between revolutionaries and riot police in Tunisia and Egypt, dictators being toppled and a whole region shaken by recent uprisings, the Arab Student Union hosted a panel discussion called the "The Arab World on Fire" Thursday evening.

The event, to the surprise of some its organizers, was a huge draw and brought in a larger-than-expected crowd. Just prior to the event, ASU treasurer Mashel Al Abdullatif said he felt the event might attract 45 to 60 attendees interested in seeing a presentation about ongoing antigovernment movements in Tunisia, Egypt and Algeria.

However, within 24 hours of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak once again declaring to the world he would not step down from the position he has held for 30 years, the University lecture room filled past capacity with nearly 200 people in attendance.

What played out as the evening progressed included strong emotion, displays of national pride and patriotism, and at times even anger and rolling arguments between the events attendees and presenters.

Presenters on the four-person panel included Algerian-born graduate student Amel Benhas-sine-Miller; University Arabic instructor Mohamed Jemmali, who originally hails from Tunisia; University Arabic professor Hanan Ahmad, from Egypt; and comparative literature professor Michael Allan, who, based on his extensive travels and studies in the region, also spoke about Egypt.

Jemmali spoke first, relating the abuses and excesses of former Tunisian president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and his close circle of family and friends. These abuses that came to a head in December 2010 when street vendor Mohamed Bouazizi set himself ablaze in public to decry the seizure of his business by government officials last year, setting off a revolution that drove Ben Ali from power in January. He had held the

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THE DIRT MOPPER | MARK COSTIGAN

# Canceled flight, turmoil unite unsuspecting friends



**MARK COSTIGAN**  
Originally hailing from the East Coast, "The Dirt Mopper" is an expert hitchhiker who arrived to Eugene in September 2008. Aside from writing a weekly column for the Emerald, he is the current news director for KWVA 88.1 and host of "Dirt Mopper Radio." Often impulsively changing his appearance and demeanor, his antics can be spotted at concerts, community markets and the top of Spencer Butte.

It was the day after Christmas in New England.

My flight westward was canceled after a 28-inch snowstorm took the Northeast by surprise. For two days I sat idly, blood churning, stricken by the frustrations of forced immobility. As I sat on hold with the airline company for four hours, the back end of my holiday break went from cheerful to dismal in less than a moment's notice.

When I finally re-booked a flight out of New York City three days before New Year's, the situation worsened. I entered John F. Kennedy International Airport to encounter a diabolical mess in more of a shambles than the snow-covered highways outside.

Customers yelled at employees.

Security lines stretched like the Nile River.

Stranded travelers slept on haggard green cots provided by the Travel Security Administration.

The chaotic nature of airports brings out the worst in people. Whether it is the moldy underbelly of their intolerance for uncertainty — or their general short fuse during high-stress situations — airline travelers resemble a 100-deep pack of starving hyenas up against a handful of armed poachers. Yet no matter how hungry, sleep-deprived and angry they are, the poachers (cheap airlines) still have the firearms.

Within the turmoil stood a familiar face, unaffected by the insanity surrounding us.

I recognized him from across the terminal, and when our eyes met his seemingly perpetual smile brightened a bit more. We had met on countless encounters at 13th and Kincaid, right in front of his "Students 'R Boss" gyro cart. He had always fatefully picked me up at my worst, offering free gyro, espresso or vegan treats.

And there he was, almost 3,000 miles from Eugene, Ore., waiting for the same flight to Portland that had just been delayed another four hours. I approached him as I had done so many times near the University — in shambles, but in search of some hopeful inspiration.

"Hey, man," Mahi Chowdhury said. "I knew we would run into each other one of these days."

I was bewildered by his composure during such an encounter.

"Yeah, this is crazy," I half-grinned.

"I know people from all over the world, man. It's good though. If we get stuck here, you can come back to my family's place in the city. We'll feed you and put you up for the night."

Such generosity was inspiring during the travel-fueled despair.

Originally from Dhaka, Bangladesh, Chowdhury left his mom and dad at the mere age of 10 to move to the states. With a sister in Knoxville, he had no choice but to hang his hat in Tennessee.

"I was the only foreigner in class," he said. "They constantly looked at me like, 'Whoa, this guy's totally different.' I was always being challenged."

Whether it was math or science, Chowdhury's classmates always measured their grades against his.

"It was always like, 'What did Mahi get?'" he said.

Yet Chowdhury did not let type-casting judgments dictate his future. He spent countless hours studying, all the way until his medical school graduation.

It was here that he entered the health care industry — one he would ultimately leave.

"I was the chief of the cardiovascular profusion department in three different hospitals," Chowdhury said. "United States' health care has no hope. It's a disaster. The rubber band is stretching, and it's going to snap. The only way it will improve is after we see that collapse."

Chowdhury lived the high life before moving to Eugene. When he worked in New Orleans, his car garage showcased a Hummer, a Mercedes and a Land Rover. His loft windows towered at over 14 feet. Yet today, he claims that he would never leave his gyro cart — no matter what offers sat at his feet.

Because Chowdhury's vision is a lot bigger than selling gyros.

"(The) University is a time when students are first experiencing their independence," he said. "They have complete freedom. Who's guiding them? The teachers are teaching them. They are saying this paper is due, 750 words, and it needs to be in by 6 p.m. Friday."

He hopes with his gyro stand that he can not only nourish students, but inspire them. Through customer interaction, listening, and storytelling, he strives to make students think differently about their future.

"I have enough experience to make someone make a better choice," Chowdhury said. "I want to give them guidance, so that when they go into the job market tied down with student loans, they will say, 'I am not going to do this because Mahi did it and it didn't work.'"

Chowdhury talks about everything from health care to humanity with his customers. While many booths and stores display signs that read "No outside food or drink," he welcomes students with outside food with a free glass of water and a stool to sit on.

"It's all about giving," Chowdhury said. "I don't even know how many times per day I give things away. I don't even keep a count. I have limited amounts of items I can give away, but I have a limitless amount of love that will never run out. I've got universes filled with love. And I give it away every day."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## TUNISIAN REVOLUTION PROVIDES IMPETUS FOR PAN-ARAB DICTATORSHIP PROTESTS

I'm from Tunisia — I usually have to explain where it is.

But not anymore, since it became the first Arab country to overthrow its dictator and spread the seeds of revolution across the Arab world, including Egypt.

What's common to all these Arab uprisings is not just dictatorship, and lack of freedom and human rights. Not all Arab dictators feel threatened; only the countries where there's high unemployment. After all, food and oil prices are rising globally.

Freedom is always most important, but people are naturally lazy if the government "gives them bread and entertain them," like with 999 TV channels.

As Habib Bourguiba warned Zine El Abidine Ben Ali following the 1987 bloodless Tunisian coup, "Don't starve the Tunisian people, and don't keep them too full; give them just enough, because when they rise, you can't hold them."

According to CIA World Factbook, today, every country in the world is in debt; mounting to \$60 trillion and led by the United States with \$14 trillion. It doesn't make sense. By 2050, about half of the countries should be bankrupt, such as Greece (caused by Goldman Sachs loans), which was lucky to get a bailout from the European this time.

Increased inequality, driven by higher debt, became the main cause of death and chaos. Where would you want to be in 2050?

I'd pick a country that's not overpopulated like China, whose people don't own guns like the USA, and which has a lot of agriculture (away from deserts and mountains), although that's becoming hard to predict with global warming.

At the "Zeitgeist Lane County" monthly meetings at the University, people started designing a plan for group survival during

foreseeable government shutdown. What would you do before it's too late: Buy guns and watch TV, or buy agriculture books and fight now for a better future in order to avoid an almost inevitable global genocide?

Today, we consume six barrels of oil for every barrel found (it used to be four barrels five years ago), while world population reaches 7 billion next year (with the last billion coming in last 12 years) and 1 billion of them are starving to death, most of them children (every five seconds).

Dictators ignore this because nothing can convince them to change their comfortable rusty thrones, while democratic leaders barely mention these numbers, then ignore them too, as they think that it's going to be another president's problem. Meanwhile, at Wall Street, making money out of debt (producing nothing for society) became the No. 1 industry in America, even more profitable than wars and health insurance (industries of death).

Prisons are now run by private companies, whose stocks improve with more prisoners. People are being thrown in jail for fake or irrational reasons, like this year's American single mother, for switching her children to a better school outside her district. Are you next?

One thing is for sure, no corporate president or CEO cares about you, as it directly conflicts with their corporation's goals. In America, the Democratic and Republican parties are one corporate party with two heads wearing different makeup. It's time for change we live in, not believe in for few years before we realize it's for the richest 2 percent of the country again.

**MOHAMED JEMMALI**  
UNIVERSITY ARABIC FACULTY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## ONE DOES NOT REALIZE HOW PRECIOUS LIFE IS UNTIL IT'S TAKEN AWAY TOO SOON

In my high school, the seniors would graduate and leave the next day to go to a select beach property with their best friends, hanging out and playing on the warm sand. It was the first time that many of the students were away from their parents. They had to fend for themselves: cook dinner, clean the apartment or house by themselves, etc.

But it was the time of the seniors' lives. They got to take those first sips of alcohol if they wanted to. They got to stay up for hours and hours on end, only to go to sleep when their body made them. It was just another way of saying, "Hey, I did it. Now I'm going to do what I want."

The potential dangers of this trip did not really hit home until I heard about a couple of boys from South Eugene High School who drowned in the Pacific Ocean, where they were playing around with no ideas about the dangers surrounding them.

I was reading the report in The Register-Guard, paying attention to the descriptive words used to describe the late high school boys.

What caught my attention was that the

reporters couldn't say much about the boys themselves. One reporter, Bob Keefer, went about as in-depth as he could about each of them, saying one had been on the basketball team and the other had traveled the world. It left me itching for more; like there had to be something else there that the kids have done. No alumni from any university? No awards or accolades? Nothing?

Then I realized: These are just kids. They are no older than 18 years old, at the most. They haven't yet experienced life, nor had the chance to do so. Both seemed like they had such a promising future ahead of them, but they had that light grip taken from them.

Just kids.

It tears me up to see what has happened. It makes me appreciate everything that has happened right in my life, and brings me down to earth to see a couple of truths about this life. But the biggest one is this: Don't take life for granted.

My heart goes out to the boys' families. Let this be a wake-up call to everyone out there who isn't living. These boys lost their chance. Don't let yours pass you by.

**BRANDEN ANDERSEN**  
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## CAMPUS

## GTFs to be recognized for team efforts

Forum will provide an opportunity for GTFs to display research projects

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NEWS REPORTER

University graduate students labor over their research for years, and often times, it goes unnoticed. However, a forum being held today aims to finally shine a light on their efforts.

Composed of panel and poster sessions that include discussions and display graduate student research, the Graduate Student Research Forum will center around the theme of "University's Big Ideas: The Americas in a Globalized World; Global Oregon; Green Product Design; Human Health and Performance; and Sustainable Cities." The forum is an opportunity for the student

body to see research from graduate students who have collaborated across departments and showcased their efforts in a centralized place.

"I think the attention is often on our outstanding sports and we have a great undergraduate population, but a huge community of the school is graduate students," said Brenna Wolf-Monteiro, a journalism graduate student.

Wolf-Monteiro is presenting

a paper on the "Global Oregon: Sustainability and Justice" panel, which entails the social and environmental impact of communication technologies and how people learn about the implications of electronic waste.

The forum is also beneficial for the participants. Caitlin Mahy, a psychology graduate

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"has just grown exponentially since that day."

Tillotson said their peanut butter is unlike any typically found at a neighborhood grocery store. Flying Squirrel currently offers three types of homemade peanut butter combined with a variety of different ingredients: Sneaky Cinnamon (cinnamon, raisins and agave nectar), Bright-Eyed and Bushy-Tailed (coffee, agave nectar and cocoa) and Nutty-Buddy (honey and sunflower seeds). Flying Squirrel's peanut butter is sold for \$4 for an 8-ounce jar and offers free shipping for Eugene residents.

"It's really an untapped area of peanut butter," Welsh said. "It's funny, because when you go to the store, you see all these brands of peanut butters, but they only offer chunky or plain options. We have always put stuff in our peanut butter and we do whatever we want with it, but it's surprising that no one else has caught on."

Tillotson also said people are usually skeptical when they are first introduced to their peanut

butter, but often enjoy it once they try it.

"People are really surprised by the ingredients, but once they try it, their reaction is, 'Wow, I would have never thought to combine these flavors,'" Tillotson said. "What we have are basic ingredients — everyone has heard of coffee, honey, chocolate and sunflower seeds — but never thought about putting it into an existing product, which is what we have done, and I think that's why people really like it."

Tillotson said all of the peanut butter is made in the pair's apartment kitchen. They are hoping to expand Flying Squirrel's line of peanut butter products as they experiment with more flavor combinations.

Although Tillotson and Welsh aren't business majors, they said they had to learn basic practices quickly over the past month as they executed their business plan, registered their business and started up the business's website, [www.flyingsquirrelpeanutbutter.com](http://www.flyingsquirrelpeanutbutter.com).

Since its debut five days ago, Tillotson said the website has

received more than 1,800 views and more than \$100 worth of orders from around the country, from Eugene to Pennsylvania.

"We received more orders than we could have ever expected," Tillotson said. "We're really confident about where this company is going."

Welsh credits the success of Flying Squirrel's website to the networking potential of Facebook, which allowed the pair to share its business with friends and other users of the social networking site.

"It was like a viral video on YouTube," Welsh said. "That's how we've been getting the word out, so we really wouldn't exist without Facebook."

Tillotson and Welsh said they eventually hope to sell their peanut butter at a booth near the EMU Fishbowl and at local venues, including Eugene's Saturday Market and University's biannual ASUO Street Faire. Although making money has been a benefit, Tillotson said the whole endeavor has been an enjoyable learning experience.

"I think if we were doing this because we wanted to make money fast, then this would be

a horrible plan," Tillotson said. "But, we're definitely loving it and having fun with it. We're learning so much from running this business; I feel like I've learned more over the past two weeks than I have over the past two years that I have been in school."

Welsh also said she takes pride in their products and likes seeing people enjoy them.

"Everyone that has tried it has loved it so far, so when people eat it, I get really happy because they're enjoying it," Welsh said.

University freshman Leah Greenspan, a religious studies major, said she likes Flying Squirrel's Sneaky Cinnamon peanut butter and appreciates its affordability and locally produced quality as well as its all-natural, healthy ingredients.

"It's really, really good, which was surprising, because I usually hate peanut butter," Greenspan said. "I never enjoyed peanut butter, but they found a way for a person who hates peanut butter to enjoy it. It's really good; it's almost like candy and is very delectable."

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presidential post since 1987.

Allan and Ahmad spoke next about the widely covered revolution currently underway in Egypt.

Allan insisted that the story commonly heard in the media, that events in Tunisia quickly to spread to Egypt where a revolution broke out on Jan. 25, was not entirely true. He insisted that the Egyptian revolution was well planned under a coalition of anti-Mubarak elements in the country called Kifaya, or in Arabic, "enough."

Allan outlined in his presentation how the movement had been building since the early 2000s amid shows of support for Palestine and in opposition to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. The movement continued with a series of demonstrations against police abuse and strikes throughout the decade.

Meanwhile, Ahmad thanked

the people of Tunisia for helping to cause the events in Egypt and then went on to highlight how because half of Egypt's population is under 30, they have only experienced one president in their lifetime: Mubarak, who has been in power since 1981. Political unrest along with high unemployment and economic woes play heavily into anti-Mubarak sentiment, Ahmad said.

"After a long time of being shy when I say I am Egyptian — from what has been going on in my country for 30 years and being governed by an iron fist and people are accepting the status quo and not doing anything about it — I am so proud today to be an Egyptian, seeing my people die in the streets fighting for their own freedom," Ahmad said.

Benhassine-Miller, the final speaker, discussed events in her homeland of Algeria, which has also experienced anti-government uprisings against its long-serving president Abdelaziz

Boutaflika. Opposition groups have declared they will hold large anti-government demonstrations in the nation tomorrow.

Demonstrations and mass protests against the long-ruling dictatorships of these North African nations have led to a number of similar demonstrations against authoritarian rule in large swaths of the Middle East and Arabic-speaking world. Government upheavals in Jordan, Yemen and even Syria have all been reported since the events in Tunisia and Egypt.

Questions in the question-and-answer session after the panel discussion primarily centered around foreign influences' roles in the uprisings of North Africa and the potential political successors to any future governments and stability and economic issues that could follow. The potential domino effect that a successful revolution in Tunisia, and potentially one in Egypt, could have in the Middle East was also discussed.

Both ASU co-directors Emily Stokes and Beshara Kehdi said the event was a success.

"With all of the current events going on, people are paying more attention to the Middle East," Stokes said.

Kehdi praised the event and the larger-than-expected crowd and said he felt it was a good indicator that there was an interest among students to learn more about the region in focus.

"This shows that what's going on in the Arab world is really affecting students here at the University of Oregon," Kehdi said. "There is a demand for people to learn more about the Middle East."

Kehdi also said he saw this event as an indication that the University should move to offer a Middle Eastern Studies degree and suggested his organization would be interested in holding events like the panel discussion in the future.

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HEALTH

**Health center launches safer sex program**

Valentine's Day prompts distribution of kits to help spread awareness

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 NEWS REPORTER

With Feb. 14 around the corner, the Student Health Center is spreading the importance of safer sex methods with the "Taking it to the Streets" program.

While Valentine's Day is recognized for a celebration of love, it is also connected to National Condom Awareness Day. The national holiday is a pledge to practice safer sex every time. The University Health Center is taking aspects of the campaign and creating a campus-focused day called Latex Barrier Day. Throughout the month of February, students will be informed of other latex methods that are not limited to just condoms.

"(These practices) are very important in the prevention of sexually transmitted infections," University director of health promotion Paula Staight said.

To help educate students, the health center is handing out safer sex packets on campus. The brightly colored packets include facts and allergy alternatives for latex products. The packets also contain information about sexually transmitted diseases, as well as free condoms and lubricant.

"We are give out safer sex kits over several weeks as a way to educate," Staight said.

University sophomore Alexa Kanbergs, a health center peer health educator, said many students are unaware of the consequences of sex. Kanbergs' special-edition Wellness Wednesday advertisement, "Latex Love," will be released on Valentine's Day to help draw awareness. She said she hopes both her article and the packets will promote the use of protection.

"Everybody needs to know all the facts," Kanbergs said. "We want people to make healthy choices."

Kanbergs said the limited amount of sex education on campus has dampened its

importance. The program is a step in personal interaction with students, but she said she thinks the promotion should be "every day of the year toward safer sex."

"The knowledge is out there," Kanbergs said. "But it's not penetrating through the students."

University junior Lingshewari Kakkanaiah, the Cultural Forum's contemporary issues

"You are not really preaching or giving a speech," Kakkanaiah said. "You are acknowledging that it is happening and that you need to be aware."

The health center is a resource for students to receive information about safer sex. Staight said approximately 39 percent of students have had two or more sexual partners

*"The knowledge is out there. But it's not penetrating through the students"*  
 ALEXA KANBERGS  
 PEER HEALTH EDUCATOR

cultural coordinator, said the lack of sex education is due to its lack of appeal.

Kakkanaiah, along with the health center, recently hosted the Condom Fashion Show, which gained a positive response because of its entertaining demonstration. Kakkanaiah said this creative take on a serious subject breaks traditional rules of telling facts.

over the last 12 months. The more partners, she said, the increased risk of infection.

With the combination of different outlets for safer sex education, Staight said she hopes the "Taking it to the Streets" program will give momentum for a "Get Yourself Tested" campaign planned for spring.

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**ACFC**  
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Sen. Ian Fielding, ACFC vice chair, said there was still an option to move money around to include some funding for OSPIRG's contract in the budget.

"It's important to realize everything we've discussed so far has been motions and not actually finalized by Senate," Fielding said. "So we can go back, and ACFC holds the right to recall any group."

However, ACFC Chair Brianna Woodside-Gomez places a high importance on the contracts they already allocated money to.

"We must discuss it," Woodside-Gomez said after Wednesday's ASUO Senate meeting. "The contracts we have right now are a priority."

A stipulation in the most recent LTD contract negotiation in Spring 2010 was that for this year, the ASUO would be able to pay a discounted rate, provided the contract would be for the normal rate after. It is because of this agreement that Fielding would like to hold to the allocation they already made to LTD.

"I think it reflects highly on the ASUO when we hold to our agreements," Fielding said. "But if you were to go back on that agreement, which I wouldn't recommend, you could save money there."

Fielding specifically mentioned the athletic department's budget. He suggested that the simplest track for the ACFC to take would be to take around \$60,000 from the athletics contract.

However, Woodside-Gomez said the University's athletic department is not

going to fold. After a certain point, it will have to start cutting student tickets.

"They made it clear," Woodside-Gomez said. "It's not like 'Let's Make a Deal' — they're selling a product."

She said the committee members are going into the appeal hearing to represent students.

"As an ACFC member, I am keeping my mind open and as a group, we have been talking about keeping our minds open for Tuesday," Woodside-Gomez said. "If we decide on Tuesday we want to fund them, yes, we have a few ways we can."

Another idea being bounced around in the ASUO is the possibility of shifting some costs incurred from previously addressed contracts to another part of the incidental fee.

The ASUO has money in its Oregon Business Energy Tax Credit fund that might be used to offset some of the LTD allocation. If this happens, this might also create funding for the OSPIRG contract.

One initial thought from some in the ASUO would be to make a request for over-realized funds. However, this would still be illegal because it would count into the ACFC's allotted growth even if it didn't come from the ACFC's jurisdiction.

The Green Tape Notebook, the ASUO's set of governing documents, mandates that all ASUO budgets to be completed by the end of winter term's dead week. While contracts may still be negotiated after the budgets are submitted, anything budgetary the ACFC deals with needs to be decided by the end of winter term.

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**OSPIRG'S NEXT HEARING IN FRONT OF THE ACFC:**

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 15  
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student, is participating in the poster session.

"I would love to show our research and also get feedback from other students on ideas for improvement," Mahy said.

Mahy is showcasing research she conducted with Jesse King, a business marketing graduate student. Their research included a variety of tests on humans to observe perspective, inhibition and working memory. When discussing the fundamental difference between psychology and marketing, Mahy said both fields benefited from the research, which is a goal of the forum.

Although the departments aren't often related, the forum gives them the opportunity to work together when they wouldn't have otherwise.

"Outside of the department, there isn't a lot of cross-talk, so

I think this is a really nice opportunity to find out what's going on," Mahy said.

Stephen Rust, an English graduate student, helped create the research forum since inception. Rust explained that the forum gets more prestigious as it grows, and he is confident that there will be an element of competition.

"The pressure for the work to get better and better to get into the conference will step up as well," Rust said.

Faculty and undergraduates can participate in the forum, too. Mahy said the forum is great for those interested in what's going on in other departments, especially those in interdisciplinary work.

"This is really an opportunity to meet up with people that may be studying things from a different perspective," Mahy said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# RUNNING ON EMPTY

Oregon's fast-paced offense hits another speed bump versus No. 9 UCLA

**JACKSON LONG**  
FREELANCE REPORTER

Eleven games into the Pacific-10 Conference season, Oregon's women's basketball team couldn't have expected Thursday's home matchup with UCLA to be easy. At 3-8 in conference play, the Ducks aren't in contention for postseason play — their main motivation is improvement. Unfortunately, there wasn't much of that against the Bruins.

The Ducks fell by 27 points, with the final score 75-48. The performance was only a slight improvement on a 24-point loss to UCLA on Jan. 15. Oregon's final point tally was its lowest of the entire season, which isn't surprising considering the club shot a dismal 25 percent from the field.

"This is a hard one to comment on. I thought we were well prepared, and at the end of the night, one way or the other we have to make shots and we shot 25 percent," Oregon head coach Paul Westhead said. "I think UCLA played well enough to beat us, I think we had opportunities because they weren't shooting the ball well either, but that being said we have to cash in on the other end."

Oregon was outrebounded 61-29, attempted 12 less free throws than the Bruins, and did not have a single player score in double digits.

The loss was the Ducks' fifth in a row and their least competitive defeat.

"I never worry about strings. Winning strings or losing strings," Westhead said. "We need to be alert and attentive that the next game against USC is a winnable game."

However, there were some positives in the blowout loss. The Ducks kept the contest competitive despite the absence of top scorer Nia Jackson, who is still nursing two knee injuries.

## TOP PERFORMERS

### UCLA

Rebekah Gardner:  
18 points, 8 rebounds  
Markel Walker:  
9 points, 13 rebounds

### Oregon

No players scored in double figures for the first time since Feb. 28, 2009, at Oregon State in a 70-41 Duck loss

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## UCLA disposes of Oregon with hustle, rebounding edge

Bruins hand Ducks their fifth consecutive defeat using strong defense and second-chance points

**ANDY DRUKAREV**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Saddled with the loss of star point guard Nia Jackson, taking down No. 9 UCLA Thursday night was going to be a tall task by any measure.

But to have any sort of shot at pulling the upset, Paul Westhead's squad needed to hit the boards with authority.

That didn't happen. In a 75-48 loss to the Bruins at Matthew Knight Arena, Oregon was outrebounded 61-29 by a UCLA team that didn't start one player taller than 6-foot-1.

Granted, the Bruins are a strong rebounding team, beating their opponents on the glass by an average of 6.8 boards per game, but failing to secure loose balls has become an epidemic of sorts for Oregon.



IVAR VONG PHOTO EDITOR

UCLA guard Doreena Campbell shoots the ball against the Ducks Thursday night. Although Campbell went just 1-8 from the field, UCLA had no problem scoring against Oregon's porous defense.

Particularly in the first half when the game was still close, Oregon gave UCLA second and third chances to convert on the offensive side of the ball. After Oregon took an early lead, UCLA went on a 15-0 run to gain control of the contest, in part because of their success on the glass.

"We give the team three times to make one shot compared to our one time to make one shot it's going to be very hard," Oregon guard Ariel Thomas said. "You're kind of digging yourself your own grave."

Indeed, UCLA accumulated 23 second-chance points to Oregon's eight, and nullified what was generally a strong defensive effort by the Ducks.

Oregon held UCLA to 39 percent shooting from the floor, considerably below their season average of 45 percent.

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Freshman guard Ariel Thomas looks to score against UCLA Thursday night. The five-foot-six guard had five points, five rebounds and two assists in Oregon's loss to the Bruins.



**RACHELLE HACMAC PHOTOGRAPHER**

Senior forward Nicole Canepa attempts to fight through UCLA's physical defense. Canepa struggled against the Bruins, going 0-6 from the field while racking up four fouls in 13 minutes of play.

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Oregon also improved its sloppy ballhandling from the previous contest. The Ducks lost the ball 31 times in their last game against UCLA, but reduced that number to nine.

"A major difference is that we cut our turnovers in half from that first game down there," Westhead said. "I think in that first game down there we were like turnover city, and in this game that was not the case. There were some good things in this game. But they aren't good things if you don't score."

The team didn't start the game badly, and held a five-point lead after a

Tatianna Thomas three-pointer near the 17-minute mark. But two minutes later, the Bruins had tied the game up at 13 apiece, part of a 15-0 run that gave the visitors an

*"There were some good things in this game. But they aren't good things if you don't score."*

**PAUL WESTHEAD**  
OREGON HEAD COACH

11-point advantage.

UCLA grabbed a 10-point lead by the midway point in the first half and with four minutes left the Bruins were up 15.

The halftime score of 44-23 was a minor improvement over the Ducks' previous game against the

visitors from Southern California, in which Oregon mustered only 18 in the first segment of play.

The second half went much better offensively for the Ducks, with the hometown team scoring 25 versus the Bruins' 31. The Ducks continued to struggle with their outside shots but remained aggressive, getting to the line 16 times in the second half.

Thomas and Deanna Weaver finished behind Johnson with seven points each.

Oregon now stands 3-9 in conference play and will take on USC at Matthew Knight Arena Saturday at 2 p.m.

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"When we actually did make a stop, they get three times to make one shot you're shooting yourself in the foot," Thomas said.

In Oregon's defense, it's not like the Ducks were unaware of the rebounding issues and loath to making chances. At intermission, Westhead addressed the issue and decided to make a schematic adjustment.

"We addressed that very point at halftime," Westhead said. "Here's a team coming out there, we're mixing our defense, they're shooting outside shots and missing and missing and missing. And they're getting offensive rebound after offensive rebound so whatever your scheme is, try another one."

Oregon decided to shift from zone defense to man-to-man in the second half. That helped a bit, as Oregon was

only outrebounded 26-17 in the second half after losing the rebounding battle 35-12 in the first half. In the end, UCLA's athleticism ultimately prevailed on the boards.

"I think boxing out of the zone wasn't working for us very well in the first half, and I think switching back to a man-to-man defense was helpful," Oregon forward Amanda Johnson said. "They're a very athletic team and I think on most possessions we had good position, we were just trying to jump with them and unfortunately we can't."

On a night largely devoid of positive feelings, Oregon began looking forward to Saturday's battle with USC. The Ducks lost to the Women of Troy by three points earlier in the year and are looking to make tangible improvement.

"It's something that sounds

respectful, but we're going to have to learn or we're going to keep playing games like this," Thomas said. "I think we just have to step up."

**Jackson still out**

Oregon's leading scorer Nia Jackson missed her second consecutive game Thursday night after sustaining injuries to both knees last week at Washington State. While Jackson is still technically considered day-to-day, she's yet to return to practice, and Westhead declined to speculate on when she might return.

For a few brief moments on Thursday, it appeared as if Oregon's injury problems would worsen when center Nicole Canepa was involved in a heavy collision. After being attended to by Oregon's trainer, Canepa was able to walk off the floor under her own power and eventually returned to the game.

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Senior forward Tatianna Thomas drives the lane during last night's contest versus UCLA. The Newhall, Calif., native registered seven points, three rebounds and two assists.

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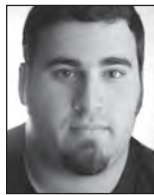
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NOT ON PROBATION | ANDY DRUKAREV

# NFL owners must back health care of players



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Most years, after the Super Bowl comes and goes, NFL fans turn their attention to April's NFL Draft.

Not this year. In case you hadn't heard, all the major offseason NFL story lines are revolving around one thing: the possibility of a lockout.

On March 3, the NFL's collective bargaining agreement is set to expire, after the NFL owners opted out of the old one. And it the NFL and the NFL Players Association don't agree to a new collective bargaining agreement, well, there will be no NFL football in 2011.

First, a bit of background: The key point of contention appears to be how to slice up the league's revenue pie. The current collective bargaining agreement sets aside the first billion dollars of total revenue to the owners, then approximately 60 percent of the remaining revenue to the players and 40 percent to the owners. Citing rising operating costs, the NFL owners want to take the first two billion dollars from the revenue pot, then split the rest with the players.

Within the general revenue-splitting debate, two more issues have come to the forefront of league talks: the possibility of a rookie salary slotting system and the possibility of an 18-game schedule.

After years of denying that head injuries can lead to conditions like dementia, Alzheimer's disease and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the NFL finally came down hard on head injuries in 2010. It assigned heavy fines to players deemed to deliver flagrant hits to the head and made concussion safety a point of emphasis all year.

It seems strange, then, that the same people championing player safety want to extend the regular season by two games. The rationale for doing that seems to be that reducing pre-season games by two would cancel out the effects of a longer regular season.

That sounds good enough, but in reality, as any NFL fan can attest, preseason games are a far cry from the regular season, primarily because the

regular players only play a fraction of the total game.

Still, there's no denying the economic reality that an 18-game season would produce significantly more money, both in larger television contracts and in increased ticket sales.

As a fan, I'm all for a longer schedule, but on one condition — the NFL needs to expand health care coverage for retired players.

As it stands now, players need to accrue three years of service time to be eligible for health insurance in their first five years of retirement.

That needs to change. With an 18-game schedule, a rookie slotting scale (which has support from both sides) that could save owners millions of dollars, and the likelihood that the owners will take a larger percentage of the revenue pot in the new collective bargaining agreement, there should be a surplus of funds available.

That should go to providing insurance for players with at least five years of service time for 20 years after retirement, players with three years covered for 10, and everyone else covered for two.

If that seems excessive, consider the fact that it's difficult for NFL players to get insured for reasonable rates after their careers end because they're often in such poor physical shape. If you were an executive at an insurance company, would you want to insure someone with an average life expectancy of 50-60 years, according to different data points, and all the health problems accompanying that?

Barring sweeping changes to the game of football as we know it, football players will always face considerable physical risk.

Sure, they get compensated justly while they're playing — but the numerous surgeries and rehab from those surgeries can cost millions of dollars. The NFL should do its part to ease that burden.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You succeed by doing what feels right, good and natural to you. You differentiate clearly between what feels good and what doesn't when you check in with your internal guidance system.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Your thoughts buoy you. Because you are so optimistic about what will happen next, you can raise your energy level without caffeine or any other outside influence.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Many are happy with what you do, but they don't tell you as often as they should. Days like today make it all worthwhile, as your work will garner the appropriate praise right in front of your face.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If something happens that is not to your liking, it's how you internalize the experience in your psyche that ultimately makes an imprint on your life. You'll think the best, and the best will come of it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your loved ones shower you with love when you are emanating the same kind of love for them. Your attitude is the single factor that plays the biggest role in your success today.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have good ideas. They do tend to be on the grand scale

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**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You experience a delightful interplay with someone who is as quick and lighthearted as you. It seems that every time you get together, you hit it off! Consider planning to see this person more often.

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**SOFTBALL**

## MOORE STARS ON THE MOUND, AT THE PLATE

Sophomore pitcher Jessica Moore powered the No. 14 Oregon women's softball team to a 3-2 victory over No. 16 BYU Thursday afternoon at the Kajikawa Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

The Sutter, Calif., native gave up no earned runs in a complete game effort in her season debut in the circle, and also hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the fifth inning to get the Ducks' scoring in motion.

Oregon trailed 2-0 after the third inning, but Moore's round-tripper in the fifth and another run in the sixth by sophomore second baseman Kaylan Howard helped the Ducks seal a win in their first contest of the six-game tournament. Moore finished the contest 2 for 2 at the plate, while striking out 12, walking three and allowing four hits.

Sophomore center fielder Allie Burger contributed the

Ducks only other hit in the game with a single, and Howard and freshman catcher Alexa Peterson reached base twice on walks.

The Ducks will take the field again Friday afternoon when they match up with No. 19 Texas A&M at 4:30 p.m. Oregon will be the second contest in a doubleheader for the Aggies, who play Cal State Fullerton at 3 p.m.

— LUCAS CLARK

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- 36 Apply with force
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- 41 It's probably played first
- 43 P.M. counterpart
- 45 Loud horn
- 47 Stayed out?
- 48 Palindromic girl
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- 55 Better, as cuts of meat
- 56 Bit of change in Cuba
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- 4 Censured
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**SPORTS**

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**POOR INTERIOR DEFENSE AND REBOUNDBING PLAGUE OREGON LATE IN LOSS AGAINST UCLA**

The Oregon men's basketball team's trip to Los Angeles got off to a disappointing start on Thursday as the Ducks fell 64-54 to UCLA at Pauley Pavilion.

Oregon (12-12, 5-7 Pacific-10 Conference) kept the game close throughout, but simply could not contend with UCLA (17-7, 8-3 Pac-10) on the boards. The Bruins finished with

39 rebounds, including 14 on the offensive side of the ball, which proved to be the difference in the game.

Things looked promising early on for the Ducks, and a pair of three-pointers from seniors Jay-R Strowbridge and Joevan Catron gave them an eight-point lead early in the first half. UCLA would quickly climb back into the game,

but Oregon still led 28-25 at the intermission.

Of course, the Bruins shot just 9 of 26 from the field in the first half, and a repeat performance could not be expected after the break. Sure enough, UCLA found its stroke as the game went on.

Oregon sophomore E.J. Singler hit a quick jumper to give Oregon a five-point lead early in the

second half, but the Bruins were quick to respond. Junior guard Lazeric Jones hit a three-pointer, and sophomore forward Tyler Honeycutt quickly followed with a layup to tie the game at 30.

From there, the teams traded baskets until Oregon junior forward Tyrone Nared hit a jumper to give the Ducks a 39-37 edge with 10:12 remaining. It would be Oregon's

final lead of the game.

Oregon could not control UCLA in the paint as the game winded down, and Bruin guard Malcolm Lee caught fire. The junior scored 12 points over the final 7:35 of play, sealing the game for UCLA. When the final whistle blew, Lee had a game-high 25 points.

For Oregon, Catron led the way with 15 points,

while Strowbridge added 14. Junior guard Malcolm Armstead chipped in 10 points and seven assists.

Oregon shot just 39.6 percent from the field, and missed 15 of its 21 three-point attempts. The Ducks were also outrebounded by 15.

Oregon's next game will be on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against USC.

— **PATRICK MALEE**

**TRACK & FIELD**

**TOP MEN AND WOMEN MAKE INDOOR DEBUTS AT TUNE-UP MEETS IN ARKANSAS AND SEATTLE**

Oregon track and field will be in two places at once this weekend as the Ducks continue their indoor season work.

A large long-distance and middle-distance contingent will compete in Seattle Friday and Saturday at the Husky Invitational, held at the University of Washington's Dempsey Indoor

Facility. A sprinter/jumper contingent will make its way east to Fayetteville, Ark., and the Tyson Invitational, held at Arkansas' Tyson Track Center.

Oregon will be represented well in the men's and women's mile and 5,000-meter races. Mac Fleet, last year's NCAA runner-up in the mile,

returns after offseason foot surgery to compete with freshmen Ben DeJarnette and Cole Watson. Senior Danny Mercado and freshman Parker Stinson will run the 5,000 meters.

All-American Alex Kosinski and Bronwyn Crossman will compete in the women's 5,000m, while the Ducks have stacked the

women's mile with Jordan Hasay, Anne Kesselring, Claire Michel, Becca Friday, Melanie Thompson and Taylor Wallace.

The Husky Classic will also mark the indoor season debuts for football players LaMichael James, Kenjon Barner and Dior Mathis. All three will be competing in the

60-meter dash.

In Fayetteville, All-Americans Amber Purvis and Mandy White are competing in the 60m with junior college-transfer Lauryn Newson, while All-American Jamesha Youngblood is competing in the long jump and triple jump. For the men's team, freshman Michael Berry (200 meters,

400 meters) and senior Vernell Warren (long jump) will look to hit NCAA qualifying marks.

The Husky Invitational begins at 6 p.m. Friday and continues at 9 a.m. Saturday. The Tyson Invitational begins at 10 a.m. Pacific Standard Time both days.

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