

New book showcases OSU haiku poems



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"Haiku For Sociologists" is composed of 100 haiku written by Sociology 204 students. Students presented their haiku on Tuesday night in the Valley Library rotunda.

Peers from Oregon State, presented haiku to share, to those who listened

By Lauren Sigel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Haiku for Sociologists", a collection of 100 haiku written by OSU sociology students, celebrated its book release Tuesday night in the Valley Library rotunda as part of a presentation where students shared haiku of their own.

The haiku ranged in context from being personal and heartfelt to humorous, but shared the common theme of relating to sociology in some way.

Haiku, a form of Japanese short poetry developed in the early 17th century, consists of three lines with 17 total syllables in a five-seven-five pattern.

Kristin Barker, an associate professor in sociology, has been assigning her students to write haiku since 2003.

"Sociology can be such a heavy subject, so I thought that assigning students to write haiku was a fun way to end a term," Barker said. "I had

collected about 800 or 900 haiku over the years and Gary Tiedeman, the co-editor, and I sat down and picked out the 100 haiku that we thought were best."

Tiedeman, Emeritus Appointment of the sociology department, co-edited the book with Barker. Although writing a 17-syllable poem may not seem difficult, Barker explained that haiku are not as simple as they seem.

"A haiku is a difficult task due to the fact that you have to be very clear and concise," Barker said. "Summing up ideas in 17 syllables isn't easy."

Published by David Ash of Basho Press, the book has enjoyed a wave of popularity since its release in August 2009, reaching the number two spot on Amazon.com's "Japanese and Haiku poetry" section.

The book also sold 4 to 500 copies as a required textbook for a UO sociology class.

According to the Basho press website, "Haiku for Sociologists" is part of the "Haiku for Life" series of gift books of haiku published by Basho Press, which was formed in 2007. This is the first book that Ash has ever published that has not been his original work.

"I've published my own humorous

haiku books before, such as 'Haiku for Cats' and 'Haiku for Coffee Lovers', but this is the first time that I have ever published a book that was not written by myself," Ash said. "Overall, it's the ninth book of haiku that I've had published."

Out of the 100 haiku that were published, 60 of them were written by students who have since graduated from OSU.

The remaining 40 authors are still current OSU students, and some of them read their haiku during the book release, though not all students read haiku which they themselves had written.

James Rodgers, a junior majoring in pre-communication, was one of the students who read their original haiku.

"I felt that all of the things that we've learned in sociology were easy to put into our own words, which is why I loved this assignment," Rodgers said.

"Haiku for Sociologists" is available through the OSU Bookstore. It is also for sale on www.amazon.com and www.barnesandnoble.com.

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Fulbeck promotes acceptance of multiracial identities

UC Santa Barbara professor Kip Fulbeck speaks nationally on racial identity, pop culture

By Makenzie Marineau
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A professor of art at UC Santa Barbara, Kip Fulbeck, shared a multi-media presentation Tuesday night in the MU Ballroom on multicultural identity and diversity.

Fulbeck shared his knowledge and expertise as a Hapa (half white/half Asian) member of American society for the event sponsored by Oregon State's Justice in Leadership for the Community.

Fulbeck spent 10 years in filmmaking before he began speaking nationwide on identity, multiraciality and pop culture. His presentation touched on topics of diversity and identity but actively involved the audience.

With a combination of films Fulbeck has made about his own life as a Hapa and pop quizzes engaging the audiences members to test their skills in pop culture and more serious issues that America faces, Fulbeck aimed to make the audience think. He quizzed the audience with questions from "Who sings the song 'Halo'?" to questions concerning global warming, politics and geography, such as asking "In what country is Darfur located?"

"I want the crowd to leave more conscious than when

they came in, be more savvy about the information they know," Fulbeck said. "I am really interested in people's opinions and love to have discussions about important issues with the audience."

Being born to a Chinese mother and an English/Irish father, Fulbeck grew up relating to mixed-race identity. In creating the Hapa Project, Fulbeck was able to promote a more realistic portrayal of multiracial identity by asking "What are you?" This project started when he couldn't just check one box when he was asked what nationality or race he was, because he fit in more than one.

The Hapa Project led to a book, "Part Asian, 100% Hapa," and an exhibition at the Japanese American National Museum. Fulbeck has continued working on reaching out to people with issues of multiracial identity with three other books. His newest is called "Mixed: Portraits of Multiracial Kids."

"This project forced me to be around people that were different than me," Fulbeck said. "Identity is only defined by you."

Fulbeck pointed out that diversity is age, religion, physical ability, sexual preference and much more. Another one of Fulbeck's books that presents people, their tattoos and their stories behind them was also shared, reminding the audience that tattoos are not always voluntary

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Kip Fulbeck narrates various clips that were presented to the audience during his presentation on what it means to be living as a half white/half Asian (Hapa) individual or living as a person of multiracial identity.

Men of Phi Kappa Psi to return to Greek community in style

Plans are in the works to build a new house that should be complete by fall 2010

By Candice Ruud
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The brothers of OSU's chapter of Phi Kappa Psi are preparing to return to the Greek Life scene in style.

The explosion of their boiler room destroyed their fraternity house in November 2008 and left many of the brothers without a roof to sleep under.

They were offered temporary living arrangements in a residence hall through University Housing and Dining Services, but since then the fraternity's members have been scattered across Corvallis, living in residence halls or houses around campus.

Now, almost a year later, the fraternity is ready to rebuild. As of the beginning of fall term 2010, the fra-

ternity plans to have its new house in place at the same site as the old one on Northwest 13th Street and Northwest Jackson Avenue.

"We have a design that's all ready to go," said Chris Gerritz, Phi Kappa Psi treasurer. "We got it approved by the city last week. It was designed by a Phi Kappa Psi alumnus from the University of Oregon."

Gerritz added that the house will cost approximately \$2.4 million to build, including the cost of demolishing the now-condemned house that still stands on the property. Construction is scheduled to begin next month.

In order to incorporate member input on the structure of the new house, the chief designer held meetings throughout the spring and summer where alumni and undergraduates were encouraged to brainstorm and voice their opinions.

"It's a really new model from the old style," Gerritz said. "We won't have

people sleeping in sleeping porches."

Sleeping porches large rooms designated for sleeping and are necessary for fraternity and sorority houses due to fire code. Many of the older and often historic houses were forced to implement them due to the expensive nature of reconstructing their houses to otherwise fit the code.

"We'll have a dorm-style house where people sleep in their own rooms," Gerritz added. "If the building is built right, you can do without sleeping porches... Building from the ground up, we will be able to put in those things that meet fire code."

The house is also being built with efficiency and sustainability in mind.

The building is projected to be 12,000 square feet and will house 48 members.

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Projected design plan for Phi Kappa Psi fraternity's new house, which will replace their old house that was destroyed when its boiler room exploded in November 2008.

NYC Dem attacks mayor in debate, calls him liar

By Sara Kugler
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWYORK—The Democrat trying to unseat popular billionaire Mayor Michael Bloomberg lobbed multiple attacks at him during their first debate Tuesday, calling him a liar and saying he spends an obscene amount of money buying votes and support for his policies.

City Comptroller William Thompson Jr. sought to portray Bloomberg as opportunistic for political moves he has made, including changing his lifelong party registration from Democrat to Republican to avoid a crowded primary in 2001 and persuading the City Council to extend the term-limits law last year so he could run again.

"At each and every level, it hasn't been about the people of New York City, it's been about you," Thompson said.

Bloomberg, who has spent \$64.8 million on his campaign for a third term, said he has only done what's best for New Yorkers, and he came back at Thompson with his own attacks. Thompson, who finances his campaign by raising money, has spent about one-sixteenth of Bloomberg's total so far.

The candidates clashed on nearly every question during the hourlong debate, which touched on issues including education, housing and how money affects political support.

TOP STORY

Health bill clears hurdle with support from Snowe

By David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Historic legislation to expand U.S. health care and control costs won its first Republican supporter Tuesday and cleared a key Senate hurdle, a double-barreled triumph that propelled President Barack Obama's signature issue toward votes this fall in both houses of Congress.

"When history calls, history calls," said Maine Republican Olympia Snowe, whose declaration of support ended weeks

of suspense and provided the only drama of a 14-9 vote in the Senate Finance Committee. With her decision, the 62-year-old lawmaker bucked her own leadership on the most high-profile issue of the year in Congress, and gave the drive to remake health care at least a hint of the bipartisanship that Obama seeks.

At the White House, Obama called the events "a critical milestone" toward remaking the nation's health care system. He praised Snowe as well as Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont,

chairman of the committee, and declared, "We are going to get this done."

There were fresh challenges. Within minutes of the vote, labor unions and large business organizations both demanded changes in the bill, which was an attempt at a middle-of-the-road measure fashioned by the committee under Baucus' leadership.

Still, nearly nine months after the president pledged in his Inaugural Address to tackle health care, legislation to expand coverage to millions

who lack it has now advanced further than President Bill Clinton's ill-fated effort more than a decade ago — or any other attempt in more than a generation.

The next move in the Senate is up to Majority Leader Harry Reid, whose office said the full Senate would begin debate on the issue the week of Oct. 26.

Nominally, Reid must first blend the bill that cleared during the day with a version that passed earlier in the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Study seeks ban on international organ trafficking

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A new international convention is needed to prevent trafficking in kidneys and other organs and potentially life-saving tissues and cells, according to a joint study by the United Nations and the Council of Europe released Tuesday.

The study calls for international experts to agree on a definition that is recognized worldwide of what constitutes "trafficking in organs, tissues and cells."

Carmen Prior, the public prosecutor of Austria and a co-author of the study, said the definition should be incorporated into an international convention that would include measures to prevent the crime, to protect and assist donors, and to prosecute the traffick-

ers — "especially intermediaries and brokers and doctors and medical staff involved in such activities."



Maine gay marriage campaigns report donations

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Supporters of Maine's gay marriage law said Tuesday they've collected \$2.7 million for their campaign against a ballot proposal to repeal it, more than double the amount the measure's supporters said they raised.

The group, called NO on 1/Protect Maine Equality, also reported that it has spent \$2.2 million on its campaign to preserve the law.

Meanwhile, Stand for Marriage Maine, which petitioned to get the repeal measure on the ballot, reported it had collected \$1.1 million and spent more than \$941,000 on its campaign.



Oregon man gets probation for stabbing ex's fish

PORTLAND (AP) — A Portland man who attacked his ex-girlfriend and impaled her pet fish this summer has been sentenced to two years probation, a psychological evaluation and community service.

Donald Earl Fite III, 27, pleaded guilty Tuesday to animal abuse and domestic violence assault.

According to court records, Sarah Harris had broken up with Fite but returned to her Portland apartment July 25 to find him lying on her bed, saying he wanted to get back together.

When Harris tried to leave, Fite shoved her against a wall, grabbed her hair and tossed her against a bathtub.

—The Associated Press

Meetings

- Active Minds**, 6pm, 5th floor of Shell Hall. Come learn about ways to raise awareness for mental health issues on campus.
- ASOSU**, 7pm, MU 109. House of Representatives meeting.
- Health and Wellness Task Force Interns**, 5:30-6:30pm, Snell 149. Come join the Task Force Director — meetings to plan great events this year.
- ASOSU Campus Affairs Task Force**, 5:30-6:30pm. Discuss campaigns and events for the year, as well as getting to know each other.
- Education Students for Peace and Justice**, 6:30pm, 309 Education Hall. Meeting to discuss social justice issues surrounding education.

Events

- SEAC & Memorial Union**, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVIES — Rent.
- The Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc.**, 6pm, MU 208. Come learn what LLTA is all about and what you can do within the organization.
- Pride Center**, 5-6:30pm, MU 213. Safe space training.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Meetings

- Collegiate 4-H**, 6pm, 1003 Kelley Engineering Bldg.
- ASOSU Accessibility Affairs Task Force**, 4-5pm, Women's Center. Interested in getting involved? Come join in making sure OSU is accessible to everyone!
- OSU Juggling Club**, 6-8pm, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Come learn to juggle, practice or learn new tricks. All skill levels welcome.

Speakers

- History Department**, 4pm, MU Journey Room. Lecture, "Why Translation Matters," by Prof. David Luft, Oregon State University, first lecture in the "Translation: Crossing Borders, Crossing Cultures" series.

Events

- Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper, spiritual discussion.
- SEAC & Memorial Union**, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVIES — Rent.
- Pride Center**, 11am-2pm, MU Quad. Hot CoCo Chanel Social. Free hot cocoa!

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Miami firm to lay first U.S.-Cuba fiber

By Peter Svensson
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NEW YORK — A small Miami-based company said the U.S. government has given it permission to lay the first optical communications fiber from the U.S. to Cuba. That could drastically cut the cost of calling the island nation and make the Internet more accessible to Cubans.

Treasury Department officials were unavailable to confirm that TeleCuba Communications Inc. has received approval, which is necessary even though the Obama administration eased long-standing restrictions on telecom links to Cuba in April.

TeleCuba said Tuesday that its cable will be operating by the middle of 2011. It still needs final permission from the Cuban government to land the cable.

A government official in Cuba, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak publicly, said Cuba has been waiting for the U.S. to approve a "group of companies" seeking to build telecommunications infrastructure. But the official could not confirm whether Cuba would ultimately give them permission to enter the market.

Cuba is the only nation in the Western Hemisphere that is not linked to the outside world by fiber optics. Instead, it relies on slow, expensive satellite links. While the cable could make calling very cheap, it would be up to the Cuban government to set rates, and it could keep restrictions on Internet access as well.

The government of Venezuela, a Cuban ally, has announced that it is building a fiber to Cuba, which could beat TeleCuba by getting to the island next year. But construction hasn't started, and TeleCuba has the advantage of a much shorter route: 110 miles, compared to 966 miles from Venezuela.

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by showing a woman who survived a concentration camp and her identification number tattooed on her arm.

Miranda Linville, a senior majoring in women studies, said she feels that these are topics of discussions she is continually having with people.

"It was just great to be here tonight around all these people who are all trying to build a better climate on campus regarding multiracial issues. It is really inspiring to realize you can contribute to helping people find their identity and your own."

For Milika "Tonga" Hopoi, a student who transferred to OSU in the spring but was born in Tonga, she felt opinions Fulbeck touched on reiterated her own ideas and opinions.

"I sometimes felt I was the only one who felt that way about certain issues, but he was up there saying the same things that I have thought as well," Hopoi said.

Fulbeck will continue to spread his work and continue to teach where he can heavily impact students.

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Nobel jury speaks out in defense of controversial Obama peace prize

By Ian MacDougall and Karl Ritter
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OSLO — One judge noted with surprise that President Barack Obama "didn't look particularly happy" at being named the Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Another marveled at how critics could be so patronizing.

In a rare public defense of a process normally shrouded in secrecy, four of the Nobel jury's five judges spoke out Tuesday about a selection they said was both merited and unanimous.

To those who say a Nobel is too much too soon in Obama's young presidency, "We simply disagree ... He got the prize for what he has done," committee chairman Thorbjorn Jagland told The Associated Press by telephone from Strasbourg, France, where he was attending meetings of the Council of Europe.

Jagland singled out Obama's efforts to heal the divide between the West and the Muslim world and scale down a Bush-era proposal for an anti-missile

shield in Europe. "All these things have contributed to — I wouldn't say a safer world — but a world with less tension," he said.

For nine-year Nobel committee veteran Inger-Marie Ytterhorn, Obama's demeanor spoke volumes when he first acknowledged the award during a news conference Friday on the lawn of the White House Rose Garden.

"I looked at his face when he was on TV and confirmed that he would receive the prize and would come to Norway, and he didn't look particularly happy," she told the AP by telephone.

"Obama has a lot of problems internally in the United States and they seem to be increasing. Unemployment, health care reform: They are a problem for him," she said.

She acknowledged there was a risk the prize might backfire on Obama by raising expectations even higher and giving ammunition to his critics. "It might hamper him," Ytterhorn said, because it could distract from domestic

issues. Still, she added: "Whenever we award the peace prize, there is normally a big debate about it" so the Obama controversy was not unexpected.

It was unusual, however, for the Nobel jury to speak out so candidly about their selection.

Even the most seasoned Nobel watchers were surprised by Obama's Nobel — they hadn't expected the U.S. president, who took office barely two weeks before the Feb. 1 nomination deadline, to be seriously considered until at least next year.

Jagland said that was never an issue for the Nobel committee, which followed the guidelines set forth by Alfred Nobel, the Swedish industrialist and inventor of dynamite who established the prize in his 1895 will.

"Alfred Nobel wrote that the prize should go to the person who has contributed most to the development of peace in the previous year," Jagland said.

"Who has done more for that than

Barack Obama?" Aagot Valle, a left-wing Norwegian politician who joined the Nobel panel this year, also dismissed suggestions that Obama was undeserving of the honor.

"Don't you think that comments like that patronize Obama? Where do these people come from?" Valle said from the coastal city of Bergen. "Well, of course, all arguments have to be considered seriously. I'm not afraid of a debate on the Peace Prize decision. That's fine."

World leaders have reacted positively to Obama's Nobel in most cases, the committee said, with much of the criticism coming from the media and Obama's political rivals.

"I take note of it. My response is only the judgment of the committee, which was unanimous," Jagland said.

In announcing the award Friday, the committee, whose members are appointed by the Norwegian Parliament, applauded the change in global mood brought by Obama's calls for peace and cooperation.

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Guest Editorial

Californians must fight to protect community colleges

A day after the largest University of California system-wide protest in recent memory, with students united across campuses, we must remember our fellow students in public higher education.

While the California State University and UC systems have sustained the deepest cuts in state funding, the California Community Colleges face an unprecedented need in the wake of enrollment cuts at other state universities.

And just last week, state legislators found out that the community colleges will receive \$90 million less in stimulus funds than they expected.

The funds will be enough to cover the budget cuts from 2008-09 budget, but are a drop in the bucket compared to the \$520 million reduction in state funds in the current budget.

The majority of UC students may not have much interest in the fate of community colleges, especially with our own university in such dire straits, but these institutions represent the closest thing to truly public higher education and it's imperative that we recognize the valuable service they provide. And with the constant fee hikes in the California State University and UC systems, they are one of the last affordable options for Californians.

As of 2008, transfer students composed roughly 25 percent of UC undergraduates, and on the Berkeley campus, they made up more than one-fifth of the undergraduate student body.

For students who can't afford four years of UC tuition or meet the requirements out of high school, the transfer route is an affordable, achievable alternative to the traditional four-year path. And especially because so many UC Berkeley students make their way to this campus as transfers, it's critical that we maintain and adequately fund the community colleges that make this conduit possible.

Forcing community colleges to turn away needy students and eliminate courses required to transfer is extremely detrimental to the future of the state, economically and otherwise.

Thousands of underrepresented students rely on community colleges to acquire advanced degrees, and as we fight to advocate for a fully funded University of California, let us not forget the important role community colleges play in maintaining the diversity and quality characteristic of the UC system.

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What England can teach the U.S. about health care

Cate Hardy

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As a British citizen, I never thought that I would spend the week worrying about the cost of getting ill. For the first time in my life I have private health insurance, and for the first time in my life I feel like a statistic.

Crippled with both hypochondria and chronic toothache, I spent the week calculating the exact cost of the dental work that might be necessary for me, running into thousands of dollars.

Health insurance, it seems, is no indication that when your wisdom teeth become infected anyone but you is going to pay to have them removed. It seems ridiculous in this age of modernity and technology that people are still forced to make decisions measuring treatment cost to the level of pain they are experiencing.

I am sure everyone is by now aware of the familiar statistic showing 47 million Americans without the most basic health insurance, who are therefore forced to make these decisions on a regular basis.

This equates to the entire population of Spain being without any health coverage. Coming from the U.K., the "home" of centralized health care, the

idea of paying for a dentist check-up or an immunization shot is entirely alien to me.

With the debate here surrounding the introduction of some type of health provision for these 47 million being discussed, it seems bizarre to me that the United States wants to persist in its fragmented system of private insurance companies, heaps of paperwork and exorbitant fees instead of aiming for something, well, better.

Over the summer, the British nation as a whole became personally involved in this country's health care debate.

The Republican Party used information allegedly about the British National Health Service (or NHS) as part of their argument against "Obama-care," as it has now been dubbed.

Widely reported through the British media, the furor created unearthed the fact that the negative data concerning waiting lists or infection was twenty years out of date. Claims of "Dying Boards," teams of doctors meeting to discuss which patients should live or die, were entirely fabricated. Actors

were used to give negative testimony in campaign adverts, and the majority of the British nation, outraged for the most part, felt they were now an active part of the discussion.

Born out of a post-war society, the NHS was created in a time of economic strife and considerable levels of national debt not completely incomparable with today.

Now the second-largest employer on the planet, introducing a similar system to the United States would certainly be one way to create employment and kick-start the economy.

On a more idealistic level, one of the key philosophical arguments surrounding its introduction claimed that no individual could truly be considered "free" if they remained concerned about becoming ill and meeting medical costs.

Given this country's penchant for freedom, this is perhaps an idea which should be brought into the current debate over centralized health care.

Additionally, the ethical argument surrounding paying someone who profits from you being ill is eliminated. Doctors and dentists on fixed salary schemes gain financially no more from seeing a patient with cancer than

they might one with a chest infection, which makes objectivity and the patients' needs a far more central theme than what each test or investigation might earn them.

On top of this, Americans currently pay the highest rates for drugs and medicines of anywhere in the world. The fragmented system from hospital to hospital and the array of insurance companies mean that key bargaining power on costs is lost.

Introducing a national health care system to the United States could actually make it cheaper for individuals, as bulk purchases can vastly lower the prices of expensive treatments.

I do not want to pretend that the British system is perfect. There are still issues over the availability of certain drugs, a real lack of dentists who are prepared to work for the NHS and as yet an incomplete program of preventative care.

Yet the core values and systems are good and while streamlining and reorganization might be necessary, free health care in the U.K. is still providing a higher life expectancy than here. The NHS must be doing some-

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FUNCHY, PUNJEE, AND BOB



DANIEL HAWKINS IS A JUNIOR IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

First timers: Questions concerning wedding night

Dear Dr. Sex,

My fiancé and I are both virgins (in every sense — oral, anal and vaginal) waiting for our wedding night. All the stories are that the first time is painful. How painful is it supposed to be? How long does it take to heal and for sex to not hurt anymore? I'm a wuss when it comes to pain. I've read that it helps to be relaxed and for the guy to go slowly. We've talked about our expectations and he's agreed to stop if it hurts me too much. Would it help to use a numbing agent (you mentioned Prolong in one article) to reduce pain? Is that stuff safe? Do you have any additional advice? If it matters, I'm 24 and he's 22.

Signed,
Afraid of Pain

Dear Afraid of Pain,

It can hurt the first time a woman has intercourse, and there are a couple of things the two of you can do to at least alleviate some of that pain and even make it absent entirely.



Kathy Greaves Ph.D.

Dr. Sex

Before telling you how to alleviate the pain, let me first explain why some women experience pain the first time they have intercourse.

For many women, the first time they experience penile penetration, their hymen is ruptured. The hymen is a thin membrane inside the vagina that is present at birth in virtually all females. The hymen usually remains intact until first intercourse.

In fact, most hymens remain intact even if a finger, a tampon or some other object is inserted into the vagina. It is usually the width of the penis, not the length, which ruptures the hymen. So a penis-sized dildo would do the trick as well.

Also keep in mind, however, that some hymens are particularly flexible — flexible enough to allow for intercourse without pain or bleeding — so do not assume that pain and bleeding is a given upon first intercourse. Many individuals and cultures are incorrect in their belief that bleeding during intercourse is an indication that the female was a virgin prior to the act.

In fact, there is a product you can buy from Gigimo, a Chinese company, called an Artificial Virginity Hymen that simulates the breaking of the hymen for women who are no longer virgins or for women who are afraid they won't bleed during first intercourse even though they are virgins. Here's what the website says:

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uid that looks like blood not too much, but just the right amount. Add in a few moans and groans, you will pass through undetectable. It's easy to use, clinically proven non-toxic to human and has no side effects, no pain to use and no allergic reaction."

The biggest problem I have with this product isn't that it maintains the myth that women should bleed the first time they have intercourse, although that is a big problem.

The biggest problem I have is that the existence of the product itself suggests that women need to prove their virginity to maintain their value and worth. To illustrate, Egyptian politicians are calling for a ban of the product in their country, saying that it "encourages illicit sexual relations."

The double standard here is that many Arab countries condemn women's sexuality (as is the case here), but turn a blind eye to male promiscuity. In case you are still interested in

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ASOSU Congress: The voice of the Oregon State student

Paul M. Aljets
ASOSU

Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of listening to President Ed Ray answer questions about the current state of the campus during a Faculty Senate meeting. It was a fascinating time to reflect on the student legislature. I was surprised by the level of outspoken approval and disapproval for the plans of the administration.

My thought after the meeting ended was, "Why couldn't ASOSU Congress function with this kind of ferocity?" — a strange comment to surface in my head. Before my tenure began as the first Speaker of the House, I was a two-term ASOSU Senator.

This may sound impressive, yet I would classify myself as what the British call a back-bencher. Rarely did I speak my voice, and I presented even

less legislation. Yet this was not an altogether new trend in the legislative branch of the student government.

The legislative branch is populated by caring and fervent individuals who have the desire to work the will of the students. So the question then becomes why, if the will is there, does ASOSU Congress not act like the Faculty Senate? I do know the answer, and it's tied to a long-standing problem which must be faced this year.

The truth of the matter lies in our own self-interest, as it does in the case of our faculty.

The fact that our student representatives have in the past lacked the

gumption to soldier on with student initiatives is twofold. First, the knowledge of how to engage the campus and the administration is simply not transferred from student to student.

Even those noble few who decide to represent their neighbors in ASOSU Congress have little idea in the beginning about where to start. Their own selfless act of running for office leaves the door cracked for the selfish question, "Why bother?" I've seen many senators come into the position with a heart for reform and get suffocated under the weight of the learning curve involved in OSU's bureaucracy.

The second problem is one which most of our faculty will never deal with. Our elected officials at ASOSU are students first and civil servants second. I've talked to many professors

who tell me that teaching becomes your life.

So it is no wonder that the average faculty member has the drive from long-established knowledge of campus, partnered with a selfish desire to improve it, to speak their mind to the president of OSU.

Course loads and academic obligations restrain the students from putting all their effort into the things they so wish to do for campus.

Someone asked President Ray about the opinion of the student body when it came to the current budget pinch.

He believed that the lack of student protest from the program cuts, tuition increases and overhaul in administrative structures meant that the students understood and were

behind him.

To this I say our president is wrong. While it may appear that the students are in support, in truth, no one is happy about the changes, and the new first year students don't know the difference.

The reality is that the student body isn't outside Kerr with picket signs because they simply don't know how to get their voice heard. They don't know who to talk to, and between classes and other obligations, they don't have the time. This is the gap which ASOSU Congress must fill. The will is there, and soon the legislature will learn how to act with ferocity.

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Toys "R" Us catalogs, Italy and a quarter life crisis

Shelly Lorts
The Daily Barometer

I know it's not Christmas. But I know that when I was little, Christmas was a big deal — the biggest. The best part of Christmas was imagining all of the toys that I could possibly receive. I started thinking about the magic of wanting this morning when I saw a commercial for a digital camera. What made this camera awesome is that it's made for toddlers. It immediately went to the top of my list of toys I should have had when I was little — it is now number two, under the Barbie Jeep.

It brought me back to the days of that magical Toys "R" Us catalog. My parents used to have to get my grandparents' copy because my brother and I used to fight over the one that came to our house in the mail.

I picked up a Toys "R" Us Christmas catalog last year and was shocked when nothing in it looked appealing. What happened to the giddiness of brightly colored toys and the anticipation of opening presents?

Those magical times have been replaced by reality. I've noticed that these days, instead of getting excited over a toy catalog, I'm fascinated with job descriptions. There's a whole catalog of jobs out there that, as college students, we pore over, trying to find the best one for us.

was sitting at the computer, fingers on the keys and head back on the chair looking at the ceiling rather than the screen.

Without even moving she said, "Shelly, I have no idea what to do with my life. I don't have a boyfriend, I don't know what career I want and I'm tired of trying to figure it out." Then she closed her eyes, groaned and still refused to move.

Eventually, we'll all get here. I've been there, and for longer than most. My problem was that I put myself in a city that I didn't fit into. Don't get me wrong, there are times when I really miss Los Angeles and think I could have been great with a career making movies, but it just wasn't the right fit. I realized that yes, maybe I was good at it and could have been successful, but was it worth not being happy?

While sitting in my little apartment in Santa Monica one night, "Under the Tuscan Sun" started to play on Lifetime. "Of course!" I thought, "I'll go to Italy and I'll figure it all out!" So that's what I did.

And that's where I realized that I was in Los Angeles for the wrong reasons; I wanted other people to think I was successful and important. I wasn't thinking about what I wanted for me.

After more than six months of drink-

ing wine and eating pasta I not only found myself in bigger pants, but in Corvallis. My quarter-life crisis hasn't been averted yet because I still struggle with a career (being a novelist isn't quite reality) and I still fiddle with the thought of any career I hear about.

Harper stayed in Los Angeles and has been really successful with a series of films. Sometimes I still feel like the girl that gave up the big dreams for small town living, but then I remember that's just what other people might see. To me, I'm the girl that figured out I'm happier in a place where being brunette and pale isn't such a crime.

So for the time being, job listings have become my new Toys "R" Us catalog, and while I've gotten over the crest of my quarter-life crisis, there are still some bumps on the way down the other side. At least I've figured out that my life choices should be for me and not to impress others.

Maybe that comes with trying on so many lives before finding a fit. Because the truth is, we can fantasize about all of the toys in the world, but there's always the one that we keep coming back to.

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Letter to the Editor

Concerning a kind act
Unnecessary generosity

These days there are too many stories about what's wrong with sports, both on and off the field. At the OSU vs. Stanford game last weekend, I witnessed a moment too wonderful not to share.

I was sitting in the visitor rooting section near the Stanford band who, as many know, have a strained relationship with Oregon from past actions.

I watched with interest to see how the band's presence would play out during the game. During the 3rd quarter, the band was looking tired and restless, and as if on cue, members of the OSU band came down the aisles passing out snacks and drinks to the Stanford band members.

This simple act of kindness and generosity brought smiles to the faces of the Stanford band members as well as the rest of us fans. OSU students, faculty and alumni should be proud of their band — a class act all the way.

JEFF KOHNE,
1994 Stanford graduate

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purchasing one, it will cost you about \$35, including shipping.

Now, on to making this a pain-free or at least a less painful experience for you. First, make sure that there is plenty of lubrication. Women produce vaginal fluid when they are sexually aroused and the main purpose of this is so that you don't have skin rubbing on skin.

In fact, intercourse without lubrication creates an enormous amount of friction, which, if you hadn't already guessed, is not remotely comfortable, particularly on skin as thin and sensitive as vaginal and penile skin.

So if it doesn't appear that you produce enough lubrication (some women do, some

don't), I'd suggest having some store-bought lubrication on hand. You can find them in any grocery or drug store where condoms are sold.

Second, you need to get the vagina prepared to be stretched open to a circumference larger than it has ever been stretched before. There are two ways to do this. #1. Get yourself a dildo well before your wedding night and insert it fully into your vagina, using lube. Just get one with an average circumference, not the Fist of Fury or the Rambone. Doing this will break your hymen — if it needs breaking — and if that's painful, better it be with a dildo weeks or months before your wedding night than with your husband on your wedding night.

If that doesn't appeal to you, here's #2. On

your wedding night, have your husband insert one finger into your vagina for a minute or two. Then insert two fingers.

Consider this part of sexual activity that brings the two of you closer and makes you feel more comfortable with each other's bodies and with sexual intercourse. Then when there is enough lubrication and you are both comfortable, insert the penis in the vagina SLOWLY. It helps for you to guide the penis in and to be more in control of the movement than your husband.

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thing right.

Across Europe there are other examples of state-organized welfare. The French model, particularly, is a testament to public-private partnership and might arguably be considered more palatable here.

The United States does not need to look too far to find a model that will suit it. Yes, it might be expensive to set up, and it might mean that the very richest have to help pay for the poorest in society.

However it would be fairer, might free 47 million from tough decisions over seeking treatments and advice, and would mean I could finally get this toothache sorted.

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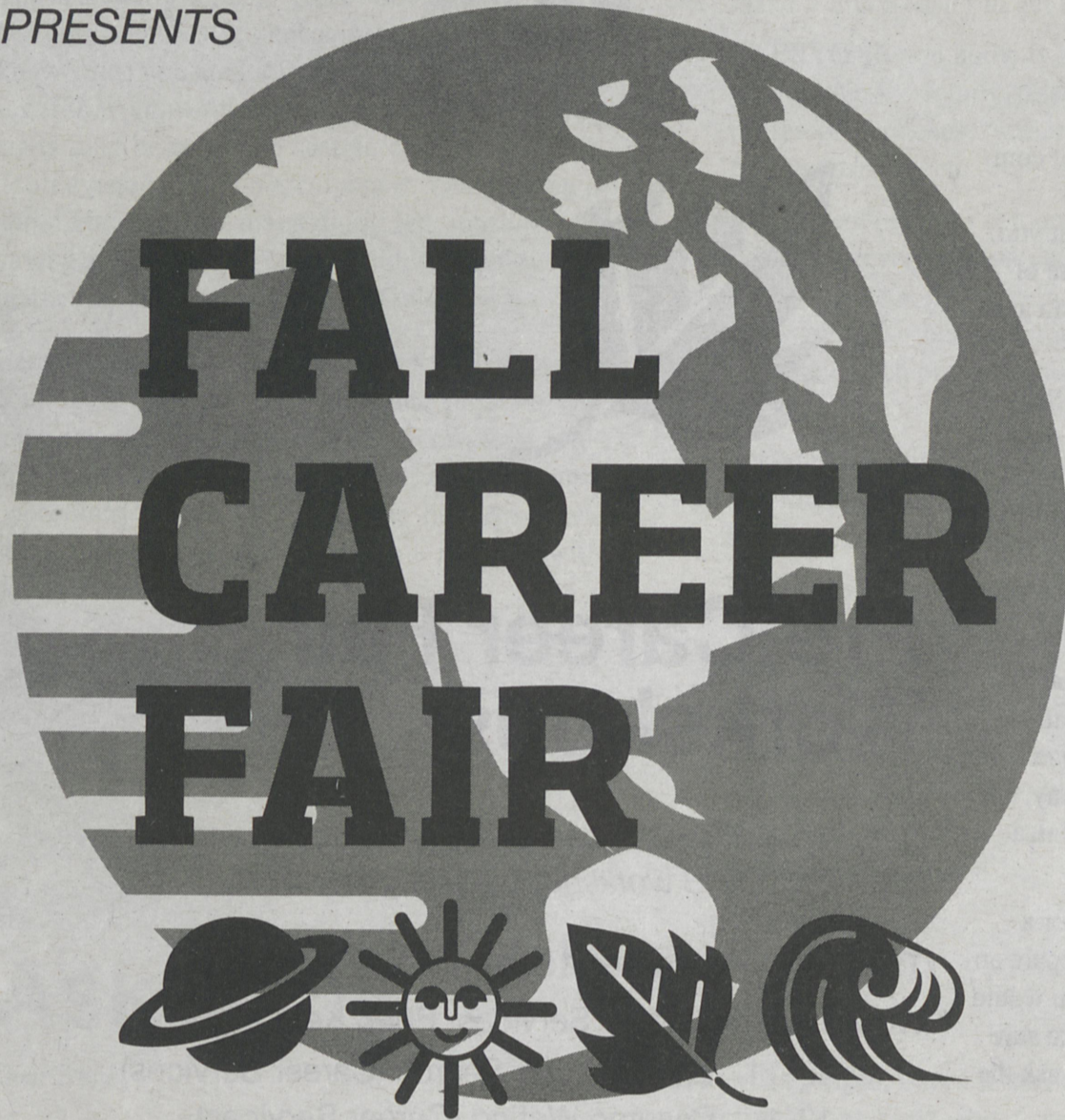
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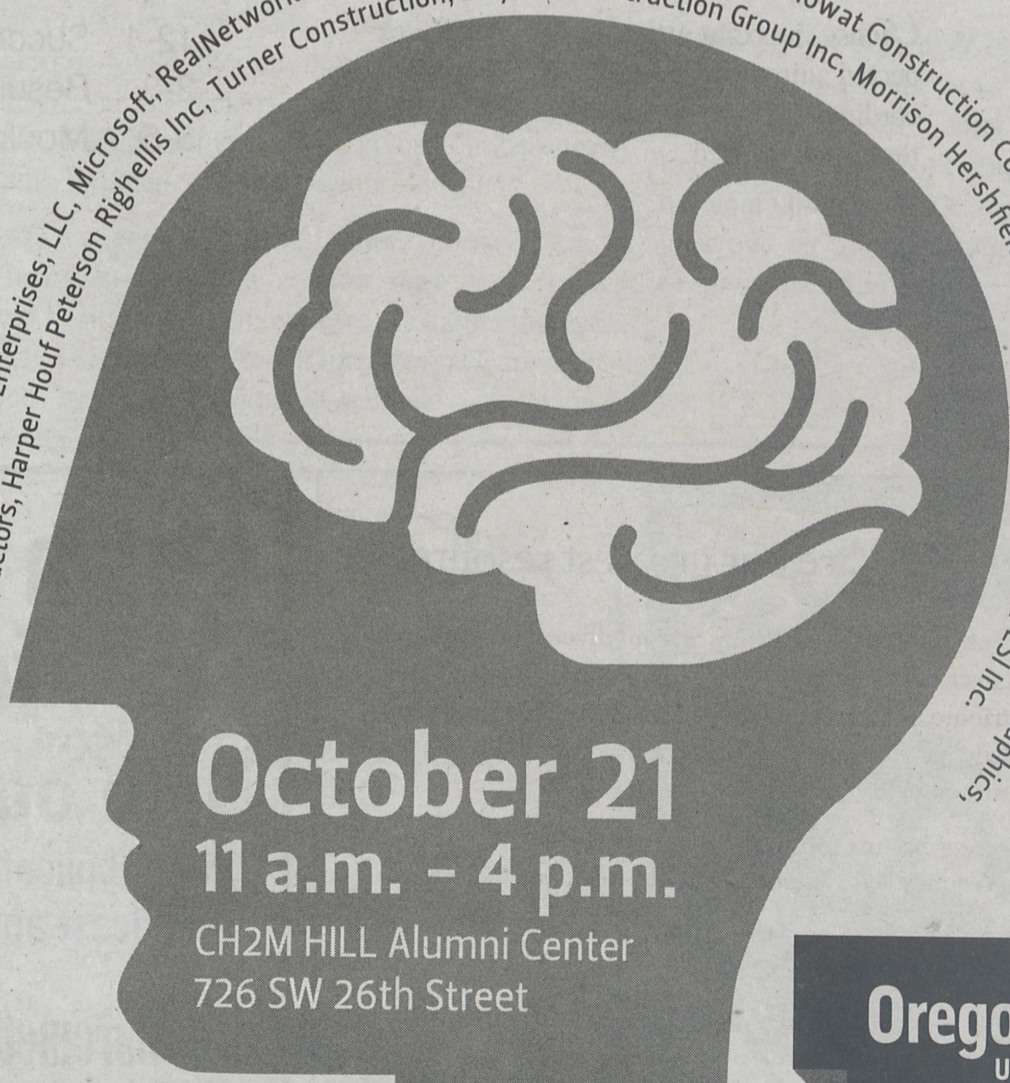
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- **Mark your calendars!**
OSU wide Career Fair is on Tuesday, October 20th, 11am - 4pm.
Engineering Career Fair is on Wednesday, October 21st, 11am - 4pm.
- **Go to Beaver JobNet** and find out what companies are coming to the Career Fair.
- Research the top companies that interest you. Spend time researching, so you're aware of what each company does, and so you can ask great questions at the fair.
- **Get your resume ready.** Go to Career Services and get help with your resume. Bring lots of resumes to the fair -- at least two for each company for which you have an interest. If you have multiple interests or job objectives, make sure you bring enough of each version of your resume.
- **Prepare your one-minute "infomercial"** to be ready to tell about yourself (education, professional experience, professional goals, the reason you are interested in this company, the key benefits that you can offer the organization).
- **Get ready for an interview.** Sign up for a mock interview at Career Services. Prepare answers to interview questions just as you would do for any employment interview. Make sure you also have some questions ready to ask the interviewer.
- **Create your Game Plan.** You need to determine an order of interviewing. Some experts suggest meeting with your top choices first thing in the morning, interviewing with your other choices in the middle of the day, and returning to your top choices at the end of the day to thank them again for their time. But remember to stay flexible as your top choices may be the top choices of many, creating long lines that you may wish to avoid.
- **Choose the right attire.** Know what the expected attire of your profession is and dress accordingly. It is always better to be overdressed than underdressed.



Pre Career Fair Workshops

Get prepared for the career fair and engineering fair with events and workshops starting this week!

Thursday, October 15th

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- 10-11 Effective Job Search (Career Services)
- 12-1 Resume Writing (Career Services)
- 2-3 Interviewing (Career Services)

Friday, October 16th

Workshop in Career Services, B008 Kerr

- 12-1 Finding an Internship (Career Services)
- 4-5:30 Applying to Grad School (Career Services)

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The Importance of Networking

The job-search process includes a lot of important steps that can help a person find the right job. In the current economy, networking plays an even more important role in building the foundation for one's professional future. So, why is networking important for the job-search?

The answer is simple: Networking is the art of building alliances. It's not contacting everyone you know when you are looking for a new job and asking if they know of any job openings. Networking starts long before a job search, and you probably don't even realize you are doing it. Networking is about building and maintaining relationships and having a means to tap into the hidden employment market of unadvertised jobs and internships.

Career Fairs, interviews with various companies coming to campus, informational sessions and interviews conducted by Career Services at Oregon State University present students with a great opportunity to practice all of the important job-searching steps as well as set up a network with potential employers.



Ask Anne

Dear Anne,

I'm a senior, and I'll be graduating in June with degrees in sociology and Spanish. I'm excited, but also really nervous about finding a job. I want to be doing everything I can to find a job starting in June or July, but isn't it a little early? What are some things I can be doing now?

Sincerely,

Leslie Needs-a-Job

Dear Leslie,

I'm so glad you asked! Good for you for thinking about your job search now. I know it may seem early...after all, June is 8 months away! But it can take anywhere up to 6 months to find a full-time job right now, so it's good to begin using your job-search strategies early. Here are the top 6 things I would recommend you do:

Basic Tips on Building your Network:

- Networking is a crucial first step in the job search process.
- It's about building long-term relationships and connections that may potentially help you find a job. These connections can make it much easier to get that first job.
- EVERYONE you know is included in your network—family, relatives, friends, professors, coaches, former bosses, friends' parents, etc.
- Making connections can produce a ripple effect. For every person you build a relationship with, that person has relationships with 20 other potential job connections, and each of those another 20, and so on...
- Social networking sites such as Facebook and LinkedIn can be utilized as a helpful tool in making job connections.
- Professional organizations can offer tremendous connections. Internships with these organizations, even if unpaid, may prove invaluable further down the road.
- Career fairs can be extremely useful for making connections. Attend fairs and make as many meaningful, memorable impressions as possible.
- People who know you can give you an extra edge in landing a job since they can tout your positive characteristics and confirm them, could make all the difference.
- Internships either paid or unpaid can lead to a larger network.
- When trying to build your network, be persistent but not a pest.
- Don't contact people more than once every one or two weeks.
- Be patient. Networking does not always provide immediate gratification.
- Develop high quality relationships that can benefit you professionally.
- Thank You notes are very important for establishing and maintaining your relationships with those in your network. They show that you are appreciative of the help.

Remember:

- Often it's not what you know, but WHO you know!

¹ Retrieved from CareerSpots website: <http://www.careerspots.com/default.aspx>

> **Get your resume, cover letter, and any other "marketing" materials about yourself in tip-top shape.** You never know when you might meet a promising contact. And when that potential employer says, "Send me your resume!" you don't want to stay up half the night revising the one you wrote 2 years ago. And remember, Career Services offers drop-in appointments for resume and cover letter critiques Mon-Thurs, 1 to 4.

> **Come to the Career Fairs and Non-Profit Opportunity Expo.** Even though you don't graduate until June, it's still worthwhile to attend the Fall Career Fair and our Winter Non-Profit Opportunity Expo. Sometimes employers look for interns or entry-level job-seekers much earlier in the school year. And if nothing else, it gives you the opportunity to practice those networking skills!

> **Do a mock interview.** Again, you never know when a great interview offer may come along. And I promise you, interviews are harder than you think. Sign up for a mock interview at Career Services so you'll be prepared and ready.

> **Attend ANY networking events you can find.**

Is there a regional conference for a professional organization in your industry that you can attend? An alumni networking event? Make the most out of every one of these opportunities...I promise they'll pay off!

> **Look into alternative job opportunities.** If you're not keen on finding a traditional entry-level job, be open to other wonderful opportunities like Americorps, Peace Corps, or Teach for America. These are fantastic professional experiences, and show a great deal of versatility.

> **Stay on top of BeaverJobNet.** The job listings and on-campus-interviews are constantly changing on BeaverJobNet. Stick with it! If you haven't logged on recently (or ever), it's very simple—just use your Onid username and password. Then keep your eye on the opportunities. Log in at www.oregonstate.edu/career

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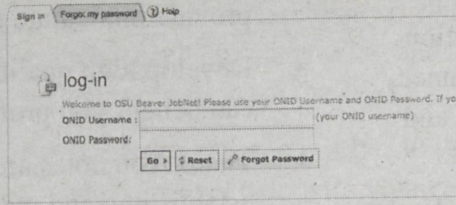
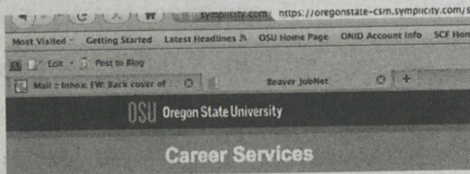


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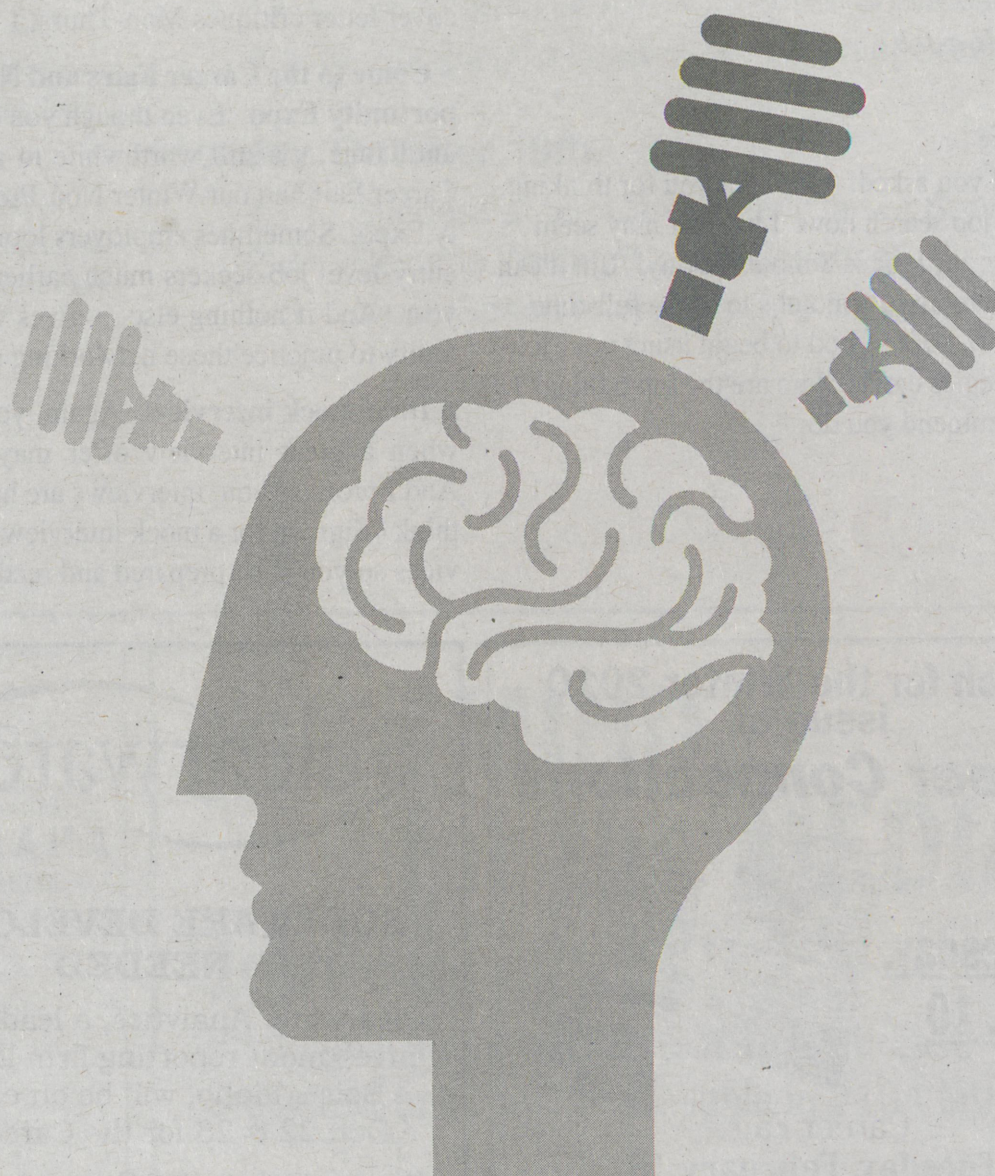
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Long-term danger of physical play worry Steelers

By Alan Robinson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward's game is partly defined by his willingness to deliver a nasty hit. Yet the Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver cringes when he sees a player taking one — especially a helmet-to-helmet blow that might cause a concussion.

Ward is repeatedly cited in player surveys as being one of the NFL's borderline dirty players. But he didn't want former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow returning prematurely from a concussion Sept. 26 when the Florida quarterback's helmet slammed into a teammate's leg. Tebow came back to play Saturday against LSU.

"Some guys, we're powerful, and we want to come back quick, not understanding the ramifications of getting hit like that again," Ward said. "I watched a TV special where a high school kid lied to the doctors and said he was ready, and he got hit in a similar way and ended up paralyzed."

While the Steelers' physicality and take-no-abuse personality have rarely changed since the Steel Curtain days of the 1970s, Ward and other players are concerned about studies that reflect the dangers of playing in the NFL — and, especially, of receiving concussions.

An NFL-commissioned study reported Alzheimer's disease and dementia were diagnosed among

former players at a significantly higher rate than the general population. While the NFL cautioned there is no established link between memory disorders and head injuries sustained by former players, the Steelers have been warned by their own doctors for years about the dangers of concussions.

The UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, based in the same complex where the Steelers practice, has studied the effects of concussions on football players for most of this decade. One of its studies determined that a player suffering a second concussion while recovering from an earlier concussion risks permanent brain injury or death, although NFL players recover more rapidly from concussions than do high school players.

"It's something we've known," safety Ryan Clark said, referring to the sport's risks. "It's like telling a boxer, 'Hey, you can get punch drunk.' And he still goes in there and fights 12 rounds as hard as he can. It's what you do, it's who you are. We're blessed with this talent and we play because we love it, but it can be a problem."

Former Steelers physician Julian Bailes, chair of neurosurgery at West Virginia University, co-authored a study four years ago that found players who received multiple concussions are more likely to develop post-career problems such as depression.

A UPMC study released in 2002 determined football players who have sustained multiple concussions have a greater risk of developing a concussion than a player who has never had one.

UPMC researchers also have warned there is no such thing as a mild concussion, and that a headache or momentary confusion caused by a hit can be the first sign of a much more significant neurological problem.

"If you're not healed up and ready to play, you can mess yourself up real bad, not only while you're playing but after you're playing as well," Ward said.

Injuries are inevitable in a sport that is violent by nature, and most Steelers players take the attitude that they can only hope that a catastrophic mishap doesn't occur to them. However, players are getting so big, so strong and so fast, Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer recently predicted there will be a fatality someday in an NFL game.

The NFL commissioned study released this season generated enough concern that the NFL Players Association formed a committee headed by former Steelers wide receiver Sean Morey, now of Arizona, to address the issue of head trauma among players.

To guard against athletes playing while still having a concussion, UPMC

researchers developed the ImPACT test (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) that Steelers players must pass before they can play again. All 32 NFL teams use the ImPACT test or similar testing, and the league has become increasingly strict in regulating helmet-to-helmet hits and fining offenders.

"We know the studies, we know the research that's going on behind it, but if you look at that stuff as a football player, you probably shouldn't even be playing the game," linebacker James Farrior said. "Down the road, after I'm finished, I'll probably worry a little bit more about it, but it's definitely one of the sacrifices you make if you want to play this game."

Steelers safety Troy Polamalu has had seven concussions since his high school days in Oregon, several at Southern California, yet he remains one of the game's best defensive players. His latest concussion occurred last year against the Giants.

Ward would be worried if he had that many concussions himself.

"I can't speak for Troy," Ward said. "But it is a concern. If you're having multiple concussions, you really need to think about 25 years down the line. You could be a fruitcake. When you have one, two, that's part of football. When you have multiples, you've got to think about it."

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and he did it."

The knee injury may have set Doc back a year, but that didn't stop him from staying focused and working hard to be the player he had dreamed of. To prove it, he has started at cornerback in all six games this season and has 10 tackles and six break-ups thus far.

"He set a great example of what to look for," senior linebacker Keaton Kristick said. "He really is a leader on and off the field."

Doc hasn't managed to snatch an interception yet, and his teammates are making fun of him for it. So he made them a deal: he's not cutting his hair until he gets a pick.

"There's a joke going on right now saying that I'm going to have dreads like Jacquizz and James because I've dropped three interceptions, but we'll finish strong," Dockery said.

The junior describes himself as a competitor in many aspects of his life on and off the field and that he has always worked hard to get what he wants out of life.

"I'm a really self-driven person so once I get a goal in my mind I look at it as a competition," Dockery said. "I may not be going against an opponent, but I look at myself as an opponent. It's all about if I can outwork being lazy or being distracted and fix my mind on a goal and achieve it. That's something I thrive off of."

Without a doubt, Dockery has proven that you can come back bigger and better than before.

In the wise words of Kristick, "He's what Oregon State football is all about."

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Nelson, the Tarver brothers, or frankly anyone who represents the orange and black at the Division I level.

But for the sake of space, I'll reference only one specific story. Hours after Saturday's game had ended, a large group of students saw the Rodgers brothers at a local food joint. I would know, because I was there. The drama that unfolded around me was priceless. I had been wondering since my junior year of high school (when I used to follow Jacquizz's Friday night high school games online) how I, and others, would react to seeing him or his brother up close for the first time.

It played out just the way I imagined it would. My fears of being "that creeper freshman" were put at ease.

Two guys in front of me turned to each other and experienced the "Oh my God, do you see what I see?" moment simultaneously. Two girls behind me excitedly argued about who was who. (Quizz has the highlights, duh.) Both groups of people drew "they must be freshmen"

comments from the people to my right.

I preceded to pull out my phone (no, NOT to take a picture) and sent a text to my little sister, who had previously made me promise her an autograph if I ever saw either of the Rodgers brothers. She responded in awe, telling me to talk to them. I decided not to say anything to either as they walked by — but only because I didn't want to draw a third "must be a freshman" comment, not because I was embarrassed by reacting the exact same way my middle school sister did.

It's a stage everyone goes through in life (at least, those who watch and care about sports). It's just like adapting to living away from your parents and adapting to cramming for college midterms. People have to adapt to seeing athletes in person that they're used to seeing only on TV.

Everyday this year, you're going to see somebody who's more than likely a heck of a lot better at sports than you; whether it be at an off-campus McDonalds, on the way to class or during an intramural basketball game.

So I sat there, wondering to myself, did I pass or did I fail the quiz? Some would say I passed because I remained calm. Some would say I failed because I missed out on a chance to meet the best brother duo in the country. And I'm sure I'll run into the problem many more times this year; there's plenty of other star-struck-worthy Beavers I haven't seen yet.

I never reached a conclusion on what I should have done, or what I'll do the next time. But when all the rest of you freshmen out there encounter the same scenario, just know there's nothing wrong with you if you react like a 13-year-old girl meeting Miley Cyrus.

All you athletes out there realize that freshmen will be freshmen. They receive a "get out of jail free card" that lasts the whole year. Don't act surprised or freaked out when they act like they've never been there before when they see you, because they haven't been there.

No matter how many times they've played it out in their minds over and over again.

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43 games for the Beavers throughout his college career, suffered a season ending knee injury before the regular season got underway. Hughes was selected in the sixth round by the San Diego Chargers, and should compete for playing time next season.

Keenan Lewis, cornerback, was drafted in the third round by the defending Super Bowl champions Pittsburgh Steelers. He played in their first game, but has since been deactivated. He started 48 games at Oregon State.

In Buffalo, Andy Levitre has started all five games at guard for the Bills. Levitre started 39 games at tackle for Oregon State and was the highest selected Beaver in April's draft (second round — 51st overall).

Twelve other former Oregon State players are on NFL rosters at the moment: Dwan Edwards (DT, Baltimore), Keith Ellison (LB, Buffalo), Matt Moore (QB Carolina), Chad Ochocinco (WR, Cincinnati), Derek Anderson (QB, Cleveland), Gerard Lawson (DB, Cleveland), Nick Barnett (LB, Green Bay), Kyle DeVan (C, Indianapolis), Adam Koets (OL, New York Giants), Steven Jackson (RB, St. Louis), TJ Houshmandzadeh (WR, Seattle) and Sabby Piscitelli (S, Tampa Bay).

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2009: James Dockery's time

After sitting out the 2008-2009 season, junior cornerback comes out strong

By Maria Bruggere
THE DAILY BAROMETER

He might look skinny, but never underestimate the power and integrity of 6-foot-1-inch, 180-lbs James Dockery, under any circumstances.

Being lightweight never affected his ego either. It was more of a motivational factor. The junior cornerback from La Quinta, Calif. may have a similar story to many college level athletes involving a pre-season injury; however, the way he tells it is somewhat different.

"He's small and skinny, but he's got a big heart," sophomore safety Lance Mitchell said.

After redshirting in 2006, Dockery, who also goes by Doc, played his 2007 freshman season on special teams, raking in 12 tackles and playing in every game. Doc had a strong fall camp preceding the 2008 season, and his hopes were high to come out his sophomore year and gain experience as a corner.

"I'm strong for my size and I work out really hard, you know, I don't miss any workouts or anything like that," Dockery said. "I've been skinny my whole life playing football."

"He's got enthusiasm for everything and football is just part of that," head coach Mike Riley said.

Unfortunately, his hopes were put on hold a week before the first game because of a torn ligament in his knee he suffered that would require surgery, as well as sitting out the entire 2008-2009 season. It was at that moment that Doc had to decide how he was going to react to this obstacle.

"I thought, 'It's this going to be the defining moment where my career ends off a knee injury, or am I going to work

harder to bounce back and be the starter I wanted to be for Oregon State?'" Dockery said. "I definitely had goals to be a starter. That was something I thought about myself, it was something I wrote down, that's something that my parents knew and my friends knew — I wanted to come back."

Through his struggle, Dockery credits his friends and family for giving him the support he needed on his long road to recovery. His friend Nick, who is also from Palm Desert, was in Oregon to take care of him, drive him to appointments and rehab, and to keep him on track.

"There were a lot of long nights and tough weekends when the team was out on the road and I was in Corvallis with everyone else watching like a true fan. I knew that was still a part of the team and that those were my brothers out there," Dockery said.

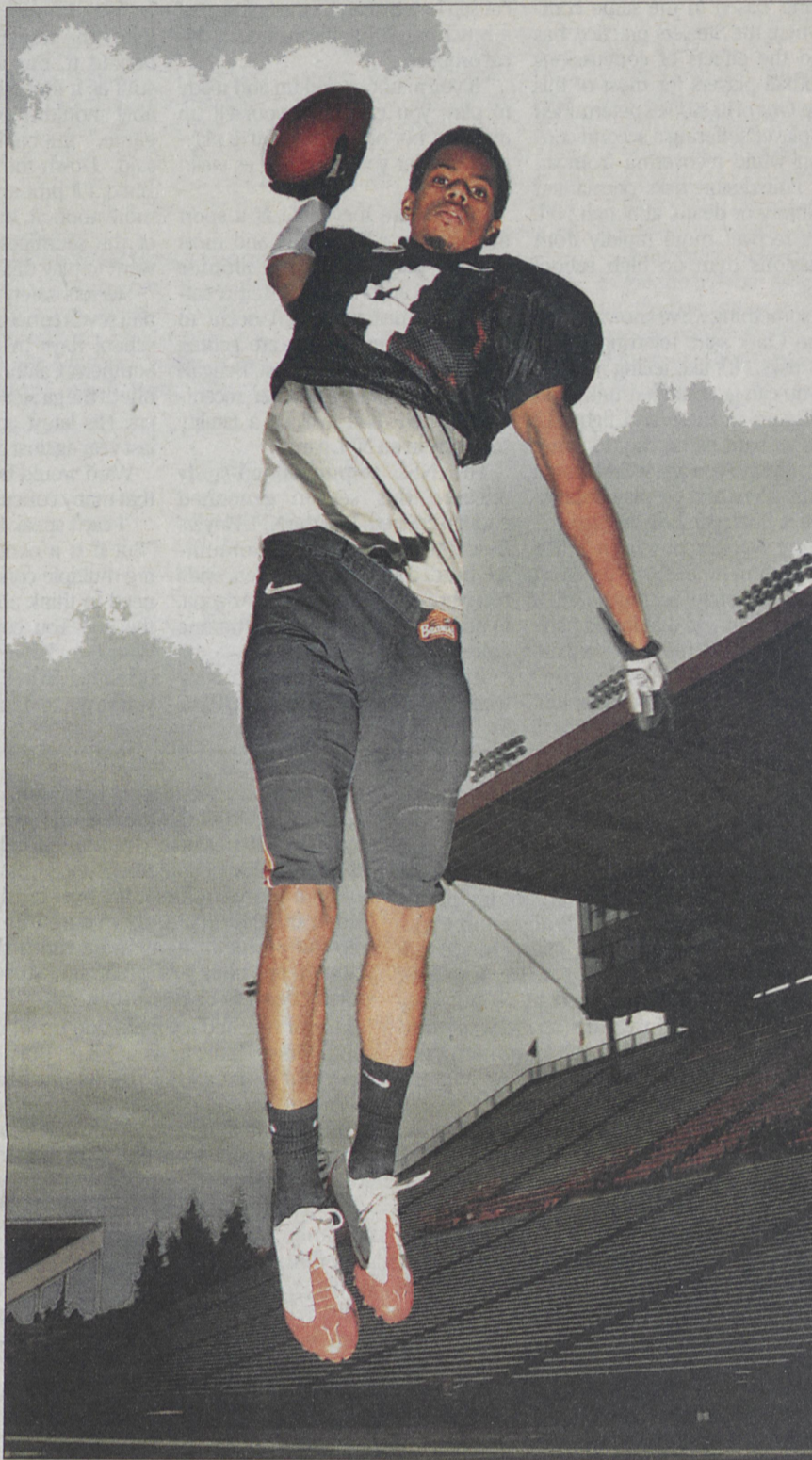
Dockery also looked up to fellow teammate, sophomore tight end Joe Halahuni, who also made the struggle to get back into the game after a knee injury of his own in 2007.

"Joe went through a knee surgery before me and he helped me, just telling me what to expect and how it was going to feel," Dockery said. "There were plenty of days where I didn't have the desire to get up and work hard, but everyone stayed on me and made sure I took care of business."

The decision was clear — Doc was going to come back, regardless. As he began his road to recovery, it was his personality and work ethic that impressed his coaches and teammates. In turn, it gave him the confidence he needed to get back on the field.

"Knowing who Doc is, he wasn't going to let that (injury) keep him down," Mitchell said. "He said he was going to do it

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Junior cornerback James Dockery has made a big impact this year as one of the less experienced players on defense. He's recorded 10 tackles and six break-ups so far this season.

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Freshmen: don't be star struck

Early Saturday evening, sophomore running back Jacquizz Rodgers faced his quiz of the week: Could the reigning Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year bounce back from three straight sub-100 yard rushing games?

Quiz passed with flying colors — racking up 270 all-purpose yards (189 rushing, 82 receiving) and four touchdowns, which was good enough to earn Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Late Saturday night, many OSU students faced a quiz of their own involving the Oregon State star: "If I happen to see the five-foot-seven big man on campus, how am I supposed to react?"

Or, in general terms: "If I see an Oregon State athlete that I've dreamed about meeting, how am I supposed to avoid looking like a fool?"

"Because for all of the freshmen out there, running into a sports icon isn't something they're used to.

Coming out of high school (particularly those who went to school in Oregon, where Scout.com one-stars are treated like gods) the biggest stars on campus were the kids that could dunk. If someone got shown in a two second clip of the crowd on ESPN, they achieved instant celebrity status. In short, going to college with someone who plays on, and is talked about and worshipped on, ESPN takes some getting used to.

So what is the point of this? Well, to assure all the star-struck.

Freshmen out there should know that they aren't alone in this fight. Don't laugh, upperclassmen, you all know you were once a star-struck freshman as well.

Freshmen can be star-struck by many OSU athletic figures: Sean Canfield, Lyle Moevao, Keaton Kristick, Craig Robinson, Roberto

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Carnival coming on Halloween

Get your costume ready for the fourth annual Oregon State Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)/ Oregon State University Athletics Fall Carnival Sat., Oct. 31. The Carnival will be held in conjunction with the Beavers' Homecoming football game at Reser Stadium against the UCLA Bruins.

The festivities begin at either 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. (check osubeavers.com the week of Oct. 19 for exact time) at Parker Plaza outside the east entrance to Reser Stadium and will last approximately two hours. There will be prizes for kids, including backpacks, mini footballs and, of course, candy.

Men's golf finishes fourth

FAIRFAX, Calif. — The No. 2 Oregon State men's golf team finished fourth after rain and wind canceled the final round at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational at the Meadow Club.

Heavy and ongoing rain and wind forced the third and final round to be canceled due to the course becoming unplayable. The second round results are now the final results.

The Beavers finished 14-under par with junior Diego Velasquez finishing tied for third at 7-under (135).

Oregon State now travels across the country to Jonesborough, Tenn. to compete at the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate Oct. 16-17.

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Former Beavers make it big in the NFL

Seven drafted former Beaver football players showcase their skills across country

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State football program sent seven players from last year's nine-win team to the NFL. The seven — all of whom were selected in April's NFL Draft — were the most Oregon State players ever taken in one draft. This season, six of those seven are on an NFL 53-man roster.

Sammie Stroughter, who earned All-Pac-10 honors as a wide receiver his senior year at Oregon State, has begun his professional football career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. He has had at least one reception in each of Tampa Bay's first five games, racking up 10 catches for 86 yards over that span. After getting picked in the seventh and final round of the draft, Stroughter has exceeded expectations. He's established himself as the team's third wide receiver behind veterans Antonio Bryant and Michael Clayton.

The selection of Oregon State's Al Afalava has helped stabilize the Chicago Bears secondary this season. Afalava was picked in the sixth round and has started all four games at strong safety for the Bears. He

has 15 tackles, one sack, and four pass deflections. He's the third rookie safety to start for the Bears in the past five seasons. Afalava earned honorable mention All-Pac-10 twice at OSU.

Victor Butler, who recorded 22.5 sacks en route to earning first team All-Pac-10 honors last year as Beaver, has played in all five Dallas Cowboy games this season. Butler was selected in the fourth round of April's draft by "America's Team," and has accumulated five tackles, two sacks and one forced fumble so far in 2009. The sacks and the forced fumble came in front of a national audience in Dallas' week three win over the Carolina Panthers on Monday Night Football. Butler played defensive end at Oregon State, but now plays outside linebacker in the Cowboys 3-4 defensive scheme.

Butler's fellow defensive end at OSU, Slade Norris, was also selected in the fourth round of the draft. Norris was taken by the Oakland Raiders, but didn't make their roster. He is currently on their practice squad.

Both of the Oregon State cornerbacks drafted made an NFL roster, but neither has seen much of the field. Brandon Hughes, who started

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Former defensive ends Slade Norris and Victor Butler take down Oregon during the 2008 Civil War. Norris is on the Cardinal practice squad and Butler plays for the Cowboys.