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Roadtrip Nation RV camps out in MU quad

Program sends students across the nation to interview people in specific fields of study

By Kate Welter
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Anyone walking through the MU Quad yesterday would have had trouble getting all the way through due to the unusual placement of a large green RV blocking the middle section.

Those who stopped to observe what exactly was going on were offered free pizza, candy, hats, fliers and promotional DVDs.

The RV belonged to Roadtrip Nation, a program that has been traveling to different college campuses, brought to OSU by Career Services and MUPC.

Roadtrip Nation, sponsored by State Farm insurance, focuses on questioning conformity and encourages all of its participants to explore possibilities outside of their comfort zone. They send people to travel with a certain budget in order to interview various individuals in a specified field of study.

"This was a great opportunity for us to team up with Career Services on the Roadtrip Nation event, especially because of the three OSU students who were participants in the program this year," said Jennifer Lam, a junior in general science



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Sean Connell, Kevin McIntosh and Scott Rosenbalm relax in the Roadtrip Nation RV yesterday in the MU quad. The three students traveled to San Francisco through Roadtrip Nation and helped promote the program yesterday.

and an MUPC director. "We are very excited that these students were able to represent OSU in such an inspiring television series."

RTN's "Behind the Wheel" pro-

gram picks three groups of people to spend six weeks of their summer traveling the nation in one of the green RVs, hoping to help them decide what they want to do with

their lives. Their road trip experience is captured on film and airs on PBS the following fall season.

RTN also offers an "Independent See ROADTRIP | page 3

Beaver Sports Show recognized at CBI awards

"The Beaver Sports Show" a finalist in two divisions, second nomination in a row

By Ryan Gunderson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University is often considered a research university best known for engineering, ecology, pharmacy, forestry and other scientific areas; however OSU also boasts a nationally-recognized television station, KBVR.

The College Broadcasting, Inc. (CBI) awards were in Austin, Texas, during Halloween weekend, and OSU was represented well by KBVR, a finalist in two divisions.

"It was really awesome to be able to compare our work to all the other schools," said Allie Strauss, a senior in new media communications and co-creator of "The Beavers Sports Show". "There were a lot of good programs there. It was really exciting."

In addition to being a finalist for the best sports broadcast in the nation, KBVR was also up for the best news reporting segment for their gymnastics coverage. "The Beaver Sports Show's" nomination was their second in a row, according to the CBI website.

"When I left, we were doing pretty good, and I was very proud of what the team and I had accomplished," said John Hendricks, an OSU alumnus and co-creator of "The Beaver Sports Show."

"It's exciting to see that your work is ranked up there with some of the best journalism programs in the country."

OSU does not have a journalism program, but does have a new media communications option, which serves as a substitute for journalism. Although NMC is more inclusive and deals with things that journalism does not, such as video games, some students still wish OSU had a college of journalism.

"If we were bigger, we'd be able to do a lot more, and I feel like a lot more students would want to be involved," said Matt Gonzalez, a senior in new media communications. "Right now, we're still so small that a lot of people don't even realize we exist."

Still, that hasn't stopped the students at KBVR from creating some-

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SHS brings Great American Smokeout to students

Event shows dangers of tobacco use, provides attendees with local resources available to help quit smoking

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Student Health Services brought the Great American Smokeout to the OSU campus yesterday in an effort to help staff and students find a way to break the unhealthy habit of smoking.

The Great American Smokeout is an anti-smoking event sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

"We know that quitting smoking is tough and that most smokers have to try several times before quitting for good," said Alan G. Thorson, national volunteer president for the American Cancer Society. "... We hope that smokers will use the Great American Smokeout to map out a course of action that will help them to quit, and in turn to stay well and celebrate more birthdays."

Those putting on the OSU Great American Smokeout were providing information on the dangers of tobacco use while also informing students of local resources they have at their disposal but may not know about. They also provided events such as trading in tobacco

products for gum and a raffle.

"We're not trying to scare people into quitting," said Lauren Wagner, a junior in public health and a peer coordinator for Peer Health Advocates. "We just want to let them know if they want to quit that we have resources."

One of those resources is the OSU Tobacco Cessation Program that is offered by Student Health Services. The program is free for OSU students and offers a quit kit and one-on-one services.

"We want to get the word out about the Tobacco Cessation Program ... They give you the tools to quit," said Dan Fischer, a junior in pre-pharmacy.

A 2006 survey by the American College Health Association showed 2.4 percent of OSU students smoked cigarettes everyday, 68 percent have never smoked and that the number of students who use tobacco has steadily increased over the years.

The event was held during the ISOSU Coffee Hour, where several international students were able to get information about tobacco use.

One of those students was Alfonc Rakaj, a sophomore in political science, who doesn't smoke but says

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PHA peer coordinator Lauren Wagner demonstrates a display to students at the Great American Smokeout Monday in the MU.

Oregon State forensics team makes presence known at tournament

Four members of the team placed in individual speech events including best speaker

By Katrina Lorengel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students from the OSU forensics team took home more than just trophies at the Coyote Classic Speech and Debate Tournament in Idaho two weeks ago.

The OSU forensics team was created in 1868 and was the only extra-curricular activity at OSU (then Oregon Agricultural College). The team is a member of the National Parliamentary Debate Association. According to their website, the debate teams have recently finished as high as 33rd in the world in Parliamentary Debate.

The team is also a member of a regional organization focused on the development of public-cen-

tered argumentation and debate skills known as the Northwest Intercollegiate Forensics League.

Mark Porrovecchio, an assistant professor in speech communications and the director of forensics, has been the director for three years. Porrovecchio said the team helps students develop their public speaking skills and critical thinking. Students also get to practice things they are learning in their other classes.

"Forensics is truly a co-curricular activity," Porrovecchio said. "I would urge any student interested in developing their skills to seriously consider joining the team."

Four members of the team placed in individual speech events. Dalicia Fennell placed first in novice prose interpretation and novice impromptu speaking; Loni Sturm placed second in open persuasive speaking; David Kubota, an English major, placed third in after dinner speaking;

and Morgan Mansker, a pre-communications major, placed third in open prose interpretation.

In the International Public Debate Association debate, Sturm was named overall best speaker and received a gold medal in open debate. Fennell and Mansker both received silver medals in open debate. Fennell was ranked third-best speaker and Mansker was ranked sixth. The ninth-best speaker was Andrew Leder, who received a bronze medal in open debate.

The team earned second place in the Sweepstakes Award debate category.

Andrew Leder, a senior majoring in speech communication, has been on the team two years and recently received first place in extemporaneous speaking at Lewis and Clark.

"I believe forensics is one of the

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Students from OSU's forensic team, shown above, took home several awards at the Coyote Classic Speech and Debate Tournament.

TOP STORY

Iran charging 3 American hikers with espionage, prosecutor says

TEHRAN — Iran is charging three American hikers held here with espionage, a Tehran prosecutor said Monday.

The announcement came only days after U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton met privately with the families of Shane Bauer, Sarah Shourd and Josh Fattal, who were detained along the Iran-Iraq border at the end of July.

Tehran's prosecutor general, Abbas Ja'afari Dolatabadi, announced the charges in an interview with the official Iranian news agency IRNA.

"The charge against the three U.S. citizens who were arrested on the Iran-Iraq border is espionage. Investigation of their cases is in progress," he told IRNA, adding: "There will be more to say (about them) soon."

Authorities in Iran had earlier charged the three with illegally entering the country, according to the semi-official Fars News Agency.

Clinton repeated Monday the Obama administration's call for the release of the hikers, requesting that the Iranian government "exercise compassion."

"We believe strongly that there is no evidence to support any charge whatsoever," said Clinton, speaking in Berlin.

"The allegation that our loved ones may have been engaged in espionage is untrue," said a statement from the hikers' families. "It is entirely at odds with the people Shane, Sarah and Josh are and with anything that Iran can have learned about them since they were detained."

White House spokesman Robert

Gibbs said Monday the three hikers are "innocent young people who should be released by the Iranian government."

He said the United States has not obtained confirmation of the charges through Swiss emissaries.

Dolatabadi also said a Danish journalism student who was arrested last week in Iran is still under investigation.

"A journalist must have an official permit from authorized officials," he told IRNA. "Therefore, the investigation will continue. We have also requested information from the Ministry of Culture and Islamic Guidance (which accredits foreign journalists) and after they respond to our inquiry we will make our decision."

Dolatabadi said Iran "allowed the attorney for the Danish Embassy here today to visit" Niels Kroghsgaard, who was arrested Nov. 4.

Danish media reported Saturday that Kroghsgaard, a journalism student from the University of Southern Denmark, had been arrested when he was at the demonstrations marking the 30th anniversary of the storming of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

He was in Tehran to prepare a media project for his graduation, according to the International Federation of Journalists.

The project was on the situation in Iran 30 years after the revolution, Anne Lea Landsted, administrator at the Centre for Journalism at the University of Southern Denmark, told CNN. Another student who went to Iran is now back in Denmark, she said.

"The supervisors spent a lot of time talking about security," she said, "and we didn't want them to take part in any demonstrations or things that could be dangerous."

It is unclear whether Kroghsgaard took part in the demonstrations. "All we know is that he was near the protest when he was caught," Landsted said. "His friend told him to stay away from the demonstration the last time they spoke."

She said officials at the Danish Foreign Ministry have told her they have located the prison where Kroghsgaard is being held and have been promised they will be able to visit him on Tuesday.

The two students had applied to visit Iran as students — not as journalists, she said, as they had not yet received their degrees.

Clinton Thursday repeated a call to the Iran government to release the three American hikers on humanitarian grounds. "As a mother my heart went out to all of them. I cannot imagine what it would feel like to know that your child was in prison for now 100 days with very little contact between you and them," she said.

"I told them that we are doing everything we possibly could to get Shane and Joshua and Sarah home. And we are exploring every angle. Obviously I would hope that the government of Iran would free them on humanitarian and compassionate basis and return them to their families," she said.

The United States, which has no diplomatic relations with Iran, has relied on the Swiss to appeal directly for the hikers' release. A Swiss diplo-

mat has met twice with the Americans in their Iranian prison.

The most recent visit was on October 29, the hikers' families said the following day.

The 40-minute visit took place at Evin Prison in Tehran, where Bauer, 27, Shourd, 31, and Fattal, 27, are being held.

"We were informed via the State Department that Shane, Sarah and Josh are in good physical shape and we're obviously happy they received another visit," the families said in a written statement. "Today marks exactly three months since our children were detained and we urge the Iranian authorities to let our children speak to us directly. Every time our telephones ring, we hope they it is them calling to tell us they've been released."

The Swiss diplomats took clothes and other supplies, including books and writing papers, to the Americans, the statement said.

State Department spokesman Ian Kelly told CNN that the Swiss ambassador was granted the second consular visit after several requests.

A senior State Department official told CNN that it was reported the three seemed to be nervous and scared, but also appeared to be in good physical and psychological health.

The Americans were detained on July 31, when, according to their families, they accidentally strayed across an unmarked border into Iran while on a hiking trip in Iraqi Kurdistan.

The only other consular access came when Swiss diplomats visited the hikers on September 29.

— CNN

NEWS IN BRIEF

White House sharply denies any Afghanistan troop decision

By Ed Henry
CNN

WASHINGTON — White House National Security Adviser Retired Gen. Jim Jones issued a rare public statement Monday vehemently denying media reports that suggest President Barack Obama has privately decided to send close to 40,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan.

"Reports that President Obama has made a decision about Afghanistan are absolutely false," Jones, who has a low public profile, said in a statement. "He has not received final options for his consideration, he has not reviewed those options with his national security team, and he has not made any decisions about resources. Any reports to the contrary are completely untrue and come from uninformed sources."

The statement was issued shortly after CBS News' veteran Pentagon correspondent David Martin reported that Obama has "tentatively decided" to send four more combat brigades to Afghanistan

and thousands more support troops starting early next year. That would bring the total number of new troops to close to the 40,000 more troops originally requested by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan.

Two other senior administration officials told CNN that the CBS report and other similar speculation is false.

The two senior administration officials suggested the information is being leaked by Pentagon sources who are trying to box in Obama by setting public expectations that he will send close to 40,000 more troops to Afghanistan, as requested by McChrystal.

"People at the Pentagon are trying to force a certain outcome," one of the senior administration officials told CNN.

Both senior administration officials insisted Obama has not made any decision on troop levels in Afghanistan, noting that the president has another meeting with his national security team

Wednesday to receive a final set of recommendations from the Pentagon brass. The senior officials said the president could not possibly make a decision on troop levels before receiving the Pentagon's final recommendations.

Meanwhile, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Monday it was "doubtful" that Obama will announce a troop decision before he leaves for a trip to Asia on Thursday. Gibbs added it also was unlikely that Obama would make such an announcement during his trip to Asia, which is largely focused on economic matters and separate diplomatic issues like North Korea's nuclear program.

Obama is scheduled to return from Asia on November 20, after stops in Japan, Singapore, China, and South Korea. Officials have suggested Obama could announce a troop decision shortly before or after Thanksgiving.

Gibbs has said repeatedly the decision will be revealed in "coming weeks."

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Meetings

ASOSU, 7pm, MU 109A. Meeting of the 69th ASOSU Senate.

College Democrats, 6pm, MU 207. Come join us! We will be talking about our experience at Powershift and how we are working to protect OSU.

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. "Come & Go" Lunch. Cheap eats, rich conversation.

Sexual Health Club, 5:30-7pm, Women's Center. Meet & Greet. We will be planning the year's events and getting to know each other. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Native American Longhouse, 9:30am-Noon, Native American Longhouse. Free Diabetes Screening! Please make sure to not eat 8-12 hours before test.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Meetings

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.

College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room. Weekly meeting, occasional guest speakers and free food.

Events

Beaver Yearbook, 11am-3pm, 231 MU East/Snell Hall. Free Portraits — Come by to be included in this year's book!

Women's Center, 7:30pm, Women's Center. Strength From Our Sisters. A film viewing of "The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo." Discussion and refreshments to follow.

Native American Longhouse, 5-6pm, MU East Kitchen. Fry Bread 101: Please join us for a fry bread demonstration class to get some hands-on experience making fry bread.

Thursday, Nov. 12

Meetings

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.

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper, spiritual discussion.

Native American Longhouse, 4:30-5:30pm, Native American Longhouse. Flute night with professor Jan Michaels.

Friday, Nov. 13

Events

Beaver Yearbook, 11am-3pm, 231 MU East/Snell Hall. Free Portraits — Come by to be included in this year's book!

Native American Longhouse, Noon-2pm, Native American Longhouse. Movie Night: Incident at Oglala. Join us for a free movie and discussion. Free popcorn!

Sunday, Nov. 15

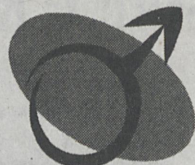
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Flying Club, 11am-3pm, Corvallis Airport. Open House offers plane rides over campus.

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House, Senate differ sharply on health care reform

By Alan Silverleib
CNN

WASHINGTON — Where does the battle for health care reform go from here? More importantly, what does it mean for you?

Democrats made history over the weekend when the House of Representatives approved the biggest expansion of medical coverage since Medicare was enacted over four decades ago. President Barack Obama now stands closer to realizing the Democratic dream of universal coverage than any of his White House predecessors since Harry Truman after World War II.

But top Democrats know that it is far too early to celebrate. The road to final passage of health care legislation is still long and bumpy.

The more conservative Senate — where it is much easier for the GOP minority to stifle the will of the Democratic majority — has yet to pass its own version of a health care bill. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada last week signaled uncertainty over whether that will happen this year.

If the Senate manages to pass a bill, a congressional conference committee will need to merge the House and Senate proposals into a consensus version requiring final approval from each chamber before moving to Obama's desk to be signed into law.

That said, Democratic leaders in the House and Senate have already reached agreement on a broad range of changes that could impact every American's coverage.

Among other things, they have agreed to subsidize insurance for a family of four making up to roughly \$88,000 annually, or 400 percent of the federal poverty level.

They have also agreed to create health

insurance exchanges designed to make it easier for small businesses, self-employed and the unemployed to pool resources and purchase less expensive coverage. Both the House plan and a plan approved by the Senate Finance Committee would limit total out-of-pocket expenses and prevent insurance companies from denying coverage for pre-existing conditions.

Insurers would also be barred from charging higher premiums based on a person's gender or medical history.

Medicaid — the government-run health care plan for the poor — would be significantly expanded under both proposals. The House bill would extend coverage to individuals earning up to 150 percent of the poverty line, or roughly \$33,000 for a family of four; the Senate Finance Committee plan ensures coverage to those earning up to 133 percent of the poverty level, or just over \$29,000 for a family of four.

Democratic leaders in both chambers agree on establishing non-profit health care cooperatives and stripping insurance companies of an anti-trust exemption that has been in place since the end of World War II.

What are the major differences?

For starters, the House bill is more expansive — and hence expensive — than the Senate Finance Committee bill. The House bill, projected to guarantee coverage for 96 percent of Americans, will cost more than \$1 trillion over the next ten years, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

The Senate Finance Committee bill, estimated to cover 94 percent of Americans, comes with a smaller \$829 billion price tag, according to the CBO.

One of the biggest divides between House and Senate Democrats is over how to pay for the plans. The House package

is financed through a combination of a tax surcharge on wealthy Americans and new spending constraints in Medicare and Medicaid.

Specifically, individuals with annual incomes over \$500,000 — as well as families earning more than \$1 million — would face a 5.4 percent income tax surcharge.

The Finance Committee measure also trims entitlement programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. It does not include a tax surcharge on the wealthy, however. It would instead impose a new tax on so-called "Cadillac" health plans valued at more than \$8,000 for individuals and \$21,000 for families.

Proponents of the tax on high-end plans argue it's one of the most effective ways to curb medical inflation. A large number of House Democrats are adamantly opposed to taxing such policies, arguing that such a move would hurt union members who traded higher salaries for more generous benefits.

Another key sticking point: the dispute over a government-run public option. The House plan includes a public option, while the Senate Finance Committee plan does not. Reid has pledged to add a version of the public option to the Senate measure, but would give individual states until 2014 to decide whether they want to opt out.

Individuals under both plans would be required to purchase coverage, but the House bill includes more stringent penalties for most of those who fail to comply. The Finance Committee plan would require individuals to purchase health insurance coverage or face a fine of up to \$750. The House bill would impose a fine of up to 2.5 percent of an individual's income.

Both versions include a hardship exemption for poorer Americans.

ROADTRIP

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Roadtrip Grant" option, where participants drive their personal vehicle and hold a smaller grant budget. While their experiences are still filmed, they are available to view on the RTN website.

The three participating OSU students were Kevin McIntosh, Sean Connell and Scott Rosenbalm, all juniors in electrical and computer engineering. They signed up to participate last year when RTN came to OSU's campus.

After several phases of questioning, they were presented by State Farm with a \$1,000 grant to travel to any location of their choosing to interview individuals that they find inspiring, specifically in the field of electrical and computer engineering.

"The three of us signing up was all based on a whim," McIntosh said. "We saw a big,

green RV in the MU quad and went to see what was going on. The next they we knew, we were being contacted to go on this road trip in the summer, which we were pretty ecstatic about when we found out."

The three men decided to travel to the California Bay Area, including San Francisco and Berkeley, for a six day road trip in their 1993 Ford Tempo, nicknamed "Betsy."

"I highly recommend that other students become involved with Roadtrip Nation," Connell said. "It was a great experience and way worth the trip."

McIntosh, Connell and Rosenbalm were the first OSU students to ever be featured on RTN. Their episode was shown last night in MU 109 to other interested students and community members.

Other RTN participants were present in the MU quad.

"I wanted to see what other options that (were) out there," said Denise Cartwright, 20,

of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a partaker in RTN's most recent "Behind the Wheel" program. "I was able to focus more on self exploration and start to be able to understand who I was, as well as realize that I am not defined by my career."

OSU Career Services has continually had RTN return to campus because of their similar values of getting individuals to conduct informational interviews to discover not only what they would like to do with their lives, but also more about themselves.

"Our message is that students learn most from talking to real people," said Adry Clark, an assistant director in Career Services. "We encourage students to explore and be exposed to people different from what they grew up with through interviews with people in various careers and companies. Roadtrip Nation is a great opportunity for students to expand their horizons."

Career Services is interested in helping students to find what they are passionate about and promote them in taking risks, all the while providing them with support and resources.

Clark also expressed excitement for Career Services to be teaming up with MUPC for the first time.

"It was great to get to collaborate with MUPC because they are concerned with creating fun activities for students to get together to learn and become educated," Clark said. Students interested in either RTN options are encouraged to apply and find more information on www.roadtripnation.com.

Also, those looking for help from Career Services should visit www.oregonstate.edu/career, or call 541-737-0532 to make an appointment.

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SMOKEOUT

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he knows many smokers who could benefit from this sort of information.

"A lot of them say they want to (quit smoking)," Rakaj said. "But it's a habit, it's something you rely on."

He also mentioned that smoking has varying significance to different cultures.

"Albania has a high percentage of smokers," Rakaj said.

Another Great American Smokeout event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the MU quad, weather permitting, or in the Trysting Tree Lounge if it rains.

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KBVR

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thing noteworthy in a relatively small amount of time.

"We started out real small," said Strauss, "maybe only five of us. But we've grown a lot in the last couple of years." With Hendricks now in Bend working for a morning news show, Strauss said that the show is getting a fresh start and they're just trying to find their identity.

"We have new producers this year and we're always looking for ways to improve and make the show more exciting. Now that we've got the foundation built, it's been fun helping the show grow," Strauss said.

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FORENSICS

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few organizations that allows for the participants to actively challenge differing perspectives," Leder said. "This allows for deeper level of analysis in everyday situations."

According to Leder, topics for debate can range from mandatory retirement age for Supreme Court justices to Barbie sending the wrong message to girls.

Earlier in the term, the team competed in the Steven Hunt Classic Speech and Debate Tournament at Lewis and Clark

College. Dalicia Fennell, a junior majoring in English and secondary education, was a finalist for novice impromptu in the debate while Patrick Chambers placed second.

"I try to view competitions as another opportunity to improve my speaking skills. It's extremely beneficial to attend these and meet competitors from other colleges and universities because you can learn from each other," Fennell said.

"Forensics" is rooted from the Western world's classical experience, according to the OSU forensics website. The primary purpose in joining forensics is to

gain skills in argumentation and public speaking. Loni Sturm, a junior majoring in English, said keeping up on current events helps her stay prepared.

"Winning is nice but our coach has always reinforced the idea that the awards really don't matter," Sturm said. "The awards you take home with you don't play in that equation."

The team has two more tournaments this term and at least five more next term.

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Editorial

Think before you post

As Barometer editors, one small part of our myriad responsibilities is moderating the comments that get posted to articles on our website — which, for anyone who is curious, is dailybarometer.com.

This is simultaneously a privilege and the bane of our existence. It's wonderful to know what our audience is concerned about and talking about, and sometimes the conversation is lively, informative and engaging. But it's a time-consuming task to read through each and every comment (for some of the more heated conversations, these comments exceed hundreds of words in length) and can be a source of serious frustration.

While we generally like the concept of article comments, we feel much more reverence to good old-fashioned letters to the editor. They tend to be more conceptually mature, articulate and actually make a discernible argument. They're limited to 300 words, can be included in our daily print edition and, best of all, include the person's name and contact information, so they're held accountable for their response.

Article comments on newspaper websites were designed to be an open, constructive method of encouraging community and reader feedback and allowing the reader to interact with the newspaper and its audience. Unfortunately, this privilege gets abused frequently. Because the comments allow for anonymity, some who comment feel free to post vulgar, offensive and sometimes threatening responses because they're not held personally responsible for their views or their derogatory lambasting.

Sometimes, a newspaper will be forced to disable comments on certain stories because they know that they will be inflammatory, offensive and will do far more harm than good. While habitual posters may kick and scream because they feel that their right to democracy is being jeopardized, some stories simply speak for themselves. For example, a story of a sensitive nature involving a community figure who was arrested for dealings in child pornography is just better left alone.

We're constantly on the lookout for not only spammers, but for "trolls" as well — people who post controversial and generally off-topic responses to articles in order to elicit a response from other readers. And while there are the occasional heart-warming, thumbs up posts commending the writer of the story for their reporting, most of these comments are knee-jerk reactions to a detail of the story that the reader didn't like and make us wince (While working in the newspaper industry requires thick skin and a healthy, ironclad ego, we're still a little prone to getting our feelings hurt).

So, when posting, we encourage readers to think about their comment before submitting it. Is it something you're still going to want to stand behind five or 10 years from now? If so, consider sending us a letter. We're old school.

And, as always, don't feed the trolls.

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Queer language: Not so concerned with getting it straight

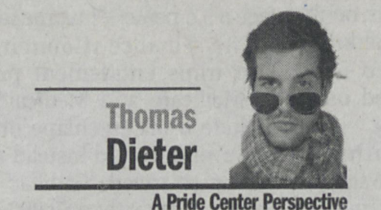
Talking about queer things is not as easy as it looks.

Oh, we queers have plenty of moles operating in straight people's offices, schools and hospitals. We are also in the military and manage to have sex lives, but don't tell anyone, okay?

From where I stand, it appears that we service straight people daily in more ways than one. But, when it comes to finding our voice amid the white noise of straight people, let's face it, we sound a little gay sometimes.

There are two categories of failed queer-language logic that strike me. They are vast generalizations and probably should not be charged with creating the foundations for a theory of anything. So there but by the grace of my Kanye West sunglasses go I.

Let's call the first category the "oh-my-god-did-you-see-Britney?" category. By referencing current pop culture icons like Britney or Kanye, the individuals who employ



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the "OMG, DYSB?" category of queer logic often already play into the current reigning political structure (and by politics, I mean Hollywood).

These figures gain access to the means of production (they are, like, on my favorite reality shows and YouTube videos!) insofar as they do not actually say anything of lasting importance. In a hegemony which absorbs dissent by embracing it fully, these queers get written off like Paris. Unfortunate. That's so un-hot.

The second category is the "you-be-crazy" category. "YBC" refers to the stuff labeled "too offensive" by most people, even liberals. This language succeeds in achieving a

great deal of distance from typically debated issues (and standpoints) by virtue of itself. In this category, we pretty much know already that queerness is affirmative rather than reactionary.

But queerness, in its self-purported freedom, does not always rub up against the heteros so well (but not out of lack of trying). After all, in the context of straight values and beliefs, queers at times embody certain taboos.

As far as I can tell, a basic premise of queer dialogue involves the inclusion of difference. It is an unfortunate coincidence, then, that different perspectives are often labeled "offensive" or "inappropriate."

After the publication of my first column in the forum, I wanted to write a piece entitled "Queer things I'm not allowed to talk about in The Barometer." I inquired about the potential inclusion of an array of supposedly risqué topics (including a few re: kink), and my editor worried that I might be trying to

obliterate some "line of decency," or at least of publication.

I never wrote the article, fearing I would spend a lot of time writing it just to have it killed on the editor's floor. Newspaper language is pretty harsh, observes the editor of the Corvallis Gazette-Times. Writers have "deadlines," articles get "killed" and reporters get "pegged" — I added that last one.

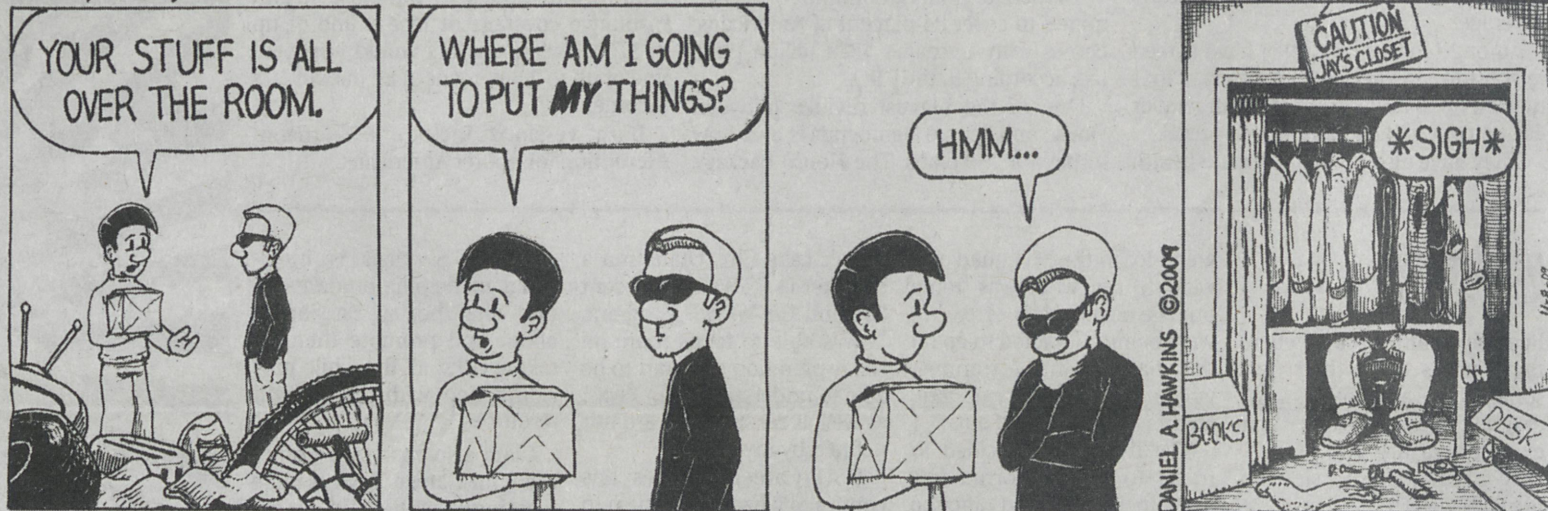
But my response depends on how the question is framed. I ask: When we adhere to social norms or play within certain lines, do we implicitly assert that there are topics which are best left excluded or taboo?

If so, then it would certainly seem that queerness takes for granted that expression and creativity are boundless and exist independently of bossy rules. The queer spaces of the "YBC" category strive to open borders, among other things.

But, sometimes we become caricatures of ourselves or something.

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Continuing the discussion surrounding health care

Recently, I wrote a column about why we need health care reform, talking about how our system fails in important ways.

This column is a follow up to explain how health care reform actually works.

First, though, I have to digress, and apologize to the cities of Albany and Millersburg for my last column. Seriously.

I wanted to illustrate the sadness of the closure of the Millersburg paper mill and the loss of jobs by juxtaposing it with the jokes people from Corvallis make about the area, mostly for having such a stinky mill.

It was meant to be facetious, but looking back I can see how some perceived it as mean. That's the result of bad writing and it's my fault, so I apologize for that.

I appreciate the feedback, though.

I also got comments and questions from numerous people on the previous health care reform column that certainly merit a response.

There's no way to get to all of them in this space, but one in particular



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The Gift of Gab

struck me as presenting a good opportunity to frame the issue of how health care reform works.

In the previous column on the topic, I avoided the topic of "how" because it is complex, and instead focused on the "why." In short, the reason why we need reform is because on the three dimensions of performance — cost, coverage and quality — our health care system falls severely short in the first two, and is merely equivalent in quality, when compared to comparable systems, such as those in Switzerland and France.

If we could just copy the Swiss system, which the present reform proposals in Congress roughly attempt to do, we'd save about 5 percent of our entire GDP in costs, leave nobody uninsured and have care that is just as good.

To skeptical readers, that must sound implausible, like the promise something for nothing.

But it is possible. To help explain, I refer to some questions sent to me by my almost brother-in-law. I'll call him by the pseudonym BIL.

BIL wrote to me asking about health care reform, asking — I'm paraphrasing here, "How will this affect me?" and "If others are getting health care at my expense, isn't that socialism?"

He isn't the only one asking these questions.

BIL works for a large company and receives employer-sponsored health insurance. Their numbers are dwindling, but, as of now, a 58 percent majority of American households still gets health insurance directly through work.

If you are reading this, odds are good that you are a student at the university, who may be enjoying insurance through your parent's work, and who is likely — but not certain — to get a job with health benefits someday.

Or, you work for the university and have employer health insur-

ance, such as Regence BlueCross BlueShield.

So, however health care reform affects BIL, it affects you too.

As well, it isn't just right-wing nuts worried about socialism right now, but also people in the independent middle of the political spectrum, like BIL. These are confusing and frightening times.

That is all the more reason to take a hard look at complicated things, like health care reform.

The various Democratic bills provide subsidies for people to purchase insurance. The total costs of those bills falls somewhere in the \$900 billion range over 10 years.

A simple way of looking at health care economics is as a zero-sum game. For people without coverage to get it, the money will somehow have to come out of the pockets of taxpaying people who now already have it, right?

Not so fast.

The different bills pay those costs in different ways. There are various proposals for new taxes: a few

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High School Musical, American Pie and OSU boys

Contrary to what you might believe chivalry isn't dead. If I'm entirely honest, my idea of U.S. youth society was based around what I'd seen in High School Musical and American Pie.

While I realized this wouldn't be a thoroughly accurate representation, I had assumed in all my years of American television I would have gleaned something of an accurate impression. I was wrong.

While the media would have you believe that all guys in their late teens and early twenties are sex-obsessed, beer-drinking and unfocused, I am finding the quite the opposite.

The men of OSU are for the most part delightful. Doors are held open, favours undertaken, drinks bought in a fashion I've only read about and have never experienced. Men I share classes with acknowledge me in coffee shops or on the street. It is not malicious or predatory, it's simply good manners.

Jarring with this however, I've recently read accusations of OSU men ogling or objectifying women as we move about campus and of men treating us like 'one of the guys'. Ladies, compared to where I'm from, you've never had it so good.

Having lived in both Britain and France, I can state with some cer-

Cate Hardy



An Outsider's Take

tainty that the calibre of American male is very different to what I am used to. Forget the dream of the charming European, in my experience you buy your own drinks, carry your own bags and, when it comes to relationships or sex, you do all the work.

According to a survey undertaken by Durex, the average number of sexual partners for an American male stands at 13, compared to 16 in the U.K. and 17 in France. Dare I hint this suggests that Americans males are perhaps more interested in a relationship as a whole rather than simply a quick hook-up?

Equally, particularly for freshmen living in halls or anyone in a Greek house, the system of roommates and sleeping porches means that sleeping together is much harder to orchestrate. Doesn't this lead to actually spending time together or, shockingly, going on a date to get to know each other?

Needless to say, the roommate system in the U.K. is obsolete, and, of all the pairings that occurred in

my first year at university there, I can only recall one couple ever actually going on a date, let alone the idea of simply meeting up with someone you're interested in for coffee.

Ladies, what you may also not appreciate is male party etiquette. When attending house parties the guys there seem socially obliged supply you with alcohol, no female need spend her own money on beer. Personally, it seems like it's taking advantage, no male from Britain would even put up with this arrangement — however attractive the girl.

Whilst partying, someone might even ask you to dance! I can assure you in twenty-one party-filled years in Europe, no one in my acquaintance has ever been asked to dance. As an aside, the grinding dance style isn't as popular in the U.K., (perhaps giving men even less of an excuse) but when it does happen, I can assure you, no one ever asks permission before standing behind a girl waving their crotch at her.

Somewhat separately, here on campus the high level of sexual assault awareness additionally teaches women to be wary of any man and that all men are possible rapists, something which is neither correct nor fair.

While the last thing I want to do is denigrate the seriousness of

sexual assault or rape (according to the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence, of the 1.3 million women living in Oregon, about 230,000 have been raped at least once in their lifetime), I think it's also dangerous to negatively label and mistrust an entire gender.

It's not a cheery fact, but perhaps it's worth remembering that the thousands of men who surround you are more likely to help than hurt you.

I may still be relatively new to this country and the subtleties of maintaining relationships here, but I can't help but be impressed by the men I've encountered. Polite, intelligent, eloquent for the most part and, unlike the in the U.K., they don't appear fifteen minutes late for class with the fragrance of stale beer seeping from their pores. So males of America: congratulations.

But still, I can't quite give up on my media-created American dream, and while I've learned to separate some fact from fiction, I'm still waiting for Zac Efron to appear and the entire student body to burst into a song-and-dance routine in the MU quad.

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For the sake of making a point, some queers deem it acceptable to say things like "the white, patriarchal, homophobic, sexist, capitalist system." FYI, straight people are frightened by the mention of most of these words.

As a result, these queers get accused to being a bit nutso-with-a-capital-Nut. Queers rarely survive a good, effective "you-be-crazy" argument.

In summation, it becomes clear that the very language embedded in each category — whether Britneyfied or wrapped up in the dialogue of power struggles — dictates how we interact with the hetero world.

But oh no, now we feel tongue-tied, caught between categories that we didn't like to begin with. What can we do?

Luckily, I recently picked up my sword-of-the-false-dichotomy from the blacksmith. With it, queers are freed from the really stale material the straight people have been giving us to work with all this time.

The other day in the plant room at a friend's house, two dudes rode by on a bike, one on the handlebars and the other pedaling.

How awesomely queer, I thought.

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percentage points on incomes over \$500k a year, a tax on medical devices, a penny tax on sugar drinks, removal of the deductibility of the so-called "Cadillac" insurance policy and other things.

With many proposals, it's hard to sort through the noise. The most likely bill to pass though is some iteration of the one passed by the Senate Finance Committee.

That bill pays for reform mostly through cost savings.

The idea is that, by limiting risk-pricing and requiring everyone to be insured, the costs of the whole system will go down.

Read it again and take it all in. By increasing government regulation on insurers, expanding the insurance pool to include costly sick and poor people, and by mandating people get insurance, the costs of the system as a whole go down.

The reason health care reform isn't overwhelmingly supported is that people don't understand this. How this works is not intuitively obvious, and many people reflexively assume that anything that involves more government is inherently inefficient.

But in the strange world of health care economics, it's the under-regulated private insurance market that wastes percentage points of our GDP on administrative costs.

There are three main reasons for this, which all take the form of market failures.

The first is that health care does not follow an important tenet of a functioning free market: that you only get what you can pay for.

In our free market, if you want a TV, you have to have the money to buy it, or you don't get a TV. If you want a new car, you have to pay for it, or you don't get a car.

We recognize that it sucks for the guy who doesn't have a car or a TV, but we feel the system is fair, and we know they will live even without those things.

By contrast, we have this crazy belief that people shouldn't lay sick and die in the streets for lack of insurance coverage.

That belief is codified into law. Hospitals cannot turn away patients in critical condition, even if those people cannot pay. What's more, many health care providers are even more generous than the law requires, voluntarily providing services for people with little or no ability to pay the bill later.

Those costs don't just disappear. Health care providers pass them on to paying customers.

So BIL and everyone else with insurance are already paying for the uninsured, and the costs are substantial.

Uninsured people get poor health care, lacking in cost-effective primary care, preventative care and prescription drugs.

Instead, they often wait until their condition is critical and they go to emergency rooms, both of which make things much more expensive.

One study from the Kaiser Family Foundation found that uninsured patients rang up \$86 billion in health care costs in 2008, and only paid for \$30 billion of it. The remaining \$56 billion in costs got shifted to paying customers — mostly people with insurance.

Thus, by explicitly providing the uninsured with subsidies for insurance, we get a substantial fraction of that money back right off the

bat, in the form of reduced cost transfers to people with Medicare, Medicaid, other government health care plans, or private insurance.

If we just wanted to be charitable — or "socialist" if you prefer — we could provide all the 40 million or so uninsured in this country with insurance for a price on the order of \$1,000 each in net costs, which is a pretty good altruistic bang for the buck.

If that were the whole equation, it might be a pretty good humanitarian investment, but that's not all.

Because, when we make the commitment to cover everyone, we have an opportunity to correct the second failure in the private insurance market, and save even more money.

Insurance companies view paying claims as expenses, which they rationally try to avoid whenever possible.

If you are an individual trying to sign up for a health insurance policy on the private market, they start by evaluating your risk profile. If you are sick, might get sick, live in a risky place or have a risky job, they will offer you a policy only at a very high price, or none at all.

Then if you have insurance and get sick, they look for any way possible to rescind your policy.

Finally, if you get insurance and get to file a claim, they put up a wall of paperwork to avoid actually paying it.

The crazy thing is, all that cost-avoiding behavior turns out to be costly. All that risk avoidance and creating of paper walls is expensive.

But for the rational insurance companies, it makes sense to do it. If a dollar in marginal cost results in them avoiding more than a dollar in claims, they will spend it.

So the result of this free market behavior is substantial administrative costs in the entire health care system, as each company competes to skim the health cream of the crop off, and leave the sick behind for others — the "others" being people like BIL.

We can see the magnitude of this waste by comparing large group plans with small group and individual plans.

Insurers of large groups, like BIL's large corporate employer, don't bother with risk analysis, and generally are more amenable to paying claims, because of the bargaining power of bulk purchasers. These relatively efficient plans typically spend around 15 percent on total administrative costs.

The reform proposals in Congress preserve the tax incentives for all of these plans not considered "Cadillac," which only includes the most generous two or three percent of them.

By contrast, policies for small groups and individuals — which includes most of the small business owners and employees some opponents of health care reform claim to champion — typically spend over 30 percent on administrative costs. The 15 percent difference is all that underwriting and other paperwork, which is all waste to the system.

The Democratic health care reform plans solve this problem by prohibiting risk pricing. If we are committed to covering everyone anyway, why let insurance companies spend tens of billions fighting to avoid covering risky patients?

Instead, they will have to compete on admin-

istrative efficiency and customer service, and the whole system will just save that underwriting money.

As well, the bills in Congress establish insurance exchanges, where customers can seek and companies can offer standardized policies, reducing costs across the board in marketing, claims and other information expenses, especially for the aforementioned small businesses.

With the first two market failures corrected, we will have complete coverage at a reduced cost. Unfortunately, those reforms alone will increase the incidence of the third market failure: free riders.

Free riders is the economics term for people who benefit from a system without paying for it.

As we know, some people who are poor or risky are priced out of the insurance market. But also, some people who could get insurance simply choose not to.

They are generally young and healthy, and believe they won't get sick, or that if they do, it will get taken care of somehow.

Most young and healthy people truly won't get sick or badly injured, but some will. Any one of us could unexpectedly incur huge medical costs, from a car accident, cancer or other unforeseeable event.

And those people will incur costs that they are unlikely to be able to pay. So just like the involuntarily uninsured, the gambling free riders also create costs for the insured.

If we just remove risk pricing by insurance, becoming a free rider would become incentivized, because anyone could simply wait until they get sick to buy insurance, which defeats the whole purpose of "insurance."

The reform bills correct this failure by creating a mandate for everyone to get insured.

I've heard from a number of people about this particular provision, describing it as a violation of our basic freedom. How can the government force us to buy insurance?

Well, if we had a system where people who decided not to buy insurance got no care, perhaps it would be fair to let them live with that risk-taking decision.

Unfortunately, though, we have a system where even gamblers get saved if they are sick and dying in the street. Given that, by going without coverage they risk imposing costs on everyone else for the medical bills of people who could afford it but decided not to buy insurance, which simply isn't fair.

So the bill has a mandate. Combined with the prohibition of risk pricing, and subsidies for lower income people, we have real insurance reform, modeled after the systems in places like Switzerland.

For people like BIL, it's a great deal. They will keep the insurance policies they have. Depending on the final bill, they may pay a small amount in extra taxes one way or another.

In exchange, they will see reductions in insurance costs (or rather, decreases in the growth rate) that more than offset those increased taxes from reduced cost shifting from the uninsured and greater efficiencies from reduced administrative expenses.

I could see an arguable case for calling it "socialism" if it was merely a charitable transfer to the poor from everyone else, but in the end most of us actually benefit.

People with insurance now get more money in their pockets. As well, they will have the security of knowing that even if they lose their jobs, as people often do, they will still have guaranteed access to basic health care, as will every American.

By correcting market failures through targeted regulation, health care reform maintains quality, increases coverage and reduces costs.

It's a proven model and a great bargain for BIL, and everyone else.

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Rowing closes out fall season

OSU men's rowing team finishes up fall season at Head of Lake Regatta

SPORTS INFORMATION

SEATTLE — The Oregon State men's rowing team closed out the fall portion of its schedule on Sunday as the Beavers competed at the Head of the Lake Regatta, hosted by the Lake Washington Rowing Club and the University of Washington.

Oregon State had a good showing at the regatta, as the junior varsity 8+ finished second in the men's JV8+ race while the Beavers placed three boats in the top 10 of the men's open 4+.

"This year we returned to Head of the Lake to test our speed against the defending

champions, Washington," head coach Steve Todd said. "Our varsity team raced in 4+'s versus some great crews, and I thought the guys raced hard, but maybe didn't execute their best performance overall."

Oregon State was tested on the 5K course that ran from Lake Union near downtown Seattle, through the Montlake Cut to Husky Stadium, and around Union Bay with the finish near Washington's Conibear Shellhouse.

Oregon State's "A" boat in the open 4+ raced to a sixth place finish, running the course in a time of 18:37.3. The Beavers' "B" boat finished in a time of 19:32.0 to finish in eighth place, as the "C" boat finished in ninth with a mark

of 19:37.9.

The Oregon State freshman line-up nearly captured the Men's JV8+ title, as the squad finished second with a time of 17:05.3. The University of Victoria Rowing Club captured the victory in the event, finishing a little over four seconds ahead of the Beavers with a mark of 17:00.9.

"Our freshman team had a great race, and I'm excited to see how the freshmen progress this season," Todd said. "Hopefully, the results fuel the guys for the winter months of training."

The regatta closed out the fall portion of the schedule for the Beavers, as Oregon State will train throughout the winter months in preparation for the 2010 schedule.

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ahead of company, including defending NCAA individual champion Matt Hill (University of North Carolina), Velasquez concerned himself with the goals of the team rather than his own.

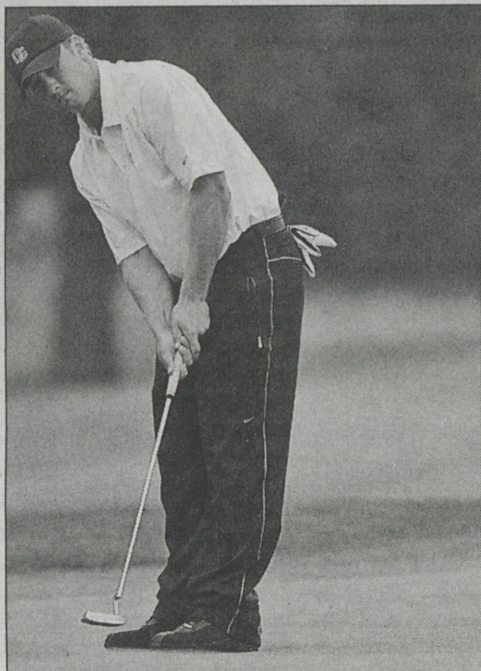
"I just had to forget about my individual title and focus on getting the team win," Velasquez said. "I didn't even think about the 66. I knew that I could go out there in the second and third rounds and shoot well. I played very solid(ly) in the next two rounds."

Given the talented player's fall season resume, it is clear that Velasquez is deserving of his most recent accolades. In late October, he was named the Golfweek Player of the Week, and over the weekend was named Pac-10 Player of the Month. Velasquez is proud to be honored in such a way, especially in the Pac-10 conference where top players abound, yet the team has remained his priority throughout his entire collegiate career.

"It is very cool to get that award, but I have to keep looking ahead and focusing on what is next," Velasquez said. "I learn from achievements like that but don't get stuck on them."

Assisting the team to victory in Tennessee was senior Mike Barry, who finished at 218 with a 2-over par effort that placed him in a tie for 20th place. This is similar to sophomore Morten Madsen, whose 219, 3-over par effort was good enough for a tie for 25th. Senior Paul Peterson and sophomore Jonnie Motomochi also contributed with rounds of 221 (+5) and 225 (+10), respectively.

Velasquez and company look to stay hot with yet another strong performance in Pebble Beach today and Tuesday. Winning this final fall season tournament is a feat that Watts believes is very much within reach for his tal-



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Senior Tyler Simpson puts during the Trysting Tree tournament that was held in

ented group of players.

"Anytime that you go into a tournament and you feel that you have prepared in the right way and all the guys are healthy, you feel like you have an opportunity to win," Watts said. "The guys have prepared well; we have had plenty of time and nice weather. We will go down and do our best and see what happens. We are hoping to finish off the fall season on a good note."

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Spangler honored Team of the Week

SPORTS INFORMATION

It was announced Monday that Oregon State sophomore goalkeeper Steve Spangler was named to the College Soccer News National Team of the Week this past week.

Spangler had one of his best performances of his career this past week when he recorded six saves in a 1-1 2OT draw against No. 5 UCLA and a 2-1 win over No. 25 San Diego State. He recorded a 1-0-1 record over the weekend.

"We're really proud of Steve and his accomplishments," Oregon State men's soccer goalkeeper coach Adam Pearce said. "It is certainly a testament to not only him but all the goalkeepers in the men's soccer program and

reflective of the team effort on the weekend. He came up big in critical moments, in particular saving the penalty kick against UCLA to keep the game tied."

Spangler blocked a penalty kick from UCLA's Michael Stephens in the 81st minute of Friday's match to preserve the tie and the first point Oregon State has taken away from UCLA on the road.

Spangler has been in-goal a total of 1542:08 minutes this season, which accounts for all but 45 minutes of this season. He has 53 saves on the season and a save percentage of .716.

The Beavers next take the field against conference-rival Washington Nov. 14, starting at 5 p.m.

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the books as the first undefeated force ever in school history. Unfortunately, their hopes were drowned out in the final seconds of the game by the cheers of the Northwestern Wildcat fans celebrating their enticing win.

In Berkeley, Beavers and Golden Bears fans alike witnessed a scare midway through the second quarter of play when Cal's junior running back Jahvid Best was injured after hurdling over Oregon State's own senior cornerback Tim Clark and being met midair by sophomore safety Cameron Collins as he landed in the end zone. Best was down for a good 10 to 15 minutes until he was removed on a stretcher and taken to a nearby hospital. Best was later declared to be suffering from a concussion and was reportedly moving all extremities.

Following the injury of Best, the Oregon State Beavers went on to beat Cal 31-14, with one of the better defensive showings

the Beavers have had thus far in the season. With their win over the Golden Bears, Oregon State is now bowl-eligible, improving their season record to 6-3 overall, 4-2 in the Pac-10.

There are six teams left in the country that have yet to be beaten, including Florida, Texas, Alabama, TCU, Cincinnati, and Boise State. With the upset of Oregon and the crucial Beavers win over Cal, the race for the top of the Pac-10 just seems to get more competitive with the weeks to come. There are four games left of conference play, with Oregon still leading the Pac-10, followed by Arizona, and Stanford sitting at the third place spot. USC and Oregon State are currently tied for fourth; both teams are 4-2. All five teams are currently bowl-eligible, and, with the way things are going now, there is no telling what could happen come time for BCS bowl bids. I guess I don't have to worry about any dull Saturdays for at least another month.

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Football student tickets still remain

SPORTS INFORMATION

Oregon State head football coach Mike Riley was joined by players Keaton Kristick, James Rodgers and Jacquizz Rodgers Monday morning at 7:15 a.m., delivering doughnuts to students who braved the elements to camp out overnight at Reser Stadium.

As of 8:30 a.m. approximately 3,000 student tickets remain for the Dad's Weekend and home season finale for the No. 23 Beavers, who host rival Washington this Saturday at 12:30 p.m. OSU has won four of its last five games and enters the contest 6-3 overall.

Students may obtain their free tickets at Gate H in Reser Stadium — south end zone — by presenting their OSU student identification. The ticket window is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the remainder of the week.

Women make NCAA tournament

SPORTS INFORMATION

INDIANAPOLIS — For the second time in school history and the first time since 1994, the Oregon State women's soccer team will participate in the NCAA Women's Soccer Championship as the

Beavers secured an at-large bid to the tournament, the NCAA announced on Monday night. The team watched from the selection process from the club level of Reser Stadium.

Oregon State will travel to Columbus, Ohio, this week to

take on No. 11 Ohio State on Friday at a time to be determined. Illinois State will face Florida, the top-seed in the regional and third-seed overall in the Florida State bracket, in Friday's other contest at the Columbus Regional.

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leyball court because, being 6-foot-1 and left-handed, she is not the stereotypical setter. In middle school, her coach decided to put her as the setter and she has stayed there ever since.

After starring at the high school level in Auburn, Wash., McBride had to decide on going to either Oregon State or Stanford. It was the prospect of the future that landed her in Corvallis.

"I like being a part of a program that's building, and I think we're going to get somewhere in the next four years," she said.

McBride had her "we're-not-in-Kansas-anymore" moment in fall camp, when senior outside hitter Rachel Rourke delivered a kill that hit the freshman in the face.

"That's when I realized I'm not in high school anymore and it's going to come faster than I think," she laughed.

Playing behind senior setter and co-captain Camilla Ah-Hoy, McBride has been able to pick Ah-Hoy's brain over the course of the year, gaining any knowledge she can from the veteran. However, it has landed her on the foreign territory of the bench.

"It was hard at first being on the bench because I've never ridden the bench," McBride said.

Recently, though, McBride has taken advantage of some valuable playing time. In the Beavers' upset of Arizona on Saturday, McBride had a favorable stat-line: seven kills (.500 hitting percentage), 38 assists, six digs, four blocks and an ace for a total of 10.0 points.

The freshmen future is not just built around Eneliko, O'Neil, and McBride. Tami Brown, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker from Sheldon High School in Eugene, regularly comes in to serve. Camille Saxton, a 6-foot outside hitter from Alberta, has 32 kills on the season (0.78 kps). Dianni Freeman, a 5-foot-4 defensive specialist from Tigard High School, has notched three digs in the six matches she's played in.

But more importantly, the six freshmen have become a strong unit off the court.

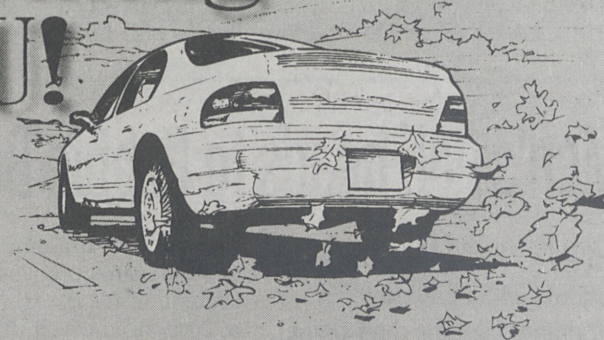
"We're all really close on and off the court. I remember in the beginning of the season when one of us went in the rest of us got really excited," Eneliko said.

"We're all a close-knit group," O'Neil said. They were constantly told in camp that they were going to get worse before they get better. The year started out with the first half of that prophecy coming true.

Now the second part is, too.

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Volleyball's three musketeers

Three standout freshman on OSU volleyball team discuss their college transition

By Jesse Severson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Coming into their first season of collegiate volleyball, the Oregon State coaching staff told the freshmen the same thing over and over again: "You're going to get worse before you get better."

That turned out to be prophetic, as the freshmen have transformed from struggling newcomers in fall camp to key contributors for a Beavers team that is trying to make the NCAA tournament in a highly competitive Pac-10 conference.

Their first impression led them all to realize a common denominator of high school volleyball compared to the Pac-10.

"Definitely the speed of the game," defensive specialist and libero Alyssa O'Neil said.

"Everything is a lot quicker," middle blocker and outside hitter Ashley Eneliko said.

"The game is just so much faster," setter Megan McBride added.

Needless to say, in the first weeks of fall camp the freshmen struggled. The intensity of the workouts was nothing like anything they had seen in high school, bringing aches to go along with the growing pains.

"It's tiring, you were sore everyday and there's days you think, why the heck am I here?" McBride said.

"I felt like I couldn't play and that I lost it, and it was just really frustrating," Eneliko said. "That was our lowest point, I feel like, for all us freshmen: trying to adapt to this whole new level. We were all going through the same things, so we had to remind each other, 'You're going to get worse before you get better.'"

Eneliko, a 5-foot-11 middle blocker and outside hitter out of Kennedy High School in Seattle, only ended up playing for the Beavers because of a decision she made when her life took a fork in the road. A standout basketball player, Eneliko always viewed basketball as her first love

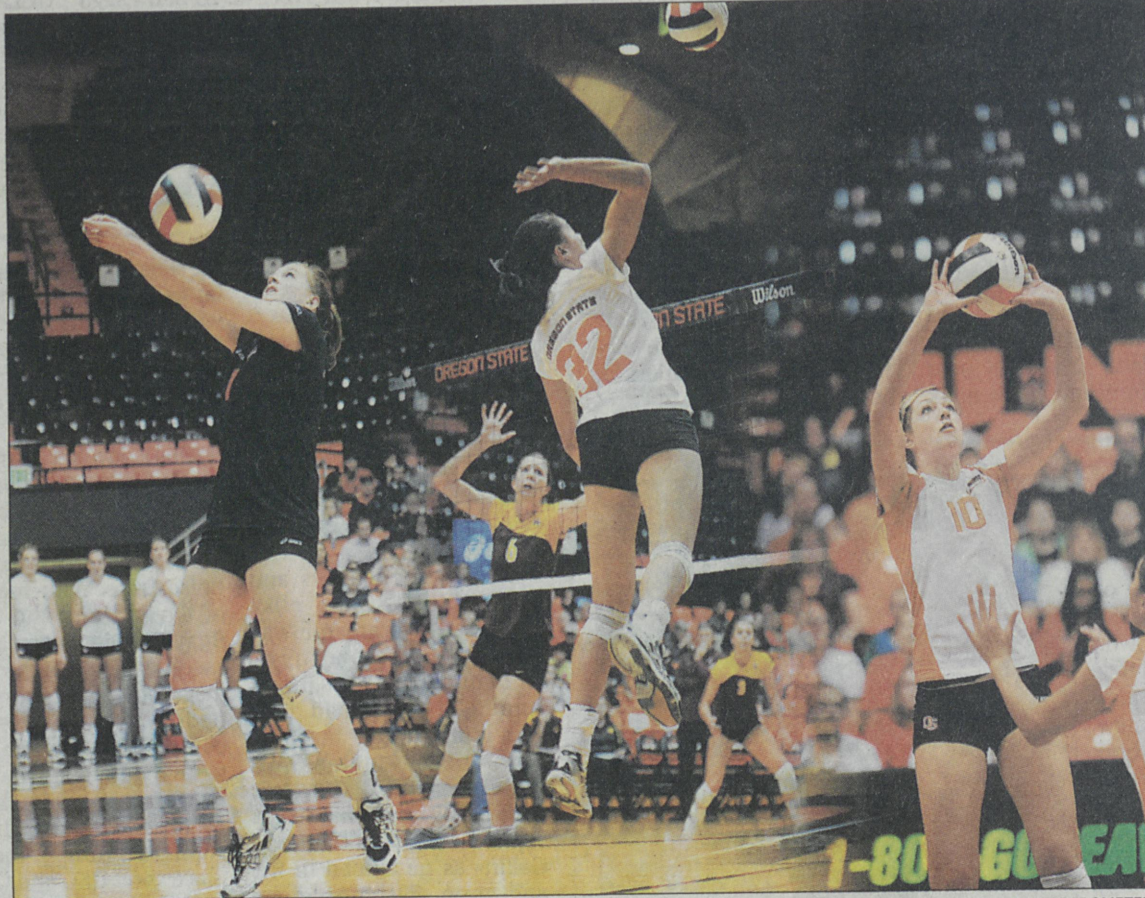


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Freshman outside hitter Alyssa O'Neil, middle blocker Ashley Eneliko, and setter Megan McBride all showing off their various talents during home matches throughout the season.

and volleyball as second fiddle. But her junior year rolled around and she decided to choose one or the other.

She chose volleyball. After being named First Team All-League for all four years, it was time to choose a school, and, after considering University of Washington and Washington State, her heart fell to Corvallis.

"I just felt like I was at home here," Eneliko said.

She certainly has made Gill Coliseum home this season. After seeing a little time here and there in the beginning of the season, Eneliko is now on the court regularly, starting six games on the year. The soft-spoken freshman who can jump out of the gym is tied for second on the team (with 1.07 blocks per set with

senior Lexie Rathgeber), and this past weekend against the Arizona schools she finished with 13.0 points (7.0 against the Sun Devils and 6.0 against the Wildcats).

"I came into the first month, and I wasn't expecting a lot out of myself, I was just thinking that I would try to get the hang of (college ball). I didn't think I'd be playing this much," Eneliko said. "I have a lot more confidence in myself now that I'm out there playing"

O'Neil came to the Beavers with high accolades in the state of Oregon. A star at West Linn, she finished as the Co-Player of the Year in the state and led the Lions to the state title her junior year. When it came to colleges, the only colors she could see were black and orange.

"I was going to go to Oregon State,

with or without volleyball. So it's a plus they recruited me," she said.

After playing outside hitter in high school, she quickly came to a realization: there aren't a lot of 5-foot-9 outside hitters in the Pac-10. Therefore, she made a switch to defensive specialist and now shares the duties of libero with sophomore Betsy Devich.

"Betsy and I are very supportive of each other," O'Neil said.

O'Neil is currently second on the team in service aces (18) and tied for second with Jill Sawatzky (239) in digs.

"I've never seen somebody who can read and anticipate better than she can," McBride said of her fellow freshman.

McBride is unusual on the vol-
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Football free for all

Saturdays are my favorite day of the week. Not only do I not have to work, but also I don't have class and I get a chance to relax and enjoy a day off before beginning my homework on Sunday. However, my favorite part of Saturday is College GameDay. I cringe when I think about the end of the college football season.

This past Saturday was one full of excitement for a bundle of reasons, as any fan of college football knows. Head coach Jim Harbaugh's Stanford Cardinal pulled off an amazing upset against the No. 8 University of Oregon Ducks, with a final score of 51-42. The previously undefeated No. 4 Iowa fell 17-10 to the Northwestern Wildcats after losing junior quarterback Ricky Stanzi to an ankle injury in the second quarter. And the Oregon State Beavers blew out the No. 23 California Golden Bears 31-14 at Memorial Stadium in Berkeley.

The University of Oregon Ducks looked like a completely different team from the dominating squad we all witnessed in the massive uprooting of the USC Trojans two weeks ago. Although head coach Chip Kelly's offense was able to get it going in the fourth quarter, it wasn't enough to salvage the game that Stanford's senior running back Toby Gerhart had already taken avid control of.

Iowa received their first loss of the season on Saturday, falling in a close contest to Northwestern after losing starting quarterback Stanzi to a right ankle injury he obtained during the second quarter of the game. Iowa was experiencing the first undefeated season the program had ever encountered, and the team was hoping to go down in

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Men's golf heads to Pebble Beach

No. 12 ranked OSU men's golf team gears up for another tournament after short break

By John Daly
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After opening the season with wins in two of three events, the No. 12 Oregon State men's golf team aims to keep the heat turned up to maximum today as the gang of sharpshooters tees up at the Saint Mary's College Invitational in Pebble Beach, Calif.

The Beavers enjoyed a rare three week break between today's tournament and last month's Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate, and hope to keep their NCAA competitors worried with yet another strong performance in the Golden State today and Tuesday.

Saint Mary's College hosts the event at the heavily-accoladed Poppy Hills Golf Course, a 6,857 yard, par-72 professional venue. The 54-hole tournament will be played in only two days, necessitating a 36-hole opening day followed by the final 18.

The Beavers are the highest-ranked team in the field at No. 12, and only No. 33 Fresno State is ranked in Golfstat's top-50. The additional 13 teams represent schools from across the country, and OSU is the lone representative of the Pac-10 conference.

Given the extra time to prepare, and the team's propensity to be in contention for the win every time in 2009, head coach Brian Watts is confident about his talented team's chances both at Pebble Beach today and in the postseason later in May.

"I can remember a few years ago we started the season by winning two of the first three tournaments, but I have been saying all along that this team is definitely the deepest in talent that we have ever had," Watts said. "We are working on the right things and getting better every day. I think these guys are going to be right where they need to be at the end of the spring season."

The Beavers hope that today's Saint Mary's College Invitational will bear similar results to the team's last event, the Bank of Tennessee Intercollegiate, an event that saw both a team title and an individual title go to OSU. The team battled with the University of Tennessee throughout the duration of the event, shooting nearly identical scores with the heavily-favored host team. The Beavers finished in a tie for first place.

Stealing the show and the tournament trophy, however, was stellar senior Diego Velasquez, whose vicious 66, 70, 70 (206) won him the title in a landslide. Even while finishing at 10-under par, seven strokes

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Men's soccer victorious over San Diego State

Sophomore Danny Mwanga scores both goals for OSU in win over SDSU Sunday

SPORTS INFORMATION

The Oregon State men's soccer team defeated San Diego State 2-1 on the road Sunday in San Diego, Calif., guaranteeing a non-losing season for the first time since 2005.

"The guys had a great performance on a Sunday on the road," Oregon State men's soccer head coach Steve Simmons said. "It was San Diego State's senior day and our guys did a good job of matching their emotions and taking it to them."

Sophomore forward Danny Mwanga scored two goals in the game. It was his fourth multi-goal match of the season and second against San Diego State. He had eight shots — five on goal — in the game and recorded his fifth game-winning goal of the season. Mwanga has four goals, 15 shots, nine shots on goal and two game-winning goals against San Diego State this season.

Mwanga's first goal of the game came in the 22nd minute on a breakaway on the left side where he beat both a defender and the goalie to touch it in to give the Beavers (8-6-3 overall, 4-4-1 Pac-10) a 1-0 lead. Travis Sanchez assisted on the play.

When San Diego State did not clear the ball and the goalie slipped, Mwanga extended the lead to 2-0 by punching the ball into a wide-open



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Sophomore midfielder Colin Mitchell runs past Stanford defense during a home game earlier this season. The OSU men's soccer team is currently 8-6-3 overall this season.

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Mwanga now has 25 points (12 goals, 1 assist) on the season, which is the most since Alan Gordon had 25 points in 2003.

San Diego State (6-6-5, 3-4-2) was held scoreless until the final minute of the match, when Nick Cardenas headed the ball into the lower left corner

of the net on a cross. Matt McManus and Steve Beitashour were credited with assists.

The Beavers come back home for a week of preparation before heading north for their final match of the season when they face off with conference rival Washington, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m.