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OSU enrollment largest in school's history

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The numbers are in. OSU's enrollment this fall has increased to almost 22,000 students, which is officially the largest student body ever at the university.

According to an OSU press release, the official overall enrollment of 21,969 graduate and undergraduate students shows an 8.1 percent population increase from last year's enrollment of 20,320 students.

What makes this increase unique is that the student growth is spread across all demographics. Doctoral student enrollment jumped to 1,150 students, professional student enrollment is 574 and

1,567 masters students are enrolled, combining to a record total of 3,902 OSU graduate students enrolled this fall.

"The fact that we are a premier research university that offers students the chance to work with nation and world-wide renowned faculty is not lost on students," said Todd Simmons, assistant vice president of university advancement and director of OSU News and Communication Services.

"The quality of what OSU stands for is starting to hit home with top graduate and undergraduate students who are looking to study at a university that will give them the chance to achieve amazing things."

Undergraduate student enrollment had an even larger increase, with non-domestic student enrollment going up 24.1 percent to 5,299 students. International enrollment increased by 13.4 percent to 1,120 students, partly due to OSU's partnership with INTO University Partnerships.

The population of students of color, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Latinos and Native American students also experienced a large jump, increasing 10.4 percent, 10.8 percent, 12.4 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively.

"If you look at other big land-grant universities, they tend to be around 30 to 35,000 students or

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Oregon bees to substitute for disappearing honeybees

OSU researchers experimenting with native species to pollinate red clover, a rotation crop

By Ryan Gunderson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State is at it again, researching and experimenting with a problem that has been slow in coming to a solution. European honey bees have been disappearing for the past three years, and the limited availability of these pollinators has driven OSU to find a new, more economical way to pollinate red clover plants.

Although there are over 200 known bumblebee species in the world, Oregon growers must rely on naturally occurring local bumblebees to pollinate. Due to the fact that commercially raised bumblebees are considered an exotic species, they are not allowed to be introduced to the state of Oregon, according to the Crop Science Society of America.

European honey bees are an essential part of pollination for a wide variety of plants, many of which provide food world-wide, including avocados, asparagus, peanuts, peaches, pears and apples.

Red clover is grown for forage and as a rotation crop to improve the quality of soil. It is raised in the Willamette Valley for seed, and it will not grow without pollination. Generally, growers of red clover place between two and five European honey bee hives every 100 acres, but it has become increasingly costly to rent them due to their limited availability.

"To sustain these high yields in Oregon, we must conserve the habitat of bees, use pesticides judiciously and provide floral resources prior to red clover bloom," said OSU entomologist Sujaya Rao, one of the researchers of the study.

"Globally, where red clover seed is produced, similar studies are need-

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Oregon State alumnus to run for Oregon Senate in 2010 election

Political science graduate will focus on rural economic development and education

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Travis Comfort, a recent political science graduate from OSU, is running for senator of Oregon's District 15 in 2010.

District 15 includes Hillsboro, Cornelius, Forest Grove, North Plains and much of unincorporated Washington County. Comfort, a registered Democrat, currently lives in District 15 and volunteers in these cities to connect with the people he hopes to represent.

Comfort's decision to run for state senator began at OSU. In his major, he focused his attention on domestic policy, and concentrated on Oregon's politics and history for his senior project.

"OSU has a great political science program," said T.J. Charron, a senior in political science and Comfort's upcoming winter term intern. "The education he received here helped him focus his political goals."

Comfort's stance is to work on rural economic development and supporting Oregon's education. Many families in Portland are living in poverty and do not have the funds for day care or good outlets for their children after school. He is specifically determined to implement more after-school programs for Portland's youth and stop cutting the education budget.

"Travis really wants to take money

towards education and after-school programs for young kids," Charron said. "He would like to see more funds streamlined towards Oregon's education instead of cutting music, arts or after-school programs."

Another ideal of Comfort's policy is to buy local and support Oregon's small businesses. He attributes part of Oregon's economic problems to large corporations and bailouts.

"Being local is my main thing," Comfort said. "Small businesses in America, and especially in Oregon, are having a hard time finding lenders who have capital. It's one thing we could save on if we create local demand."

Many of Oregon's current senators are above the age of 50 and have gained private wealth over their years in office. They have been criticized for being out of touch with their constituents, which is something Comfort hopes to reverse.

"I think the biggest motivator is the primary competition," Comfort said. "Oregon has a lot of uncontested races. Many politicians aren't in there for the right reasons."

His campaign started a little over a year ago. He attends local events such as parades, fairs and online outreach. He prefers community engagement instead of the common campaign form of mass marketing.

"A very significant part of Oregon's Senate are wealthy," Charron said. "They might say the right things but they are out of touch with their constituents in the state."

His slogan is "Comfort for Oregon," which conveys his stance of assist-



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Travis Comfort, an OSU graduate in political science, is running for senator of Oregon's District 15 in 2010. He said his decision to run for state Senate began during his education at OSU.

ing Oregon's concerns instead of addressing national issues. His vision of Oregon is for it to become more self-sufficient. Comfort realizes the big picture but focuses on local issues.

"Travis goes to local events," Charron said. "He wants to get a feel for what his constituents want. He's a man of the people."

Comfort and Charron have hopes to advance OSU's campus involvement in politics. They feel that campus organizations focus on national issues and there is a need to focus on Oregon's local issues. Charron also hopes that Comfort becomes well-

known among students at OSU.

"I believe in his cause," said Jill Vandehey, Comfort's press secretary and volunteer for the "Comfort for Oregon" campaign. "I'd like to see his policies being implemented in Oregon's Senate."

Comfort's campaign has no substantial donors at this time. He runs his campaign through his own money, personal and volunteer efforts and donations. For more information about the campaign, visit www.comfortfororegon.com.

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Faculty forum held to discuss budget cuts and college restructuring



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Dwaine Plaza, assistant professor of sociology, writes down thoughts and ideas from the audience on Tuesday evening during the AAUP faculty forum.

Members of AAUP concerned over lack of transparency in department reorganization

By Rebecca Johnson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU members of the American Association of University Professors held an open forum Tuesday evening to give faculty members a chance to discuss their concerns on the sweeping changes running through the campus.

Concerns centered on the administration's discussions of salary cuts and furlough days to combat a waning budget, and also how the quality of education can remain consistent with all the changes being implemented, especially the suggestion on increasing class sizes.

"We are talking about bringing in all of these students and spending money to recruit them, but once they get here we don't necessarily have the resources to educate them," said Armelle Denis, an instructor in the

foreign languages department.

A number of faculty are showing frustration that their voices are not being heard by upper administration on several issues; the ones that affect the classroom setting was of particular concern, such as cutting classes and programs without consulting staff within the department.

Faculty members also had a growing concern over what they felt was a lack of transparency when it came to detailing the benefits of the re-organization of departments and also of where department cuts are finally going to fall.

"Now that they have announced what these divisions are ... nobody relates to these divisions, nobody really knows what the division is going to get us," said one member of the audience. "It's just another division of upper administration."

Some faculty members felt that discussions have become so much about the budget and bottom line that many

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Obama seeks to strengthen relations on a 4-nation Asia trip

By Tom Cohen
CNN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Barack Obama is the first U.S. president who lived in Asia as a child, and that unique perspective will help shape his nine-day trip to the region starting Thursday, U.S. officials say.

Throughout the trip to Japan, Singapore, China and South Korea, Obama will emphasize the importance of Asian nations as vital U.S. partners on major issues such as economic growth, nuclear non-proliferation, the war in Afghanistan and climate change, three officials said in a briefing this week.

The itinerary includes formal talks with Asian leaders as a group and individually, a bilateral meeting with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, and the first participation by a U.S. president in a summit of the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) economic alliance.

In addition, Obama's itinerary reflects his personal ties to Asia with a bilateral meeting with President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia, where Obama lived from 1967 to 1971.

As the first U.S. president with "an Asia-Pacific orientation," Obama "understands that the future of our prosperity and our security is very much tied to this part of the world," said Ben Rhodes, the deputy national security adviser for strategic communications.

It won't be all diplomatic meetings, though. Obama's first trip to China will include a "town hall" style meeting in Shanghai and sightseeing in Beijing, while in Japan he'll meet the emperor and empress, according to Rhodes.

Obama's departure was delayed one day to allow his attendance at Tuesday's memorial service at Fort Hood Army Post in Texas. The revised itinerary cut a day from the stop in Singapore, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said earlier this week.

The president will meet with new Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama, Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, Medvedev and Yudhoyono, and will take part in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and ASEAN summits.

Madoff possessions to be auctioned in Manhattan

By Evan Buxbaum
CNN

NEW YORK — Numerous eclectic personal items — and many ordinary possessions — formerly belonging to convicted swindler Bernard Madoff and his wife are set to hit the auction block Saturday in Manhattan.

From scores of sophisticated watches to dozens of diamond rings and earrings, nearly 200 separate lots of various wares are expected to generate significant public interest — and an estimated \$500,000 for Madoff's victims, according to auction organizers.

The auction is set to take place at the New York Sheraton Hotel & Towers in midtown Manhattan beginning at 10 a.m. ET Saturday. Online bidding is permitted as long as potential buyers register on the Gaston & Sheehan auction house Website by Thursday. A preview of the items will take

place on Friday beginning at 4 p.m.

Madoff, 71, was convicted in June of swindling investors out of billions of dollars in one of the largest fraudulent investment plays in history. He is presently serving his 150-year prison sentence at the Federal Butner Correctional Complex outside of Raleigh, N.C.

While some items on the auction block reflect their previous owners' opulent standard of living, other pieces are everyday possessions that are expected to tap into the kitsch appeal of processing an item once owned by Madoff or his wife, Ruth, such as a Bernard Madoff pen and stationary set for \$90.

And there are three boogie boards embossed with large black "MADOFF" lettering, along with his personal fishing equipment. Estimate price for the set: between \$80 and \$90.

Three separate wooden

decoy hunting ducks are valued between \$53 and \$80, according to auction organizers.

A yard sign with the initials "BLM" could possibly be had with an \$18 bid. And a unique golf umbrella with a "Bernard Madoff Investment Securities, New York and London" insignia is estimated at between \$42 and \$48.

On the other end of the financial spectrum are hundreds of items that reveal the Madoffs' once-ostentatious way of life. A vintage 18-karat gold 1945 "Monoblocco" Rolex wristwatch, ironically also known as a "Prisoner Watch," according to the auction catalogue, is valued at between \$75,000 and \$87,500.

Other posh possessions on the block include fur coats, dishware, designer purses, pieces of art and a variety of elegant jewelry.

The U.S. Marshals Service oversees the Department

of Justice's Asset Forfeiture Program, which manages seized or surrendered property connected to federal investigations nationwide.

Agency spokesman Roland Ubaldo told CNN that the goal of the auction is "obviously looking for maximum gains and bigger returns to the victims of the crime," with proceeds going to the Department of Justice's Madoff victims fund.

Ubaldo said that there has been consistent interest in the Madoff items and he expects attention to grow as auction day gets closer. People have been calling about certain distinct items, such as the set of "Bernie Madoff golf clubs," which is expected to sell for at least \$350, Ubaldo said.

The marshals service also is arranging the auction of two Madoff homes and three of his boats, scheduled to be auctioned separately Nov. 17 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

TOP STORY

NEWS IN BRIEF

Short dress makes for big trouble at a Brazil private university

A private university in Brazil said on Tuesday that it reversed a decision to expel a student who wore a short dress to class because of negative public reaction from public, but the school's assistant rector defended the original decision.

Geisy Arruda, a 20-year-old studying tourism at the Bandeirante University, known as Uniban, near Sao Paulo, gained notoriety on October 22, when dozens of students harassed and heckled her about the rose-colored dress she wore, which had sleeves that reached past her forearms, but barely stretched past mid-thigh.

The incident was caught by several amateur videographers using mobile phones, and their recordings went viral on the Internet. The videos show students heckling her as she enters a classroom, and show her later wearing a white lab coat to cover the dress as she exits the building with the help of a police escort.

The university expelled Arruda, but this week said it would readmit her, following a public outcry that included a protest and counter-protest in front of the university.

But the school denied any wrongdoing on its part, Uniban assistant rector Ellis Brown said at a press conference Tuesday.

"The University Council (which expelled Arruda) followed procedure and was very brave because it upheld the rules of the university, even with all the attention," Brown said. "The decision to readmit the student is not an admission of a mistake, but a look at the issue from another perspective."

With the about-face, the university was choosing an educational stance instead of a disciplinary one, Brown said.

Emanuel: Settlement issue should not block Mideast peace

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The White House chief of staff Tuesday reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to Israel and said the dispute over settlements should not keep the Israelis and Palestinians from holding peace talks.

"No one should allow the issue of settlements to distract from the goal of a lasting peace between Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab world," Rahm Emanuel told participants at a conference of the Jewish Federations of North America.

He urged Israelis and Palestinians to hold peace negotiations soon to address key "final status" issues of security, borders, refugees and Jerusalem. But he added that "unilateral actions should be avoided and cannot dictate the outcome," a pointed reference to continued settlement activity by Israel.

Emanuel filled in for President Barack

Obama, who canceled his scheduled appearance before the group to attend the Fort Hood memorial service. He reiterated statements made by Obama stressing the "unbreakable" bond between the United States and Israel.

Emanuel pushed back against critics who say Obama is turning his back on Israel by engaging with the Arab and Muslim world. Obama's motives are "just the opposite," he said, adding, "It is only through dialogue that we can achieve lasting peace that Israel seeks."

"As this administration has sought to engage the region, there are some who suggest this implies a diminished level of support for Israel," he said. "That is not the intent and that is not the case and never will be."

He warned about the dangers of Israel abandoning efforts to reach a peace deal with the Palestinians, saying that a two-state solution is critical to preserving Israel's identity as a Jewish state.

"Demographics cannot be denied," he said, nothing that without a neighboring Palestinian state Israel would have to "attempt to preserve a democratic state, a Jewish state, when Jews will soon be a minority west of the Jordan River."

While acknowledging the peace process is difficult, Emanuel said, "The path towards peace is not one Israel should be asked to walk alone."

The United States will remain actively engaged and will "stand by Israel as one true friend as it takes steps toward peace," he said.

— CNN

CALENDAR

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.

Education Students for Peace & Justice, 6:30pm, Education Hall 309. Come help us plan our 11/18 event on ESOL.

ASOSU, 5pm, Snell 246. Judicial Council Meeting.

Active Minds, 6pm, 5th Floor of Snell Hall. Join us and learn how to help reduce stigmas about mental health on campus.

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.

Anthropology Club, 5pm, Waldo 201A. Get your craft on as we prepare for our Dad's Weekend event.

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.

OUS International Programs, 3-4:30pm, 4th floor of Snell Hall. Tunisia study abroad information meeting. Open to all French and Arabic students.

Speakers

PreMed/College of Science, 5pm, Kidder 128. Dr. Amanda Westfall, an OSU Alum and practicing podiatrist in Bend, will speak about podiatric medicine as a career.

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.

Pre-Law Club, 8:30am, Reser Parking Lot. Meet to drive to Portland to attend this year's Law School Fair.

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

Events

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

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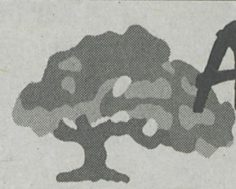


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Texas execution probe won't be 'hijacked,' chairman says

TEXAS — The head of a Texas agency probing whether a faulty arson probe led to a man's 2004 execution said Tuesday he's not a "political pawn," but would not say when the controversial investigation will move forward.

John Bradley was named chairman of the Texas Forensic Science Commission days before the agency was to hear from an expert who criticized the case against Cameron Todd Willingham, who was put to death in 2004 for setting a fire that killed his three daughters.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry allowed Willingham's execution to go forward, and his replacement of the previous chairman and three other members of the forensic panel has led to accusations that he is trying to short-circuit the probe as he faces re-election in 2010.

Bradley told a state Senate committee that neither Perry nor any of his aides gave him any instructions about how to do his job, and said he would have

considered that "inappropriate" if it had happened.

"I don't see myself as being someone else's political pawn, and I don't think you've seen that I ever behaved that way," Bradley told a state Senate committee Tuesday.

The Forensic Science Commission launched an investigation of the Willingham case in 2008 after two reports by outside experts concluded that arson investigators mistakenly concluded Willingham had set the fatal fire in 1991. The expert hired by the commission, Craig Beyler, concluded in August that the arson finding "could not be sustained" either by current standards or those in place at the time.

Perry has said he remains confident of Willingham's guilt, calling him a "monster." And authorities in Corsicana, who brought the case against Willingham, say other evidence beyond the forensic testimony in his 1992 trial support the

prosecution.

Bradley — a district attorney known as a hard-liner in capital cases — said the commission may have overstepped its authority and needs new rules before the probe can continue. And he warned that the commission should be not be "hijacked" by people using it "as a forum for their personal missions."

The nine-member panel "is not charged with debating the death penalty, not charged with deciding whether people are guilty. And the work of the Commission on Forensic Science will take as long as it deliberately takes," he said.

Bradley said the Willingham investigation "absolutely" will continue. But he would not say when it will hear from Beyler.

"If I had a set of rules I could tell you what the timetable for commission would be," he said.

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Dems seek Obama meeting on abortion language in bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Democrats forced to accept tight restrictions on federal funding for abortion to pass their health care bill now want a meeting with President Barack Obama to figure out how to remove the restrictive language from a final version.

A letter Tuesday from 90 House Democrats who support abortion rights asked for Obama to meet them the week of Nov. 16, after the president returns from a trip to Asia, to "discuss reproductive rights in health care reform and ensure the rights of all women are protected."

The House narrowly passed a Democratic health care bill on Saturday night, but only after approving an amendment with explicit restrictions

on federal funding for abortion. A bloc of anti-abortion House members had threatened to defeat the bill without the amendment, forcing House Democratic leaders to permit a vote on the changed language.

Supported by most Republicans and anti-abortion Democrats, the amendment passed easily. The full chamber then voted 220-215 to pass the revised bill.

As amended, the House bill prohibits abortion coverage in a government-run plan, as well as in private plans that accept anyone using government subsidies to buy insurance coverage. People would be permitted to buy supplemental coverage for abortions with their own money.

Abortion rights groups

complain the amended language would expand restrictions beyond the current limits of federal funding only for abortions in cases of rape, incest or to save the life of the mother.

A memorandum distributed Monday by the Planned Parenthood Federation of America said the House language would drastically change the existing principle.

"Millions of women would lose private coverage for abortion services and millions more would be prohibited from buying it even with their own money," the Planned Parenthood document said.

In their letter to Obama on Tuesday, the House Democrats said "women should have access to a full range of reproductive health care."

"Health care reform must not be misused as an opportunity to restrict women's access to reproductive health services," the letter said, adding that the amendment added to the House bill "represents an unprecedented restriction on a women's access to health insurance coverage for reproductive health services."

The abortion issue is threatening to take over the national health care debate, with divisions over the House language now reaching the Senate as it prepares to debate its bill.

Nebraska Sen. Ben Nelson, an anti-abortion Democrat, told CNN on Monday he will vote against any health care bill that does not include the strict abortion restrictions that passed the House.

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have forgotten the human side of the story — especially how the students are going to be affected.

Dwaine Plaza, associate professor for the sociology department, wants to see a university-wide faculty-to-student ratio like what is seen within the Honors College. He added that the students most in need are the ones who should be receiving the most academic attention, but are often the ones who are being ignored.

Faculty members also felt that furlough days were really just pay cuts, in that faculty members' hours can be cut back but the workload will remain the same. Others were willing to make the sacrifice if it meant that jobs could be saved.

"The bottom line for me right now, and

for the next two or three years, is the budget," said Paul Doescher, faculty senate president. "Why furloughs make sense to me is it's about trying to retain as many jobs as possible. It's about finding budget savings so we don't have to lay people off."

Some faculty members don't believe that the savings from furlough days and salary cuts are guaranteed to stay within the university, and therefore are not sure that there is a point to the model.

"There is a concern. ... I know Ed Ray has indicated that he has talked with legislators and they have said that they will not take back reductions here at OSU, but that's a political promise," Doescher said.

The outcome of Ballot Measures 66 and 67 are going to be a deciding factor on whether or not that promise will be kept.

"We have also been told by some legislators that any promises on reductions are

off the table if the tax measures fail; that is, \$733 million in state revenues that disappears," said Jock Mills, director of government relations at OSU.

There is still plenty of debate between faculty members and administration about what the next steps for OSU are going to be, and some believe many of these topics should have been addressed long ago.

"If it weren't for the budget crunch we wouldn't be talking about this at all," said Scott Petersen, a math instructor. "I think we need to come together more often, not just when things get bad."

This forum was a precursor to the Faculty Senate Meeting that will be held this Thursday and will bring up issues of budget cuts and furlough days.

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ENROLLMENT

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larger," Simmons said. "In Ed Ray's speech for his vision of OSU in 2025, he said that if we want to be competitive with these other universities then we need to be reflecting those numbers."

Simmons proceeded to say that OSU has grown by more than 6,000 students over the past decade, a trend that is expected to continue over the years.

"Currently, we are graduating

about 4,000 students each year. Increasing our number of high-quality graduates is the greatest economical contribution to the state of Oregon that OSU can make," Simmons said. "If we don't produce enough graduates, then businesses, especially high-tech businesses, will not want to stay in Oregon."

In the press release, President Ray said, "It's easy to see that ours is a university that is making tremendous academic progress. ... To be competitive in a global economy, Oregon must provide a college educa-

tion for more of its high school graduates, and OSU must contribute to that effort."

Another factor in the enrollment spike is the financial aid packages that OSU was able to offer to incoming students, especially Oregon students. New Oregon resident undergraduates increased by 336 to a total of 3,973 students.

There was a 20 percent increase in financial aid applications this year, mostly due to the success of the Bridge to Success Program, which awards eligible Oregon students finan-

cial aid packages that allows them to attend OSU free of charge.

"The fact that the Bridge to Success Program has made many students' dream of going to college possible in times of budget cuts and a bad economy goes to show what OSU's values are," Simmons said. "We put the needs of students first and try to make dollars and cents work in ways so that students don't feel the impact of budgetary cuts."

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ed." Researchers believe that red clover seed production, at the current pollination rate, is peaking, according to the Crop Science Society of America.

Honey bees have been dying in the U.S. and Europe at alarming rates over the past three years, and one-third of all hives have been emptied due to bee diseases, mites and colony collapse disorder during that time, according to an article in the Voice of San Diego and information provided by OSU.

OSU scientists were funded by the Clover Commission and have been

investigating native bumblebees in commercial fields of red clover seed crops in Polk County. Researchers put European honey bee hives in some of the cages, left some cages empty and placed bee species *B. vosnesenskii*, a native Oregon bumblebee, in the other cages to compare seed yield and seed set against the different cages.

Although there were no differences in seed yield or average set in the different cages, researchers did notice that variability was lower among the cages with bumblebees, indicating that bumblebee pollination is more constant and uniform than European honey bees, according to the Crop Science Society

of America.

Researchers assessed the diversity of native bees throughout the experiment, as six different native bumblebee species gathered pollen from red clover plants, and more than 92 percent were *B. vosnesenskii*, making it the key pollinator of red clover in Oregon.

OSU scientists will continue to research and experiment with native bees to determine if they are able to pollinate the red clover seed crops by themselves. If they are able to, it would lead to a more economical red clover seed production in Oregon.

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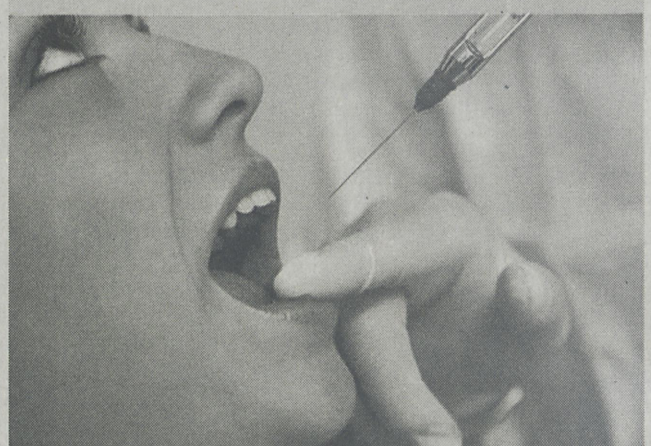
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Editorial

Making the grade

With fall term quickly drawing to a close (how the heck did that happen?), students are probably concerned about what their final grades might be. However, while furiously studying for midterms and finals, students may not have realized that OSU was working for its grades as well.

In the 2009 Trojan Sexual Health Report Card, OSU ranked 16th out of the 141 universities surveyed and achieved an overall "GPA" of 3.08. Even though that is one place lower than its 15th place ranking in 2008, placing 16th out of 141 colleges across the nation is quite an achievement. At least we beat U of O, who was ranked 22nd with a 2.98 GPA, 11 places lower than its 2008 ranking of 11th in the nation. Ouch.

According to the report, this year's rankings were developed by researchers who analyzed data from campus health centers and student opinion polls across 13 separate categories. Some categories included student opinion of health centers, contraceptive availability and cost, HIV testing, availability of sexual assault programs and existence of lecture and outreach programs.

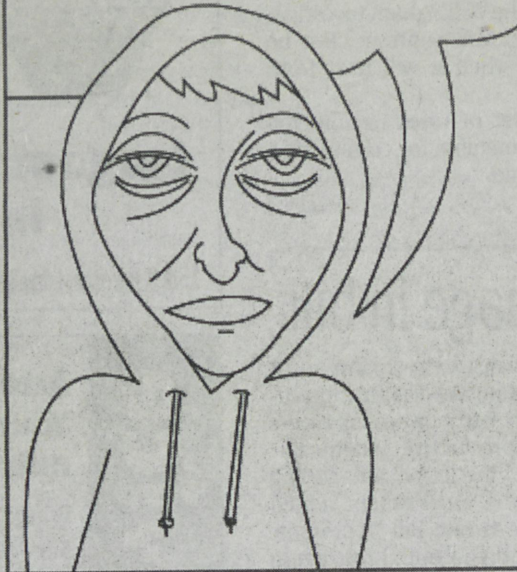
This placing says a lot about OSU's dedication to providing students with as many resources as possible regarding sexual education. The Student Health Center offers a fully integrated Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program to support any female or male students who are survivors of sexual assault, as well as sexual violence education and awareness information and organizations (such as Every1). The Student Health Center also offers free contraception for students who qualify for the Family Planning Project, as well as a men's group that supports responsible sexuality (MARS).

With all these resources and more, available to OSU students, it's no wonder that OSU continues to get good grades in sexual health. However, there is always room for improvement. A 3.08 GPA is decent, but could be better. Five Florida state schools ranked in the top 50, and three Ivy League schools placed in the top 10. If anything, this should serve as a call to action for OSU. All of the top-placing schools had uniform scores across the 13 graded categories, so what OSU needs to do is improve its scores across the board.

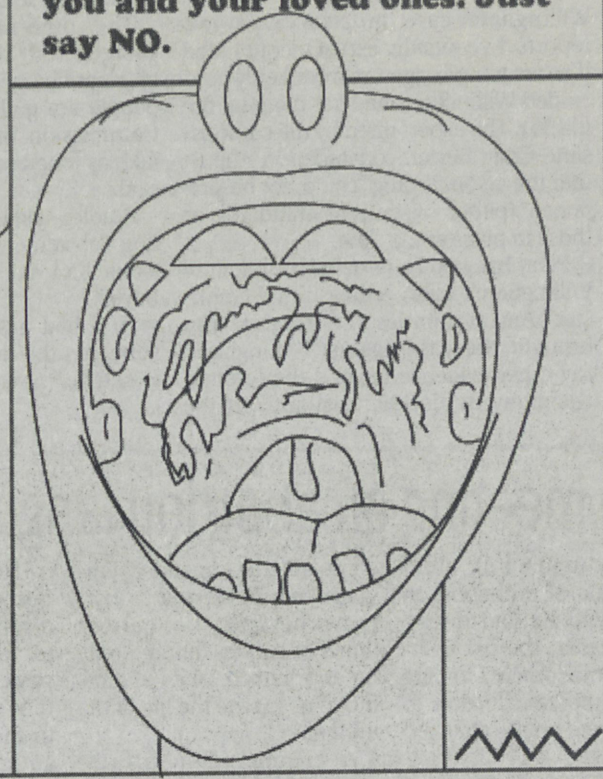
We at the Barometer try to do our part by running columns about sexuality and sex information (such as Dr. Sex's weekly column), but we are always looking for new writers who have interesting or informative viewpoints. To see all 13 categories that OSU was graded on, visit www.trojancondoms.com and click the "tips and news" tab.

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Self-determination and social choices

In the world today, we as individuals are subject to hundreds if not thousands of external influences. In fact, it might be said that we are all subjecting one another to different influences, with different groups sharing ideas and opinions in a wide variety of venues and arenas.

In such a cosmopolitan atmosphere, how does one truly engage in the art of self-determination? Does one break from other points of view? Does one assimilate into the pack? Or does one seek his way simply by deciding on a path and going for it?

According to dictionary.com, self-determination can be defined as "determination by oneself or itself, without outside influence." While this definition presents an interesting concept, it is actually impossible to live in a bubble within modern society. A more accurate definition for modern living would be "determination by oneself or itself, with minimal outside influence."

It is very possible to live with minimal influences. For most people, however, this choice is suboptimal, as many would prefer connectivity over autonomy. In other words, most people would choose to remain connected and akin to their peers, so long as it does not impinge on their convenience and core personal values.

Extreme examples of connectivity include being constantly connected to various social networks, constantly checking e-mail, and engaging in social activities at the detriment of one's work. However, for the most part, people connect in more prosaic ways, such as through social gatherings, assemblies, various affiliate groups, mixers and personal relationships.

There are several methods of coping with the issues of self-determination, but the most popular are distinction, assimilation, aberration and isolation. These meth-

ods are also used to occasionally solve issues of individuality and self-worth.

Distinction is the choice to join a particular group for the purposes of adopting their social postures and activities. It is often found among those who claim to rebel from society and indoctrination.

Such individuals take on a set of values which are considered to be outside or contravening to general societal values. With their fellow members, they rebel against society by joining a distinct socio-economic unit which interacts with the larger society along set rules and boundaries.

Assimilation is different. In this case, an individual joins the mainstream set of activities, following popular activities for the purposes. They often choose between distinct sets of activities to assist them in forming their identity and making their decisions.

Assimilation can be combined with distinction in certain cases. For instance, some people affiliate themselves on the basis of technology, especially in the cases of technology platforms.

One particularly high-profile example of this is the Apple platform. Numerous people who would otherwise be at one another's proverbial throats on issues such as abortion, student fees and the precise shade of the sky will find themselves warmly greeting a fellow Mac-OS user. Similarly, Linux users often take great joy in finding one who utilizes the technology of the penguin.

This can also be carried over into particular recreational drug practic-

es and the like — or any set of particular prosaic decisions which possess branding or affiliation choices.

Such routine affiliations can serve as a method of sharing values and making culturally relevant decisions, such as social choices and preferences within and between different social groups.

Aberration is an uncommon choice for self-determination. In this case, an individual simply becomes aberrant — different from the norm — and engages in such behaviors without regard for society. This can be in a destructive way, such as mugging others, for one, or in a constructive way, such as becoming an artist. A group of aberrant persons often become a socially distinct group, unless their behavior is so destructive so as to be fully rejected by society.

Isolation is the last and among the most socially powerful choices. In this case, an individual chooses to remove themselves from society in order to minimize their influences.

The Amish, religious monks and wilderness settlers are examples of those who isolate themselves from society. Yet even such individuals are influenced in very minor ways by societal changes around them, unless they truly remove themselves far from civilization and its many influences.

In the end, if one chooses to interact with society, one becomes influenced by its elements and structure. Thus, how does one determine a course of action for oneself when there are prosaic elements influencing most activities?

What course of action can serve as self-determine?

In most cases, a self-determined course of action would be any action made in enlightened manner. That is, any action made with as many relevant factors considered for the decision can be considered

Scott Conover

People: Politics, Law and Perspectives



Kathy Greaves Ph.D



Dr. Sex

Standing up for yourself

Dear Readers, Since I haven't received any questions, I thought I'd tell you about an experience I had with my primary care physician. She is a nurse practitioner, not a doctor, but I selected her as my primary care physician because I don't think someone has to be a doctor to provide decent and basic medical care.

Nurse practitioners, in my mind, are more than qualified to deal with the types of issues that general practitioners or family practitioners deal with. If I need a specialist, she has always been more than happy to refer me to someone.

So, the other day I was in her office and because she knows what I do here at OSU, we got on the subject of STDs/STIs. Specifically, I was telling her that I advise students who are sexually active, particularly those with more than one sexual partner, to have a chlamydia test once every six months.

She asked me why I would tell them that. I said it was because chlamydia is, most times, asymptomatic (meaning a person who has chlamydia may not have any symptoms) and that if gone untreated, it can lead to sterility. She asked me where I was getting my information. I told her that all the human sexuality textbooks I've ever used had that information in them. She then said, in a very condescending tone, "Well, that information is wrong. Chlamydia is almost always symptomatic. AND you really shouldn't be giving bad medical advice."

What happened next is what happens to so many of us in the presence of professionals in the medical community. I totally backed down and stopped talking. For those of you who know me, that doesn't happen very often. I assumed she knew more than I did and that because of her position of power and authority, I assumed she was right and I was wrong.

In retrospect, there is a part of me that wishes I would have said, "Wait a minute. I know I am right about this. AND let's acknowledge who's actually the doctor here — me — not you." However, I rarely pull rank like that.

So, I went home and immediately went to the CDC's website and checked out the information they had on chlamydia. Not surprisingly, I was right! Chlamydia is asymptomatic in 75 percent of women and 50 percent of men who actually have it. So, I printed the CDC's Fact Sheet on chlamydia, highlighted the appropriate portions and mailed it to her.

The point I want to make is that so many of us see people in the medical community, especially doctors, as somehow incapable of being wrong. They seem to garner an unrealistic, and many times undeserved, level of respect that prohibits most people from challenging them.

For example, if a doctor suggests a fairly significant treatment for you,

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Letter to the Editor

Concerning 2015

It's time to make the switch to renewable energy. According to the top climate scientists at the United Nations, by the year 2015 the human race must stabilize emissions of greenhouse gases and begin to rapidly reduce the concentration of CO2 in the atmosphere.

The switch to clean, renewable sources of energy is absolutely necessary to achieve that deadline, and over 45 students from OSU, along with hundreds of students across the country, united in recognition at the University of Oregon last weekend.

PowerShift West was one of twelve regional conferences to promote real solutions to climate change while creating a new clean energy economy and millions of new jobs.

Over 500 young people attended this weekend of action, workshops and learning, and heard from inspiring speakers while networking with peers from thirteen states in the West. These student leaders learned about topics ranging from international and national policy solutions to local energy efficiency projects.

Right now, special interests from the oil and coal industry are dominating the debate on energy in Washington, D.C. As young people, it is our responsibility to make our voices heard. In the 2008 election, more young people voted and volunteered than ever before. We must remind our representatives of the promises they made when we helped to elect them. Students have been at the front of almost every social and political movement in this country, and this is no exception.

Nothing can silence the voices of an entire generation, and we have the opportunity to be part of the movement that is going to solve climate change and create a sustainable and just future.

BRIAN LAIRD,
sophomore in business

GREAVES

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you aren't very likely to seek a second opinion out of fear of hurting the doctor's feelings by suggesting that they might be wrong — or at the very least, that there might be an alternative treatment.

The reality is, though, that you should always seek a second opinion, especially if you feel even remotely uncomfortable with the treatment that was suggested.

A second point I want to make has to do with her saying that I shouldn't be giving bad "medical advice." Telling students to get tested for chlamydia is not medical advice at all, but rather health promotion and health education. It's no different than recommending you use a

condom, telling women over the age of 35 to get a mammogram, or men over 40 to get a prostate exam.

So, the next time you are in your doctor's office (or your nurse practitioner's office), don't be afraid to stand up for yourself.

You can do it in a respectful way, but don't let your health care provider walk all over you, or in my case, make you feel stupid. It may not have been her intent, but I certainly felt incompetent when I walked out of her office, and that is never a good feeling.

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CONOVER

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self-determined.

In the end, we all make choices as to whom we hang out with, whom we socialize with, whom we date, etc. For the vast majority of us, we like to stay connected with others. We like to socialize. We like to feel as if we belong somewhere.

Thus, while there are many methods of maximizing one's autonomy and acting in a self-determinate manner, one of our most powerful choices for self-determinism is our choice of friends, acquaintances and social groups. Our choice of affiliation determines our set of influences, and thus our most powerful set of exter-

nal forces: our peer groups.

It is just not the company we keep which determines our influences — it is the company we choose to keep which forms our peer groups.

Therefore, when ruminating over whether or not one's decisions are truly self-determinate, one should also ask: "Do I agree with my set of choices? Do I agree with my set of influences?"

Depending on the answer, it may be a change of venue, affiliates and even oneself which determines the level of self-determinism one appropriates from oneself — not the many prosaic decisions which lie before them.

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Why Measures 66 and 67 are wrong

RJ Friedman
The Daily Barometer

individual acting of their own volition. In a sense, they think that a controlled economy is more effective than a market economy. I don't know about you, but I think that I can spend my money better than the government can, and history is rife with examples that demonstrate this to be true.

Even President Obama sees the problems with all this: "The last thing we want to do is raise taxes in the middle of a recession." (— President Barack Obama, Aug. 5, 2009.) He wasn't the only Democrat that realized this sort of thing: "An economy hampered by restrictive tax rates will never produce enough revenue to balance our budget, just as it will never produce enough jobs or enough profits." (— President John F. Kennedy, Dec. 14, 1962).

Oregonians gathered in extraordinary numbers to counter this taxing spree, providing over twice as many signatures as are necessary for both referendums in order to force the issue to a vote, which will be coming up on Jan. 26. This hasn't made the Democrats give up.

A recent article in this newspaper directed me to a web page set up by the OSU College Democrats. On this page the astute reader can find a number of falsehoods mixed in with blatant scare tactics.

Firstly, proponents of the

measures try to make it seem like you have to pay more taxes in order for the Oregon University System to get proper funding, but, having read a proposed budget given to me by my friend Rep. Jim Thompson, I know this to be false.

This past session the Republicans produced a budget, which evidently was not taken too seriously by the Democrats, that would have kept taxes the same, or lowered them, while simultaneously avoiding cuts to basic services, education included. (While proof as to how the Republicans did this would be too lengthy for this article, feel free to contact me, or, better yet, your legislator, for an explanation.)

Secondly, the webpage says that if you vote against Measures 66 and 67 that the school will automatically lose money. In fact, there is a lawsuit headed to the Oregon Supreme Court to investigate whether or not the Democrats made the ballot title confusing intentionally. On the College Democrat's new website they say, "if this does not pass it endangers education and public safety with even greater cuts than have already occurred." This is false when these taxes fail to go through, the legislature will get a chance to amend the budget; we just have to hope that this time they take some advice from across the aisle.

Furthermore, it seems as if the College Democrats would like you to believe that this tax will just take money from indi-

viduals making over \$250,000 a year.

This, too, is misleading. Besides the fact that one of the measures taxes hard-working individuals making over \$125,000, private economists Bill Conerly and Randall Pozdena have found that Ballot Measures 66 and 67 would result in the loss of an estimated 30,000 and 40,000 full-time jobs, respectively, resulting in a total of 70,000 full-time job losses.

Have you ever been employed by a poor person? Probably not.

If Measures 66 and 67 pass, jobs will be lost, cost of goods will go up and freedoms will be lost. If this tax and spend trend is allowed to continue, Oregon may find itself in a situation similar to the one of New York, which recently reported an exodus of taxpayers trying to escape its high taxes.

Contrary to celebrating capitalism and the freedoms fought and died for during this monumentally historic week, these measures put us one step closer to building a Berlin Wall of our own. Save jobs, honor all veterans and those who got us through the Cold War, and support the free market system that has made and kept America the wealthiest and safest nation in the world.

Vote No on Measures 66 and 67.

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War over Michael Jackson estate ends, but fight between his parents erupts

By Alan Duke
CNN

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's mother dropped her challenge of the two men named as executors in her son's will, but her sudden reversal caught her husband by surprise Tuesday and led to a bitter fight in court.

In the end, the judge approved John Branca and John McClain as executors to run the pop star's estate and he ruled that Michael Jackson's father had no right to challenge the decision.

Joe Jackson, however, will have his day in court next month to argue that he should get a monthly allowance from his son's huge estate.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff also unsealed court documents that revealed the family spent \$1.1 million on Michael Jackson's funeral in August, using money from his estate.

Katherine Jackson's change of heart comes three weeks after she hired attorney Adam Streisand to replace the lawyers who were leading her four-month-long challenge of Branca and McClain.

Streisand announced in court Tuesday morning that Katherine Jackson "feels it's high time that the fighting ends."

"She feels that Mr. Branca and Mr. McClain have been doing an admirable job," Streisand said. "We're going to try to partner with them and work closely with them to make sure that

the estate is doing the best that it can for the legacy of Michael Jackson, for the kids, most importantly."

Streisand said Katherine Jackson kept the decision a secret from the rest of her family until Tuesday.

It drew a harsh response from attorney Brian Oxman, who on Monday filed Joe Jackson's challenge of Branca and McClain. It was a fight that Oxman said Katherine Jackson had promised she would help wage.

"She has now reneged on her obligation to her family," Oxman told the judge. Joe Jackson's lawyer said Katherine Jackson's reversal was "one of the most despicable displays" he's ever seen in court.

Oxman accused Katherine Jackson of reaching a secret deal — behind Joe Jackson's back — with the men who control their son's estate.

Her lawyer fired back. "That is not only baseless, but just a product of Mr. Oxman's imagination," Streisand said.

There was no deal and it was a surprise to the estate lawyers, he said.

"Before I announced my position, Mrs. Jackson and I were the only two people in the world who knew what I was going to say," Streisand said.

As for Joe Jackson's challenge for control, Streisand told the judge, "He has no right in the assets of the estate."

Until now, the Jacksons have painted a united front in public in the battle over who controls the estate.

"Lawyer to lawyer, it was contentious between the two of us in there, in order to try to get things to come to a resolution," Streisand said after court.

"She doesn't wish in any way to be involved in any dispute or fight with him, but she wants to see things get moving along in a more cooperative way," he said, referring to Katherine Jackson and her husband.

Joe Jackson, 81, and Katherine Jackson, 79, have been married for 60 years but they live separately.

Joe Jackson is not named as a beneficiary in his son's 2002 will, but he filed a petition last week asking for an allowance from his son's estate to cover \$20,000 in monthly living expenses.

Katherine Jackson, however, is a beneficiary of the will — along with Michael Jackson's three children and unidentified charities — and she receives a monthly allowance as ordered by the court in July.

Katherine Jackson does support her husband's request for a monthly allowance, Streisand said.

Howard Weitzman, the lead lawyer for the estate, said they would take her wishes into consideration in deciding their position an allowance for Joe Jackson.

Judge Beckloff will hear his request for a monthly allowance on Dec. 10.

Joe Jackson's petition to challenge the executors is dead, unless Oxman can resurrect it in an appeals court — which he told the judge he may try.

"I hope that an appellate court will agree with me," Oxman said.

Joe Jackson contended that Branca and McClain should be disqualified as executors because they hid from the court a mistake regarding Jackson's signature.

The signature section of the will said it was signed on July 7, 2002, in Los Angeles, although there is proof that Michael Jackson was in New York on that date, Oxman said.

The judge ruled that only a beneficiary — such as Katherine Jackson — is in a position to make the challenge.

Court documents unsealed Tuesday showed the estate paid \$1,098,000 for Jackson's funeral and burial.

The bulk of the cost went to Forest Lawn cemetery in Glendale, which was paid \$855,730, including \$590,000 for the crypt and monument inside the Holly Terrace section of its Great Mausoleum, the document said.

Jackson's burial garments cost \$35,000, while another \$16,000 was spent in flowers for the funeral, the papers said.

Michael Jackson died on June 2, 2009, from what the coroner ruled was "acute propofol intoxication."

Paraguayan official: Indigenous people sick after pesticide spray from planes

More than 200 indigenous people who refused to vacate their land in eastern Paraguay were sprayed late last week with what some believe was pesticide, sending seven to the hospital, a government cabinet member said this week.

The 217 members of the Ava Guarani community in the Itakyry district suffered vomiting, diarrhea, headaches and nausea, said Esperanza Martinez, Paraguay's minister of health. Although one person was in serious condition, she said Monday, the rest are improving.

"For us, it's very clear that this is an acute community-wide intoxication caused in a premeditated manner by an unknown substance," Martinez said on her ministry's Website. "But it is very clear because all of the similar symptoms occurred after this incident."

The Amnesty International human rights organization said Tuesday it

condemned the use of apparently toxic pesticides to intimidate an indigenous community after they resisted being forcibly evicted from their ancestral lands.

Indigenous residents reported that spraying had been going on in the area since the beginning of the week, Martinez said.

The tension in Paraguay is identical to that found in other parts of Latin America, where the rights of indigenous communities collide with the business interests upon which nations' economies depend. The traditional ancestral homes of indigenous communities are being overrun by mining, oil, logging, agricultural and ranching businesses.

Legal protections often are not enough. That's the case in Paraguay, some say.

"A new constitution recognizes indigenous rights, but political reality is proving to be quite different

from the constitutional ideal; the problems facing Paraguay's indigenous people are not likely to go away anytime soon," the University of Maryland's Center for International Development and Conflict Management said in a 2006 study. "The economics and politics of Paraguay make sustained improvement unlikely."

Government critics say not much has changed in three years.

"Indigenous peoples' lives are being put in jeopardy by those who should protect them," said Louise Finer, Paraguay researcher at Amnesty International. "The risk faced by the Itakyry communities was predictable. Insufficient action was taken to protect them from the threats they faced from this renewed attempt to evict them from their ancestral lands."

The latest incident occurred Friday near the border with Brazil,

when more than 200 Ava Guarani community members refused to leave land local soy growers say belongs to them.

An eviction order against the indigenous people was supposed to be carried out Friday, but a district prosecutor canceled the mandate right before it was due to be executed.

"And, according to what the indigenous said, that apparently angered the soy growers, who went there to try to remove them," Paraguayan Health Minister Martinez said. "They went in trucks to try to forcefully remove them."

Amnesty International said the Ava Guarani fought back against the 50 men who tried to evict them.

"The indigenous peoples resisted using bows and arrows," the rights group said in a release Tuesday.

Police were present, which limited the fight, Martinez said.

"Afterward," she said, "came a low-level flight by airplanes where the people were working in their fields, in their community orchards, with the spraying of a liquid over the people who were there, who later presented with massive symptoms."

Officials are investigating who may have been responsible, she said.

Amnesty International urged Paraguayan officials to step up their efforts to protect the indigenous communities.

"The Paraguayan authorities — the executive, congress and the judiciary — must work together to address the immediate needs of the communities after this attack, but also to ensure that it does not happen again," Finer said.

The native populations have been losing ground since the 1700s.

— CNN

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left side, being left-footed. He is very opportunistic."

When asked what the most memorable play for him personally was, Mitchell modestly explained one play in particular—a play that displayed his natural athletic ability. He said that his first goal as a collegiate player against Cal State Bakersfield was great, but it was the second goal of the same game that he remembers most.

"He jumped over the goalie, no exaggeration," Johnson said. "The goalie had his arm up trying to get the ball, and Mitchell's torso is at the goalie's hand, like half his body was above (the goalie) when the guy was still reaching out."

"He was at about the 18-yard box and out-jumped the keeper's hands by about a foot," Simmons said. "It was very athletic."

Mitchell is excited to only be a sophomore for a team on the rise, and he speaks with a lot of confidence when it comes to the next couple years for OSU soccer. Thankful for the team, he has two more seasons ahead to not only help the team win, but to improve himself as a player.

"I enjoy it here," Mitchell said. "It's a whole different setting then being in the city and it's kind of nice — like yin and yang. It allows me to get away a little bit."

As he talks about his past, Mitchell knows he has been through it all and is

very thankful to be with the Beavers in a place where he believes he belongs. He gives credit to his new coach, Simmons, as well as his teammates for improving him every day as a soccer player.

His ultimate goal is to leave OSU winning and then turn professional, a feat firmly in reach. A few years ago, the chance of turning pro for Mitchell was not even a question in most minds. There was just no shot.

But here he is, a city kid from San Francisco playing Pac-10 soccer, who, despite his injury, possesses the talent and skill needed to be the pro he always wanted to be. And just think, the guy barely touched a soccer field in high school. It looks like Mitchell is breaking the odds once again. Imagine that.

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just hit him was. Beaver Nation immediately fell in love with their new quarterback, and Moevao went on to lead the Beavers to four straight wins.

Still recovering from the torn labrum he suffered the year before, Canfield entered the 2008 season as Moevao's backup. While Moevao shone in the spotlight and helped lead the Beavers to a win over USC, Canfield sat and watched, waiting his turn. He got his turn when Moevao went down with a shoulder injury of his own, and Canfield went on to win all three of the games he played, including one dramatic come-from-behind win against Arizona that helped keep the Beavers' Rose Bowl hopes alive.

Not knowing the extent of his injury, Moevao returned for the final two games of the season and took back his

starting spot, even though Canfield was playing well. Moevao went on to throw for 374 yards and five touchdowns in the Civil War and lead the Beavers to a Sun Bowl win over Pittsburgh. After the season, they discovered he had injured his rotator cuff, and like Canfield the year before, would need to use the offseason as recovery time.

In the meantime, Canfield established himself as the Beavers' leader once again. Many expected yet another quarterback "controversy" to begin the 2009 season, but with Moevao still hurt and Canfield playing well, there was wasn't one. Although Moevao often led the team onto the field, and although both players were team co-captains, it was clear that Canfield — who has thrown for 2381 yards and 13 touchdowns this year — was the guy.

So as Canfield did the year before, Moevao sat, and

waited his turn. Many fans — remembering his uncanny leadership abilities and sneaky elusiveness in the pocket — wanted number 3 to replace number 5, particularly when Canfield was sacked ten times total in back-to-back home losses. When Moevao replaced Canfield for one play in the Arizona game, the fans erupted. But then, two weeks ago, the quarterback "controversy" of three years finally came to end. Moevao, finally recovered from his shoulder injury, was stepped on in practice, and had to undergo season-ending foot surgery two days later.

Which brings us back to the message underneath Canfield's eyes.

See, the thing is, through all the turmoil and changes, nothing ever got between the two quarterbacks. It wasn't a "controversy" at all.

When one had to take a back seat to the other, they did so without a complaint. When

one struggled, the other was there for support.

Earlier this year, after Canfield struggled in a loss to Cincinnati, Moevao sent his counterpart a text message after the game, telling him to keep his head up. And that's just one of many, many examples of the support the two have shown for each other throughout the years.

When Moevao and Canfield come out of the tunnel for Senior Day on Saturday, I expect Reser to give them loud, loud applause. Both have been exceptional quarterbacks, and both have handled their situation exceptionally well.

Canfield will be wearing his support for Moevao under his eyes, and we know Moevao will have his own way of showing support for Canfield. So it's time we give both of them ours.

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ful of freshmen including guard Lanz, Palmer, Misa, forward Amaya Gastaminza and guard Tayler Champion.

Transfer junior guard Eisha Sheppard joins the Oregon State team from San Bernadino Valley College. Sheppard was named second team all state and led her team to a 21-12 season in her time at SBVC.

Completing the roster is transfer junior forward El Sara Greer, who spent the last two years playing at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Greer was named to the NJCAA Division II All-American Second Team and All-Conference First Team in her time at Kirkwood CC.

The Beavers start the season with 10 non-conference games before beginning the Pac-10 race against the Washington State Cougars on Jan. 1. The preseason will bring about a slew of opportunity for the Beavers, with plenty of time to establish this group's new identity.

"I just want a deep rotation; I'm giving everyone the opportunity to create playing time for themselves," Wagner said. "They earn their playing time in practice."

After losing three senior leaders who also started, there are sure to be some holes to fill on Oregon State's leadership board. The Beavers, who posted a record of 20-12 last season, have an extremely successful year to follow up, and Wagner looks forward to the challenges to come.

"Basketball is a game of momentum and decision-making. You have to make decisions under pressure and stress," Wagner said. "I always want to do well. For us, I want to win, period. The end."

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Committed through thick and thin

■ Colin Mitchell overcomes major surgery to become an Oregon State athlete

By Colin Huber
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Imagine going through your high school years not being able to participate in the sport you loved, being on the sidelines of the majority of your team's games, your athletic ability hindered by an unpreventable injury. Imagine having the skill set to be one of the best players in your sport, being considered by many a cut above the rest, and not being able to show people the talent you possess. For one Oregon State soccer player, this was not imaginary — this was his reality.

Colin Mitchell grew up in the city of San Francisco. When he was just four years old, he remembers his first introduction to a soccer ball. He was at a local park with his mom, watching a number of kids kicking a ball around on a nearby field. When offered a chance to play, he took it, only to find out he was playing against children two to three years older than him. As you might guess, his athletic ability and raw soccer talent shone bright above the older players.

It didn't stop there. In the years leading up to high school, Mitchell was always a standout soccer player, wowing players, parents and coaches everywhere he went. But soon after he entered high school, he endured an indefinite physical setback.

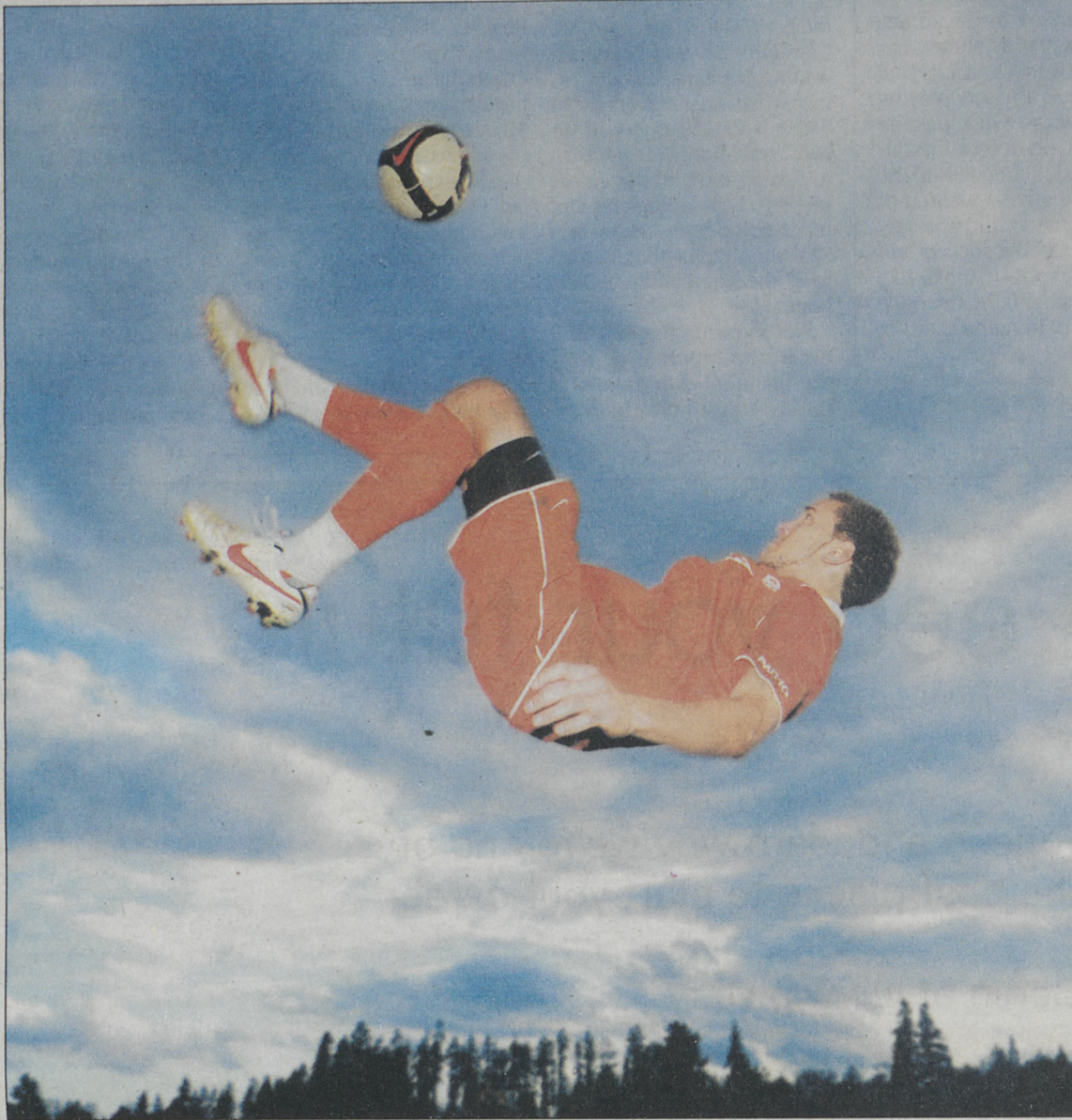
Mitchell spent his high school years battling a bone condition in his hips that didn't allow him to move his legs as well as they should have been able to, keeping him from playing the sport he learned to love. Inevitably, he was forced to have an operation in hopes of a fix.

"It was just hereditary and they had to go in and reshape the bones," Mitchell said.

Fortunately for him, the operation was a success, allowing him to get back to doing what he does best — making plays on the soccer field.

"I was injured all four years," Mitchell said "After the surgery, it was about a four month recovery, so it wasn't too bad, but my legs are a lot freer to move and run around now."

Knowing that he had the skill to be great, Mitchell held on to dreams of being a collegiate soccer



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Sophomore midfielder Colin Mitchell suffered a bone condition in his hips in high school which didn't allow full movement of his legs. The condition is hereditary but it never stopped Mitchell from his love of soccer.

player, but was worried his extended injury would hold him back. No college recruiters were able to get a good look at him to see if he could still perform, until one day during his senior year Oregon State came calling.

"It was pretty random, and I was super excited when it happened because I didn't have a lot of choices, being injured and what not," Mitchell said. "I just got a call one day to come and check it out, and I was stoked. They flew me up and I was pretty excited because I really wanted to play in the Pac-10."

"These guys (OSU) actually never saw me play when they took me," Mitchell said. "They heard of me through word of mouth. I just walked on, basically."

Mitchell then received offers from the likes of Cal Poly, UC Davis

and Santa Clara.

"I got a lot of interest from a lot of colleges after I was already signed, and I was like, 'Forget all you guys, you had your chance.' I guess it's fate," Mitchell said.

Now as a sophomore midfielder, Mitchell's impact on his team's success is great. Yes, his 12 total points (5 goals, 2 assists) are second on the squad, which is very productive at this level, but the more important story is the respect and admiration he has from his coaches and teammates.

"What impresses me most is his flair on the field," junior forward Scott Johnson said. "He can kind of be the quiet guy every once in a while. He's not the rowdiest either, but he leads by his actions on the field."

"He's very skillful, and with his

speed matching with that skill, it is something that a lot of players don't have," Johnson said. "I think he's mastered both of them because he's good with the ball, but if you can add speed to that, then that's a whole other dimension. That's why he's good in the middle of the pitch, because of his actions and his productivity on the field."

Mitchell isn't much of a talker on and off the field, but he doesn't need to be.

"He has a very unique personality," Head Coach Steve Simmons said. "He keeps to himself. He is very likable by the rest of the team and fits into the (team) fabric very well. He brings us mobility and a change of pace, especially on the

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Grady Garrett



Hug It Out

Sean and Lyle

When I looked into the eyes of Sean Canfield Saturday night on TV, I saw something special.

And no, I'm not talking about his Californian golden boy looks, or his "I've been here before, I can lead this team to victories on the road" sense of composure.

Beneath the facemask and under the eyes of the senior quarterback was a simple message sketched in white on a black backdrop.

The initials "LM" appeared under the quarterback's right eye, and the number "3" under his left.

As in "Lyle Moevao, #3," Oregon State's senior "backup" quarterback.

To understand the full complexity of the message, one needs to travel back five years ago and relive the tale of the two quarterbacks.

Sean Canfield came into Corvallis in 2005 ranked as a scout.com three-star and the No. 33-ranked quarterback in his high school class. Canfield, who was known for having a pro-style arm and poise, redshirted in 2005.

Lyle Moevao entered the scene in 2006 after playing one year at El Camino JC in Torrance, Calif. The high school defensive end wasn't sought after by many schools and didn't appear to have the makings of an NCAA quarterback.

Beaver Nation got their first glimpse of Canfield in 2006, when calls for the 6-4, 214-pound redshirt freshman southpaw to replace struggling Matt Moore began to pick up steam. Canfield appeared in seven games that year, but mostly in mop-up duty. A year later, Canfield began the year as the starter, but struggled and eventually injured his shoulder in the ninth game of the season.

Moevao introduced himself to Reser Stadium in the 10th game of the 2007 season, when he took over for Canfield. Seeing the 5-11, 225-pound right-hander lined up behind center was new to Beavers fans, but in the second quarter of the game against the University of Washington, Moevao threw a blindside block that left Huskies linebacker Grayson Gunheim lying on the Reser Stadium turf wondering where he was and who on earth that "quarterback" who

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After successful exhibition, basketball welcomes preseason



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Junior transfer guard Eisha Sheppard runs up against opposing defense at Gill Coliseum during one of the Beavers first exhibition games.

■ LaVonda Wagner seems positive about OSU women's basketball team, which has a handful of newcomers for 2009-2010 season

By Tori Hill
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This Friday marks the official beginning to the 2009-2010 women's basketball season. After overcoming Concordia and Lewis and Clark in their first two exhibition games, the Oregon State Beavers are set to take on the Cal Poly Mustangs at Gill Coliseum at 7 p.m.

In their first exhibition game on Nov. 2, Oregon State outscored Concordia 113-35 and was led by junior guard Talisa Rhea with 23 points. True freshman guard Haiden Palmer made her first collegiate start as a Beaver, contributing 20 points, making her the second leading scorer of the game behind Rhea. Oregon State led the game 56-23 at halftime, and Beavers defense only gave up 12 points in the second half. Head Coach LaVonda Wagner's squad shot 54 percent from the field and looked aggressive defensively with 17 steals.

On Nov. 8, the Beavers played their second and final exhibition game of the 2009 season, matching

up against Lewis and Clark College. The Beavers won the exhibition game 103-25, and were led by true freshman guard Kate Lanz with 16 points. Sophomore forward Kirsten Tilleman and senior guard Julie Futch both added 12 points apiece in Oregon State's victory, while sophomore guard Brittany Kennedy and Rhea each had 10 points. Once again, the defense looked suffocating, forcing 38 Lewis and Clark turnovers and 22 steals. The offense seemed sharp with only 11 turnovers and shooting 61 percent from the field.

"I think from exhibition we played a lot of different people, our new people saw a lot of minutes," Wagner said. "We got to run some different rotations and run our offense."

This season's squad will be returning seven veterans, and will be joined by five incoming freshmen and two transfers. Returning to the hardwood for the Beavers will be three seniors in forward Stacy Nichols, guard Julie Futch and fellow forward Anita Burdock. Also coming back this season will be 2008 Pac-10 honorable mention Rhea, sophomore guard Cassandra McCalister, Kennedy and Tilleman.

New faces to look for this season come from a hand-

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