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Gelser encourages 'yes' vote on 66, 67



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State Representative Sara Gelser helps register a new voter in the MU quad on Monday. Today is the last day to register to vote in Oregon's special election Jan. 26.

■ State Representative urged students to register by Jan. 5 deadline for this month's special election

By Lauren Sigel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

State Representative Sara Gelser, D-Corvallis and Philomath, was on campus Monday to promote Measures 66 and 67 and encourage students to register to vote by Jan. 5, the deadline for registration in order to vote in the January special election.

"It's really important for students to get engaged in the election process, especially for Measures 66 and 67," Gelser said. "OSU faces an approximate \$15 million loss if the measures don't pass. It's really something students need to care about."

Measures 66 and 67 are the only measures on the January ballot. According to an ASOSU informational document, Measures 66 and 67 raise taxes for individuals making over \$250,000 and raise the \$10 corporate minimum tax.

If Measure 66 passes, it will raise an estimated \$472 million to maintain funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety and other services by raising the income tax for individuals making more than \$125,000 and couples making more than \$250,000 by 1.8 percent. If the measure doesn't pass, the estimated \$472 million needed for these budgeted items will not be available.

If Measure 67 passes, it will raise an estimated \$255 million to maintain funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety and other services by as raising the current \$10 minimum corporate tax to \$150. If it doesn't pass, businesses will retain the \$10 minimum corporate minimum tax, and \$255 million budgeted for these items will not be funded.

"If you look at current school budgets, they have been based on the hope that these ballots will pass," Gelser said. "Fifty-five percent of Oregonians support these measures because if they don't pass, it will affect the state on a huge scale."

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HANNAH GUSTIN | THE DAILY BAROMETER
One of the informational posters alerting students of the voter registration deadline.

Furlough days begin winter term

■ Faculty's unpaid days off may save \$1.7 million, will last through academic year

By Michelle Ofelt
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As of Jan. 1, 2010, OSU has begun enacting its furlough program, which will continue through June 30 in order to combat the recent \$13.2 million budget cut. The university hopes the furlough days will save \$1.7 million in the remainder of this academic year.

The Faculty Senate voted on implementing the furloughs in place of lost jobs or pay cuts. Other universities around the country are joining in on furlough days, temporary pay reductions and pay cuts in order to maintain job security.

"We haven't received any communication about how the furloughs will be implemented in the next six months," said Anthony Wilcox, associate professor and department chair of health and human science administration and nutrition and exercise sciences. "Things are still uncertain about the furlough program."

Although the furloughs will affect OSU faculty and professors' wallets, there is no precise explanation as to how it will affect OSU students yet.

"The question of how the furlough program affects students is open," Wilcox said. "We haven't taken a position on that."

Wilcox discussed the possible outcomes that would affect students' time in and out of class.

"If you're a teacher, your primary job is to teach students every day, so I think there will be cases where teachers will opt for a class to be missed," Wilcox said. "On their day off they could give outside work."

There is also a possibility that faculty could opt to take a lighter grading load by changing how they do testing. This could include changing a short answer or essay test to one that uses Scantron forms.

Wilcox understands the legitimacy of both sides of these approaches.

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Students give back to homeless over winter break

■ Volunteers worked with Samaritan's Purse, non-profit homeless ministry to assist Operation Christmas Child

By Katrina Lorengel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On Dec. 20, 2009, Emily Rose and Joey Jenkins, both employees of Dixon Recreational Center, helped coordinate Operation Christmas Child, an event to help families and individuals in need.

Operation Christmas Child is a special project that is part of Samaritan's Purse, an organization that helps people in need all over the world and offers essential supplies such as food, water and temporary shelter to give people a chance to rebuild their lives.

According to the Samaritan's Purse website, around Christmas people can pack shoeboxes full of school supplies, toys and hygiene items, which are then sent to children in need. These boxes can be dropped off at any of the drop-off locations all over the U.S.

Rose, a fifth-year communication major,

was the event coordinator and planned the Operation Christmas Child event, as well as the delivery of supplies to homeless people in Portland.

"Last year, we packed 100 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and this year we packed 150 boxes," Rose said. "The Christmas Festival we planned was the very first one of its kind, but it was very successful — probably beyond everything that we could have imagined."

Rose helped organize 100 volunteers to feed 500-800 homeless people and help deliver clothes, sleeping bags, backpacks and hygiene items. A group called Medical Teams International also donated their time and services by providing dental work for 15 homeless individuals and providing haircuts and massages.

"We will be hosting our second homeless festival this July and will be attempting to serve more people and meet more of their needs than we were able to at our Christmas Festival this year," Jenkins said. "We will also be conducting our first ever fundraising dinner in April and are looking to roll out multiple new programs as well."

In 2008, approximately eight million shoeboxes of supplies and gifts were collected internationally from the U.S. and 10 other countries, according to the Samaritan's Purse website. More than 68 million shoeboxes have been distributed to children in more than 130 countries since 1993.

Last year alone, approximately 185,147 shoeboxes packed by families, individuals and groups for Operation Christmas Child were sent to needy children in China, Peru, Mexico, Guyana, Panama and the Philippines.

"I believe that I have been blessed with great abundance and want to give back in whatever way I can," Jenkins said. "I also believe that we have potential to mobilize resources more efficiently and effectively, and if we ask for a little from a lot of people

then we can change the world."

Along with helping Rose with Operation Christmas Child, Jenkins cofounded a non-profit organization in Portland called Ncompass with another OSU student.

"The goal of our homeless ministry is to meet individuals' physical and spiritual needs by giving them food to eat, clothes to wear and providing a listening ear as well," Jenkins said. "One of our main goals of this ministry is also to give volunteers an opportunity to work with a different group of people than they normally interact with and have them step outside their comfort zone a little and open their hearts more."

To learn more about Samaritan's Purse and the shoebox project, visit www.samaritanaspurse.org.

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TOP STORY

Group accuses new security measures of profiling Muslims

WASHINGTON — Enhanced screening procedures for U.S.-bound air passenger traveling through “state sponsors of terrorism or other countries of interest” such as Pakistan, Yemen and Nigeria amount to religious profiling of Muslims, the Council on American-Islamic Relations said Monday.

The Transportation Security Administration announced the strengthened security steps Sunday, saying in a statement that “effective aviation security must begin beyond our borders.”

A senior government official, not authorized to speak on the record, provided CNN with the full list of 14 countries subject to the enhanced screening for travelers heading to the U.S. — Cuba, Sudan, Syria, Iran, Afghanistan, Algeria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia and Yemen.

The new guidelines target 13 Muslim-majority nations and will “disproportionately

target American Muslims who have family or spiritual ties to the Islamic world,” CAIR said in a statement, adding that the tougher measures “amount to religious and ethnic profiling.”

“Under these new guidelines, almost every American Muslim who travels to see family or friends or goes on pilgrimage to Mecca will automatically be singled out for special security checks — that’s profiling,” CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said in the statement. “While singling out travelers based on religion and national origin may make some people feel safer, it only serves to alienate and stigmatize Muslims and does nothing to improve airline security.”

The tougher measures followed a botched bombing attempt on Christmas Day by a Nigerian man who boarded a U.S.-bound flight in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The suspect, Umar Farouk AbdulMutallab, originated his

trip in Nigeria and changed planes in Amsterdam to a Northwest Airlines flight headed for Detroit, Mich.

On the flight’s final approach, the suspect allegedly attempted to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear. The attempt failed, and the suspect was grabbed by other passengers and crew members.

U.S. officials say the suspect received training and help for the attack from al Qaeda in Yemen, one of the countries of origin on list for enhanced screening.

A senior State Department official who could not speak on the record due to the sensitive nature of the material said Sunday the countries on the list are places “where we have concerns, particularly about al Qaeda affiliates.”

The official said the State Department was heavily involved in compiling the list, along with Department of Homeland Security and other intelligence agencies. The State Department com-

pleted the annual “Patterns of Global Terrorism” report, which details terrorism trends in countries around the world.

Passengers from other countries could still face enhanced security for other reasons.

Awad of CAIR said the suspicious behavior of AbdulMutallab in the failed Christmas bombing case, rather than his religion or ethnicity, should have alerted authorities. For example, Awad said, AbdulMutallab paid cash for his ticket and boarded without checking in baggage.

Improved monitoring of such anomalies is the solution, said Awad, who called for increased spending “to obtain more bomb-sniffing dogs, to install more sophisticated bomb-detection equipment and to train security personnel in identifying the behavior suspects.”

— CNN

Obama receives CIA update on Christmas terror attack

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama returned Monday from his holiday vacation in Hawaii to receive a CIA update on the botched Christmas Day terrorist attack.

Obama also met for 90 minutes with Deputy National Security Adviser John Brennan on the failed attempt to bomb a Northwest Airlines flight approaching the airport serving Detroit, Mich.

There was no information immediately available on the CIA update or Obama’s meeting with Brennan, his adviser on homeland security and counter-terrorism issues. On Tuesday, Obama will meet with his national security team to review security lapses that allowed the bombing suspect to board a U.S.-bound flight.

Attending the meeting will be Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Attorney General Eric Holder, Energy Secretary Steven Chu, Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, CIA Director Leon Panetta, FBI Director Robert Mueller, National Security Adviser Gen. James Jones, Brennan and other top security officials, the White House announced.

According to authorities, a Nigerian man tried to detonate explosives hidden in his underwear as a flight from Amsterdam, Netherlands, made its final approach to Detroit. The device failed to fully detonate, instead setting off a fire at the man’s seat.

The bombing suspect — 23-year-old Umar Farouk AbdulMutallab — was arrested on charges of attempting to destroy an aircraft. He will face his first court hearings on Friday.

Last week, Obama blamed human error and security lapses for the failure by U.S. officials to act on information that the Nigerian bombing suspect was a possible terrorist threat.

AbdulMutallab had a multiple-entry U.S. visa. His father, a leading banker in Nigeria, warned U.S. authorities before the attack that his son might be involved with Islamic extremists, but the information failed to prompt a response such as canceling the visa.

— CNN

NEWS IN BRIEF

Runaway railroad car hits hotel in Finland

HELSINKI — A runaway car from an empty passenger train smashed Monday morning off the tracks and into a Holiday Inn hotel in Helsinki, Finland, Chief Rail Accident Investigator Esko Varttio told CNN.

One person suffered minor injuries and no one else in the train station or hotel were reported hurt, Varttio said.

Video showed the car from the double-decker train protruding from the hotel while passers-by snapped photos from their digital cameras.

Debris was littered in the area where the train hit the hotel — a jumble of metal and glass.

Authorities cordoned off the area around the accident. Two metal trash cans near the point of impact remained upright, video showed.

Finland’s Accident Investigation Commission said it may take the agency the entire year to determine the cause of the accident, Varttio said.

There was not a clear cause for the accident, but one possible contributing factor was ice on the brake pipe, he said.

Train operators noticed a problem with the brake and stopped the four-car

train, Varttio said. That’s when the lead car separated.

Officials had enough time to warn people at a platform to move before the runaway car hit, state broadcaster YLE reported.

Four dead, three missing after Sunday avalanches in Swiss Alps

Four people died and another three were missing Monday after two avalanches in the Swiss Alps, Bern police said.

The avalanches occurred at 11:30 a.m. and about noon Sunday in the Diemtigen Valley, 34 miles south of Bern, said Thomas Jauch, a spokesman for police in Bern County.

In the first incident, an avalanche buried one person who was with a party of eight cross-country skiers, Jauch said.

A nearby party of 25 skiers joined in the search and a physician, who was a member of a ski rescue team, was dropped into the area by one of two helicopters called in to help. As they were searching for the missing skier, a second avalanche buried 10 to 12 of them, Jauch said.

Nine were found alive, one was dead, he said. Three of the survivors died later in hospital, he added.

The doctor was among the dead, he said. It was not clear whether the origi-

nal skier who was buried was among the survivors.

“It was not a high-risk day, not a high-risk situation,” Jauch said.

Search efforts were suspended Monday because of the weather in the mountains. “There could be another avalanche,” the police spokesman said.

Courthouse gunman lost Social Security case, official says

LAS VEGAS — A man who lost a recent Social Security claim opened fire with a shotgun in a federal courthouse Monday, killing a court security officer and injuring a deputy U.S. marshal, authorities said.

Law enforcement officials speaking on condition of anonymity identified the man as Johnny Wicks, a Las Vegas resident. The FBI said the black-clad man walked into the lobby of the Las Vegas federal courthouse, pulled a shotgun from underneath his jacket and began shooting.

Wicks was killed by federal marshals after a chase outside the courthouse. A law enforcement official said Wicks set fire to his residence before the shooting, and surveillance video indicates he was a lone gunman with no accomplices.

— CNN

CALENDAR

Tuesday, Jan. 5

Events
OSU Food Group, 5-9pm, International Forum Room, Snell Hall/MU East.
OSU Emergency Food Pantry: 3-5 days of food provided to low-income individuals. Enter near Goss Stadium and Waldo Hall.
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Star Trek.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Star Trek.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Star Trek.

Friday, Jan. 8

Events
Student Events & Activities Center, 9pm-12:30am, Dixon Rec Center. After Dark. Concerts, movies — Star Trek 2009, games, food.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — The Long Walk Home.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — The Long Walk Home.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — The Long Walk Home.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Do The Right Thing.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Events
OSU Food Group, 5-9pm, International Forum Room, Snell Hall/MU East.
OSU Emergency Food Pantry: 3-5 days of food provided to low-income individuals. Enter near Goss Stadium and Waldo Hall.
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Do The Right Thing.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Do The Right Thing.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Where the Wild Things Are.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Events
Student Events & Activities Center and MU, 2:30, 5:30, 8:30pm, MU Commons. MUVies — Where the Wild Things Are.

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A recent report by World Watch Magazine concludes that livestock production accounts for at least 50% of global warming. 70% of Amazon rainforest destruction is for livestock production. The land, water and energy used to produce, process, store and transport meat are very energy intensive and a huge pollution source.

Doctors and researchers have proven that a meat-based diet is a main cause of most chronic diseases such as cancer, stroke, heart diabetes, obesity and heart disease. So, by eating less or no meat we will be healthier — and so will be the planet.

Solutions for alternative energies and technologies to combat CO₂ are very costly and take time. The fastest, cheapest, and most effective solution to global warming is to eat no animal products.

(For more details, please see the SOS insert in today’s Daily Barometer)

Iran cites 60 groups found worldwide as 'soft war' agents against their country

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's Intelligence Ministry has compiled a list of 60 groups — several based in the United States — saying it considers them "soft war" agents against the country, Iranian media reported Monday.

Included on the list are U.S. philanthropist George Soros' Open Society Institute in New York; the Washington-based nonprofit National Endowment for Democracy; the National Democratic Institute and its GOP counterpart, the International Republican Institute; Human Rights Watch; the Washington-based Brookings Institution; and U.S. National Defense University, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

Media outlets BBC and Voice of America are also on the list, as are the East European Democratic Center in Poland and British nonprofit Wilton Park, among dozens of others.

Iran's deputy intelligence minister urged Iranians to avoid any "unusual relations" with the groups, and with foreign embassies and foreign nationals. "He stated that it is illegal to

sign contracts with these organizations and it is also against the law for groupings and political parties to receive financial assistance from foreign countries," Mehr reported.

Such crackdowns have become commonplace in Iran since the summer, when thousands of protesters were arrested in the aftermath of Iran's disputed president election in June. The government has been trying to limit the flow of online information and other forms of communications in Iran, according to activists and human rights officials.

Amid the unrest, Iran's judicial chief in July ordered the prosecution of individuals "who cooperate with satellite television programming providers," according to reports by reformists. Ayatollah Seyyed Mahmoud Hashemi-Shahrudi called on local judicial heads to work with investigators to determine "intentions, objectives and their sources of financial, political and intelligence support" of individuals who "operate against the system," according to Hamshahri, a widely circulated

pro-reform publication that has been in print for more than a decade.

At the time, Iranian-American Kian Tajbakhsh, an independent consultant and urban planner employed by Soros' Open Society Institute, was among roughly a hundred people accused of participating in a "velvet revolution" against the Islamic republic.

Tajbakhsh — the only American on trial in Tehran at the time — resigned from his position with the foundation after he was arrested and detained for four months in 2007 on unspecified charges. He holds dual citizenship in Iran and the United States.

Iran's election authority declared incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad the overwhelming winner of the June 12 race. Opposition supporters accused the government of fraud.

— CNN

Secret Service: A third uninvited guest entered Nov. 24 state dinner

WASHINGTON — The Salahis weren't the only unauthorized guests at President Barack Obama's first White House state dinner.

The Secret Service announced Monday that a third person who wasn't on the official guest list made it into the dinner by entering with the delegation of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

A Secret Service statement said the unidentified person traveled from a local hotel with the Indian delegation, which was under the responsibility of the State Department.

A senior State Department official identified the individual as an American man, but declined to provide further information. The official said the man showed up at the hotel where the State Department was helping transport — at the request of the Indian Embassy — a group of Indian businessmen to the dinner.

"This individual went through all required security measures along with the rest of the official delegation at the hotel and boarded a bus/van with the delegation guests en route to the White House," the Secret Service statement said.

The State Department official said it is

unusual for the department to escort a group of private foreign nationals around Washington but said the embassy made a special request to facilitate their travel because the group "was very important" to the Indian delegation.

"At present, there is nothing to indicate that this individual went through the receiving line or had contact with the President or first lady," the statement continued.

The identity of the person was not disclosed. The Secret Service statement said the person's name had not been entered into the WAVES computer system for White House visitors, while the rest of the names in the Indian delegation were in the system.

"Procedural changes have already been implemented to address foreign delegations under the responsibility of Department of State who are entering facilities secured by the Secret Service," the statement said.

A northern Virginia couple, Tareq and Michaela Salahi, made international headlines by crashing the Nov. 24 event and having their photo taken with Obama, Vice President Joe Biden and other dignitaries.

— CNN

GELSER

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Madison Parker, ASOSU executive director of governmental relations, said that Gelser will be back on campus and in Corvallis several times in the near future.

"Sara will be back next Monday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m. in the ballroom to go more in depth about the measures, and is taking a stance for the campaign Yes on 66 and 67,"

Parker said.

"She will be talking about how they will affect the Oregon education system."

Madison also said that Gelser will be making an appearance Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Corvallis Public Library at the Gazette Times editorial forum, where Gelser will be defending the measures against Senator Frank Morse, R-Albany, who is against the measures.

"Also, this Saturday Sara

will be at a concert at Sunnyside Up Café from 6 to 8 p.m., where all proceeds will benefit the Yes on 66 and 67 campaign," Parker said.

In order to be able to vote for or against the measures, students must be registered by 5 p.m. on Jan. 5. Any questions can be answered by Parker by email at asosu.gov@oregonstate.edu

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FURLOUGH

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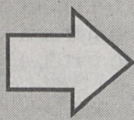
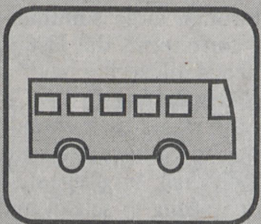
es towards the furlough program.

"Many faculty will take the approach that they have a job to do and will give extra work to make up for the missed day(s)," Wilcox said. "Others will approach the furloughs as seeing that they are getting paid less and will therefore do less work."

The furloughs will affect many professors, faculty and even athletic coaches within the next several months.

The upcoming vote on Measures 66 and 67 will be instrumental in appraising whether or not furloughs will be necessary in the next academic year.

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Editorial

2010 forecast: Progress

Instead of commenting on the important news of the day, this staff editorial is going to take a slightly different approach and comment on the news of the decade recently left behind.

Already five days into 2010, for many of us in our early 20s it's difficult to ignore the weightiness of the decade whose end we just toasted. It was the first decade of our lives which we were really aware and a product of the changes in the world around us. It was the decade in which we grew up, hit puberty, got our driver's licenses and decided what we wanted to do with our lives, which invariably for this audience included an education at OSU.

It was, without a doubt, a difficult decade for the U.S. and the world at large. Soon after we'd settled into the idea that we had advanced into a new millennium, the U.S. was attacked.

We launched a war on terror, which led to two wars abroad, both of which have followed us into the new decade. The Bush administration watched while Hurricane Katrina wiped out one of America's most iconic cities. Tsunamis in the Indian Ocean killed more than 300,000 people.

Back in the U.S., the housing bubble burst and the economy hit a recession unlike any since the Great Depression. While pockets of the country are recovering, many regions, including Oregon, have yet to feel any relief. Politicians faced serious dissent and heated debate over the high profile issue of health care.

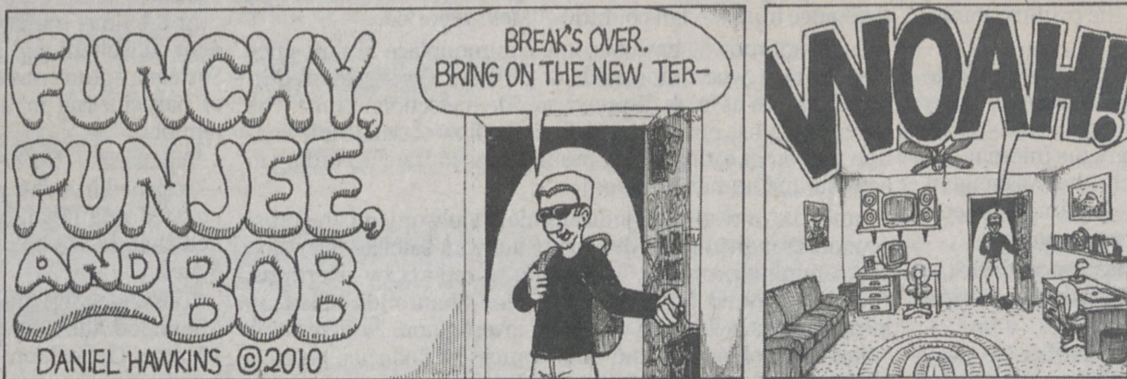
As in any decade, countless beloved celebrities and public figures died, many without warning. The King of Pop passed away suddenly weeks before his highly anticipated comeback tour. The man who was named Athlete of the Decade by The Associated Press was involved in a dramatic and over-publicized scandal regarding his many extramarital affairs. We lost one idol but gained another in the historic election of our 44th president.

While it was a dark decade economically, it was also a time of extreme progress for women. The first ever female Speaker of the House was chosen, as well as the first ever Latina Supreme Court Justice. The camps of Hillary Rodham Clinton and Sarah Palin were in the top tier of candidates in the 2008 presidential election. Women made powerful and seamless entries into politics in large numbers.

Excessive lending by banks has been restricted, and Americans have learned from the hardships of the recession — according to Bloomberg.com, household savings rates recently rose to 6.9 percent, the highest since December 1993. The rate in April of 2008 was 0 percent.

We've made improvements in equality and progress for women and minorities, and there are more ahead. In order to return to the prosperity of decades past, it's vital that we learn from the casualties of the 2000s.

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DANIEL HAWKINS IS A JUNIOR IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

A guide to stay resolute in the new year

Another Jan. 1 has come and gone, and by Jan. 15, a slew of New Year's resolutions will already have been broken. With the year still young and our willpower not yet dissolved, now seems the perfect time to examine the historic importance of the New Year.

Not until the late republic era in Rome was the New Year celebrated in January. Before, the year's rebirth occurred in March, but the Romans shifted the date to January in honor of the god Janus, who, with two faces and the ability to simultaneously see into the past and future, was the perfect bridge between years.

Although the Janus theme seems long forgotten in contemporary society, many young women honor the god with celebratory two-faced acts after an over-consumption of champagne.

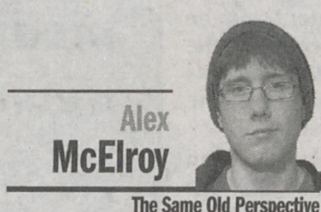
Throughout the years, Jan. 1 has met its fair share of opposition. Medieval Europeans deemed the event pagan, and instead celebrated the New Year multiple times throughout the course of the year, including Dec. 25, March 1 and Easter.

Although religious separation offers a plausible excuse for rejecting Jan. 1, the recurrence of celebratory dates likely compensated for medieval man's failure to successfully give up mutton and crusading, the two most popular resolutions of the era.

In 1582, the Gregorian calendar restored the familiar date of Jan. 1, though that date struggled to gain immediate popularity.

It wasn't until 1752 that the British adopted Jan. 1 as New Year's Day, a decision they came to regret 24 years later when King George's infamous resolution to curtail colonial revolution failed after 7 months and 4 days.

But why make such a promise in the first place, George? Well, like all major holidays, the New Year, despite its tabula rasa reputation, follows ancient traditions.



Alex McElroy

The Same Old Perspective

It was the Babylonians who started this resolution hoopla. Of course, they never promised anything serious, like cutting unenriched bulgar wheat from their diets, but often made pacts with their gods in which the fecundity of the upcoming harvest depended on their staying resolute.

Fortunately, we no longer believe in such pagan trivialities. According to studies, it's likely that most Americans would starve if their food source depended on whether or not they stuck to their resolution — though if one's resolution is to lose weight, that ancient belief might be just what they need after that first "choco-cheat."

Simply put, most people won't meet their new year's goals. After one week, 22 percent have failed; 40 percent of people have reunited with their demons after a month, 50 percent after three months and a whole 60 percent of revolutionaries are back on cigarettes and sweets (or, maybe, Swisher Sweets) after six months.

The study also reports that 81 percent fail after 24 months, but that's an arbitrary statistic, since everyone knows that sticking to a New Year's resolution for more than a year is like trying to date someone after having a one-night stand with them.

So if most of us are bound to fail, why is the resolution so popular? Unlike most holidays, the New Year offers a paradox of opportunity that, on the surface, separates us from our past traditions. It lets us start over. Again.

By the time Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed, a nice warm bath to scrub away the holiday traditions is exactly what we need, and thankfully we have New

Years. It offers a separation from the past, supposedly, but in fact it's little more than a tradition disguising itself in originality.

It gets away with this because of the New Year's resolution. Who cares if the midnight celebration feels resonant of past years' celebrations? Once that ball drops and everyone's lips detach, everything's different, everything's fresh. It's a new year.

And with this new year comes a slew of promises, a willpower you might never have had, but one you now believe to be your moral fiber. In 2010.

Unfortunately, there's little that changes from year to year. Come Feb. 14, a bunch of couples will exchange chocolates, creepers will send anonymous bouquets and single folks will drunkenly copulate to sober their loneliness.

I don't mean to belittle your resolutions, but intend to show that it's likely that by February — or March — they won't be your resolutions anymore. The redesign of a calendar rarely coincides with the redesign of a personality.

Such a task takes time and effort — more than one attempt requires — so I suggest doing as those medieval Europeans did. Don't pop out the streamers and the noisemakers for March 1 and Easter, but if you've broken your resolution, make it again, and again in June — August, if you must.

Beyond a greater chance of success, a quarterly personal renovation offers us an ability to bypass repetition. And it's because of monotony that we rely so heavily on the New Year, believing it to cleanse us of our past.

Unlike Janus, we can't see into the future, but only into our past, where broken resolutions stand battered and destitute. It's about time we accept that limitation and use those failures to fertilize our future.

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Charles Leineweber

A Moment of Your Time

The green individual

"It's not easy being green." Kermit the Frog knew this long before green became more than just a color and before Al Gore became the grand pooh bah of the environmental movement. There was a time when being green meant just planting a tree once a year. Now, there's recycling, reusing and something called reducing your carbon footprint — whatever that means.

It's hard to keep track of all the methods used to save the planet. I do my best to keep up with it all, but with the constant changes and flurry of activity surrounding the issue of climate change it's hard to stay up to date.

December was a busy month for the environmental movement. The month started with the report that some scientists had inflated statistics in order to portray global warming as more severe than it really was. There were arguments from both sides of the issue debating whether the report was true or not.

If it was true, then shame on those shifty scientists for inflating statistics to get people to be more conscious of the environment. If the report is not true, then shame on those conspiracy theorists for conjuring up some story to bring down those harbingers of doom known as scientists.

This story took a back seat to the big environmental story of the year: the world summit in Copenhagen. The nations of the world descended on the European capital to engage in the most efficient form of diplomacy: a giant committee meeting.

This summit was supposed to solve the problem of global warming once and for all. The most powerful leaders in the world were there, spewing messages of global cooperation and promise for the future.

This all seemed great on paper, but like all important political issues, it was quickly bogged down in finger pointing and brow furrowing.

Smaller nations wondered why they should help foot the bill for a problem caused by the large industrial nations. The larger nations couldn't agree on just how much carbon emissions they were willing to cut. So from a summit that was billed as the great solution to the global climate change, not a whole lot was accomplished. Sounds pretty typical.

If anyone wants anything to happen with curbing global warming, the best thing to do may be to keep it out of the realm of politics. Environmental regulation may join the ranks of gun control and health care: lots of talk, not a lot of action.

I may seem pessimistic, but it doesn't seem like pollution and climate change can be an issue solved through large summits in Europe. I can't recall the last time talking heads bickering with each other fixed anything.

As cliché as it sounds, the solution to curbing emissions lies in the individual. As college students, biking or walking to school may not seem

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

TICKET SALES for MLK, JR. PEACE BREAKFAST MU BUSINESS OFFICE

Tickets: Non-students \$10; Students \$6, Children age 5 and under free. On sale at the MU Business Office or at the Breakfast. Students may charge to their account.

THE MLK PROJECT

4-6 p.m., & Saturday 1/9, 1-3 p.m.
OSU Craft Center, Snell Hall

Pick up a phrase from MLK's speech "Letter from Birmingham Jail" at Counseling and Psychological Services (Snell 5th floor) January 4-8 and register to create an artistic "response." Response must fit into an 8x10 frame with glass; may be an art medium (collage, photo, watercolor, fabric) or a verbal response (poem/written work). Work in the Craft Center or individually in your own space — you must do it either Jan. 6 or Jan. 9 during the two hour time block. Please return your response to the Craft Center. CAPS will display the project during the month of January starting January 12.

Co-sponsors: Counseling and Psychological Services, OSU Craft Center

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

AFTER DARK

9 p.m.-1 a.m., Dixon Recreation Center

FREE AND OPEN TO STUDENTS: Concert, Snacks, Movies, Poker, Wii games, arts and crafts.

Co-sponsors: Recreational Sports, Student Events & Activities, University Housing & Dining, MUPC, ASOSU, ISOSU, Summer Session. MLK Calendars will be available.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

"THE DHAMMA BROTHERS" video

Noon-1:30 p.m., MU Journey Room

A story set in a maximum security prison in Alabama. The prisoners are introduced to an ancient meditation technique that internally changes their lives. A brief description of the meditation technique and its utility to all people will be highlighted after the film.

Co-sponsor: Counseling and Psychological Services

TUE.-THUR., JAN. 12-14

MUvies: "THE LONG WALK HOME"

2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.; MU Commons

A perceptive and powerful drama about changing times in 1950s segregated Montgomery, Alabama. When her black maid (Whoopi Goldberg) takes a stand in Martin Luther King Jr.'s bus boycott, an affluent white woman (Sissy Spacek) does what she can to help despite the disapproval of her husband.

Co-sponsors: Student Events and Activities, Memorial Union

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

THE VOICES PROJECT: BEING BLACK

Noon-1 p.m., MU Journey Room

OSU students, staff, and faculty share the opportunities and challenges of being Black at OSU.

Sponsor: OSU Community and Diversity

MOVING BEYOND PRIVILEGE AND GUILT: BECOMING AN ADVOCATE FOR EQUALITY

5-6:30 p.m., Pride Center

Learn strategies about using your social location and privilege to advocate for oppressed and marginalized groups. Use the power you have to become an ally and change the world.

Co-sponsor: Team Liberation

FULL VOICE COMMAND — UNLEASHING THE POWER

6:30-7:30 p.m., MU Journey Room

An introduction to the most powerful voices in history, their impact, and the echo of them today. A mix of clips, performances, and tips to showcase the power of words and how to make them your most valuable asset.

Co-sponsor: Student Leadership and Involvement

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

7-9 p.m., Corvallis High School Theatre

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, City of Corvallis

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve." — MLK, Jr.

An evening of celebration. A panel of local dignitaries will speak on service, and discuss the impact on individuals and the community. Entertainment includes the Fiesta Mexicano Dancers. Reception following.

WED., JAN. 13-WED., JAN. 20

"SIGN THE PLEDGE" — MLK, Jr. Pledge Wall

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Daily, MU Student Lounge

Reaffirm your support for nonviolent social change, equality and justice, freedom and peace.

Co-sponsor: Panhellenic Council

SCAVENGER HUNT FOR ACTIVISM

Daily, OSU Campus

There will be stations around campus at the Cultural Centers, Pride Center, Women's Center, International Student Center, Community Service Center and Multicultural Literacy Center. Participants will answer a question about activism and how they can get involved. They will have a "passport to activism" to get stamped at each station upon answering the question. Those completing their passport with five stamps will be entered in a drawing for a FREE IPOD.

Co-sponsors: Education Students for Peace and Justice

"LOOK OUT: RACE, GENDER, ACTIVISM!"

Daily, The Pride Center

This visual display will highlight current activism projects both on the local and (inter)national stage. Come see what's going on and learn how to get involved.

Co-sponsor: The Pride Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

THE RED WAGON: FACING HUNGER

6-7:30 p.m., MU 213 Pan African Sankofa

Story of Vermonters struggling every day to feed their families. They rely on the charitable food banks, soup kitchens and food shelves. The film shows how food insecurity ravages one's sense of dignity and how hunger is more than just not having enough to eat. It will challenge what you thought you knew about hunger and discuss ways to battle hunger in our community.

Co-sponsors: Community Service Center, Student Alliance for Environmental Justice, Team Liberation

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION

2-4 p.m., Majestic Theatre — FREE

Sponsored by: Corvallis Montessori School

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

MLK, JR. DAY OF OBSERVANCE

28th ANNUAL PEACE BREAKFAST

7:30-9 a.m., MU Ballroom

AWARD PRESENTATIONS: Phyllis S. Lee & Frances Dancy Hooks Coalition Builders Awards

MUSIC: OUTSPOKEN, Men's A Cappella

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Richard Lapchick

MLK, JR. VIDEO PRESENTATION: created by Terry Ross

Sponsors: OSU Community and Diversity, President's Office, OSU Athletic Dept.

KIDS SUPPORTING SOCIAL JUSTICE

7:15-9 a.m., MU 213, Pan African Sankofa Room

Who is Martin Luther King, Jr.? What is social justice? At this event, elementary and middle school youth will explore these questions and many more as we read about important figures in Black History. They will also develop an "action plan" on what they want to happen in the world with regards to social justice.

Co-sponsors: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sigma Delta Chapter

KIDS FOR EQUALITY

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Native American Longhouse

The following activities are for preschool to middle school students to learn about equality. Different stations will be set up for art projects, an exercise on being the outsider, a skit, a tap dance and speech project for kids to perform. A soup lunch will be provided. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Co-sponsors: ASOSU Non-Traditional and Multicultural Affairs, Native American Longhouse, Community Service Center

BIRTHDAY PARTY for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

5-6 p.m., Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center,

2325 NW Monroe

Co-sponsors: Black Student Union, Black Cultural Center

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

6:30-7 p.m., MU Steps

Meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center (2325 NW Monroe) for the candlelight walk to the MU Steps.

Co-sponsors: Black Cultural Center, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

7-9 p.m., MU Learning Lounge (following Vigil)

Facilitator: TBD

Co-sponsors: Black Cultural Center, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

MON.-WED., JAN 18-20

EQUALITY BOARD

MU Display Wall, Student Lounge

Please write your comments about what equality means to you and join students, faculty, and the campus in this important conversation and educational opportunity on January 20. For further information, please see January 20.

Co-sponsors: Team Liberation, Intercultural Student Services

TUES.-THUR., JAN. 19-21

MUvies: "DO THE RIGHT THING"

2:30, 5:30, & 8:30 p.m.; MU Commons

Spike Lee combines humor, drama and music to again expose the absurdity of racism. The cast of characters moves through a minefield of sensations over the course of the hottest day of the year, on one block in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant. This blood-boiling, 24-hour period will change the lives of its residents forever.

Co-sponsors: Student Events and Activities, Memorial Union

TUES.-FRI., JAN. 19-20 & 21-22

MLK 365

11 a.m.-2 p.m., 1/19-20 MU Commons;
and 1/21-22 MU Student Lounge

Stop by the Community Service Center booth to sign up for volunteer opportunities in the community and learn more about the upcoming annual Volunteer and Non-Profit Expo. Co-sponsors: Community Service Center, University Administration Business Center

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

RED POWER, BLACK POWER, BROWN POWER, YELLOW POWER, GAY POWER WORKSHOP

6-7 p.m., MU 206

Come learn about the five power movements that occurred in America's history. There will be an open discussion about similarities that occurred within each power movement and how these movements have affected our lives today.

Co-sponsors: SOL, Intercultural Student Services

AN EVENING OF SONG AND POETRY

7-9 p.m., MU Journey Room

An evening devoted to poetry and song by whomever signs up to do a piece (or two pieces as time permits). Participants are invited to present poetry or songs that follow the Celebration 2010 theme or that pertain to social issues such as injustice, discrimination, racism, peace, freedom, equality, and justice. Contact us now or sign up at the door to do a poem or song (or two?). Come early to sign up if you can.

Co-sponsors: College of Science, The Corvallis Folklore Society, The Beaver Poets Society

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

EQUALITY IS...

3:30-5 p.m., MU 208, LaRaza Room

What does equality mean to you? How does it affect our campus and what can we do to foster equality? How can we use our voices to bring about equality? Many of the topics that will be discussed will be drawn from the comment board. Please join students, faculty and campus organizations in this conversation and educational opportunity.

Co-sponsors: Team Liberation, Intercultural Student Services

THE VOICE OF A FREEDOM RIDER

5:30-7 p.m., Arnold Gold Room

In 1961, civil rights activists, known as Freedom Riders, from all over the country set out to challenge the status quo by riding public transportation into the South to challenge local segregation. Join us in welcoming Ruth Koenig to share her story as a Freedom Rider at this catered event. Ruth will share her experiences in the struggle to get Black citizens to vote and share her artifacts related to her time spent as a Freedom Rider. RSVP to 541.737.8268.

Co-sponsors: University Housing & Dining Services, Community Relations Facilitator program

LEGACY OF HOPE

7-8 p.m., MU 211

Student and faculty panel presentation and discussion on how Martin Luther King Jr.'s ideas not only affected the African American community but how it relates to the Latino/a, Chicano/a, Hispanic community and how recent hope for change will affect us. Refreshments offered.

Co-sponsor: Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

3-4 p.m., MU 212

This is a time for prayer and reflection from community members from different spiritual, religious and philosophical backgrounds. Join us and be inspired to continue to celebrate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. King.

Co-sponsors: OSU Campus Coalition Builders, United Campus Ministry

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

ALL UNIVERSITY DANCE

10 p.m.-2 a.m., Club Escape

FREE to all OSU Students. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to Linn-Benton Food Share. Co-sponsors: Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority, Inc., Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

REIGN 2010 STROLLING COMPETITION

2-6 p.m., MU Ballroom

Admission is FREE with an OSU Student ID. Fraternities & Sororities from around the northwest will unite at OSU to compete in the first annual Reign strolling competition.

Co-sponsors: Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, University Housing & Dining Services, Office of Student Affairs, ASOSU, MUPC, Centro Cultural César Chávez, Unified Greek Council

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'Octomom' doctor accused of negligence by state board

LOS ANGELES—A California doctor has been accused of negligence in the case of a woman who gave birth to octuplets in January 2009, according to a complaint filed by the state medical board.

Michael Kamrava, an obstetrician/gynecologist in Beverly Hills, is accused of gross negligence and repeated negligent acts in the treatment of a patient named in the complaint only by her initials, N.S. "Octomom" Nadya Suleman has identified Kamrava as her doctor in interviews with the media. Suleman has six children in addition to the octuplets -- all conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

In filing the complaint in December, the medical board's executive director Barbara Johnston says Kamrava, while his patient was undergoing in-vitro, transferred a number of embryos that was "far in excess of (American Society for Reproductive Medicine) recommendations and beyond the reasonable judgment of any treating physician."

The ASRM recommends no more than two embryos for women under 35 years

old and no more than five for women over 40, for whom it is harder to get pregnant, according to guidelines published on its Web site. Suleman was 33 when she gave birth to the octuplets. The reproductive society expelled Kamrava from the group in September.

Additionally, the complaint says Kamrava should have referred his patient to a mental health physician after she repeatedly returned to him for additional in-vitro treatments shortly after each of her pregnancies.

"(Kamrava) failed to exercise appropriate judgment and question whether there would be harm to her living children and any future offspring should she continue to conceive," the complaint says.

Efforts to reach Kamrava on Monday were unsuccessful.

No hearing date has been set in the case.

— CNN

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like that big of a deal, but those small individual decisions made every day can add up. Think of all the emissions that would cut if similar decisions were made daily by people around the country.

Before you get all fumed up, I realize it is totally unrealistic for everyone to walk everywhere all the time. But do you really need to drive your SUV to pick up little Timmy at soccer practice three blocks away?

Individual choices made every day are going to be the driving force behind fixing this climate mess we're supposedly in.

Whether it's the choice between walking or driving, or if it's the choice of the car executive to produce hybrid cars, the way to fix the environment is to keep it out of politics and into the hands of the individual.

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The MLK Project

January 6th | 4pm - 6pm
January 9th | 1pm - 3pm
OSU Craft Center, Snell Hall

Pick up a phrase (e.g., "...came an opportunity to talk;" "I am compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my own hometown") from MLK's speech "Letter from Birmingham Jail" at the 5th floor of Snell Hall in the Counseling and Psychological Services office anytime the week of January 4th through the 8th and register to create an artistic "response" to the phrase that you are given.

The response must fit flat into an 8x10 frame with glass and can be an art medium (collage, photography, watercolor or fabric) or a verbal response (poem or a written work printed on paper).

You are free to use the Craft Center to work on your response or individually in your own space but you must do it either January 6th or January 9th during the two hour time block only.

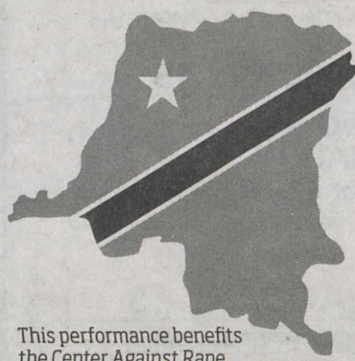
Please return your response to the Craft Center. CAPS will display the project in Art Underground at Fairbanks Hall from January 25 until February 4, 2010.

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This performance benefits the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence, as well as women and children experiencing violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Vagina Monologues

Auditions

January 5 & 6
MU 109
6-9pm

Callbacks

January 7
MU Journey Room
6-9pm

Rehearsals

Every Sunday beginning January 10 until final performances Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12 MU Journey Room 3-6pm

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If you have questions related to auditions please contact Cait O'Brien at Cait.O'Brien@oregonstate.edu

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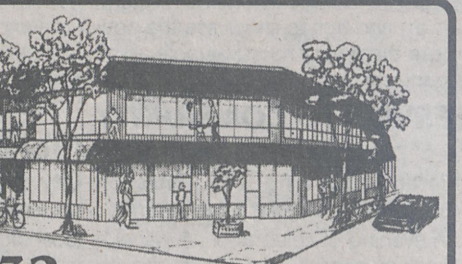
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Mayo would have been one of the first to put his name in the NBA draft and would have never set foot on a college campus. He, like many of his uber-talented basketball peers, did the minimum requirements and then skipped out on the rest.

The NBA rule is one year removed from high school, not one year of college, so that is what these players did. Mayo, of course, took a little more on the side, but the issues with Mayo and USC are not surprising. When a player has no interest in attending school, only cares about basketball and is a premier basketball player, recruiting tactics may get a little fudged. So if the requirements for playing at a school are easy, are the players taking advantage of the system and getting by scot-free? Because I can guarantee that O.J. Mayo can care less about the allegations.

If anything, it is the system taking advantage of the players. Just think about the dream previously mentioned of LeBron James in college.

He would have been bank for Ohio State. The university's basketball arena, The Schott, would have been filled to the brim every night with people just wanting to get a glimpse at the next big thing. I mean, LeBron's high school games were nationally televised; one could only imagine the kind of press he would have gotten at Ohio State.

Kevin Durant did the same thing for the University of Texas in 2007, but let's take a look at the residual effect of Durant's presence on the college basketball scene.

He led a resurgence in popularity in college basketball. This allowed for more money to flow into basketball programs across the country. Now each school is allotted ten basketball scholarships for their program by the NCAA, and there are 347 teams in Division I alone. That's 3,470 players that attend college for free because of the likes of Kevin Durant. Some probably could have paid for it, but most wouldn't have been able to.

Even if these basketball players get by, do not take school seriously and just drop out once the NBA says they can, they do provide a very valuable service to all other college athletes.

Some say make it two years, and some say revert to the old rule. I think the system has its issues, but it gives kids at least a taste of higher education. Maybe they'll get hungry for more.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

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points in more than two seasons at Oregon State, led the Beavers with five assists on Sunday against the Huskies. She also had one of the team's six steals. Palmer had two herself.

The loss snapped a five-game win streak for the Beavers, which stands as the second-longest under Wagner's tenure. The Beavers dropped to 9-3 on the year and 1-1 in Pac-10 Conference play. Washington, meanwhile, improved to 6-6 on the year and 1-1 in league games.

Kristi Kingma led the Huskies with 18 points, and she was followed by Sarah Morton, who had 12. Mackenzie Argens led Washington with eight rebounds.

The teams seesawed in the first half until they went into the break tied at 28. The score was tied five times in the first half and the lead changed hands twice.

Washington shot 46.2 percent from the field in the first half while Oregon State finished at a 46.2 percent clip. Palmer led the Beavers with six points, while Greer paced the team with six rebounds. OSU had a game-leading 22 rebounds in the first half while Washington posted 14.

The Beavers stay at home Saturday when Oregon State hosts Oregon in the Civil War. The game is scheduled for a 1 p.m. start at legendary Gill Coliseum and will be televised nationally on FSN.

"We are very excited for the opportunity to play against Oregon," Rhea said of Saturday's matchup. "As a team, we have details that we need and will continue to work on this week in practice to be prepared for the Civil War this Saturday."

Track announces schedule

SPORTS INFORMATION

The Oregon State women's track team is pleased to reveal its 2010 indoor and outdoor schedule, announced by head coach Kelly Sullivan.

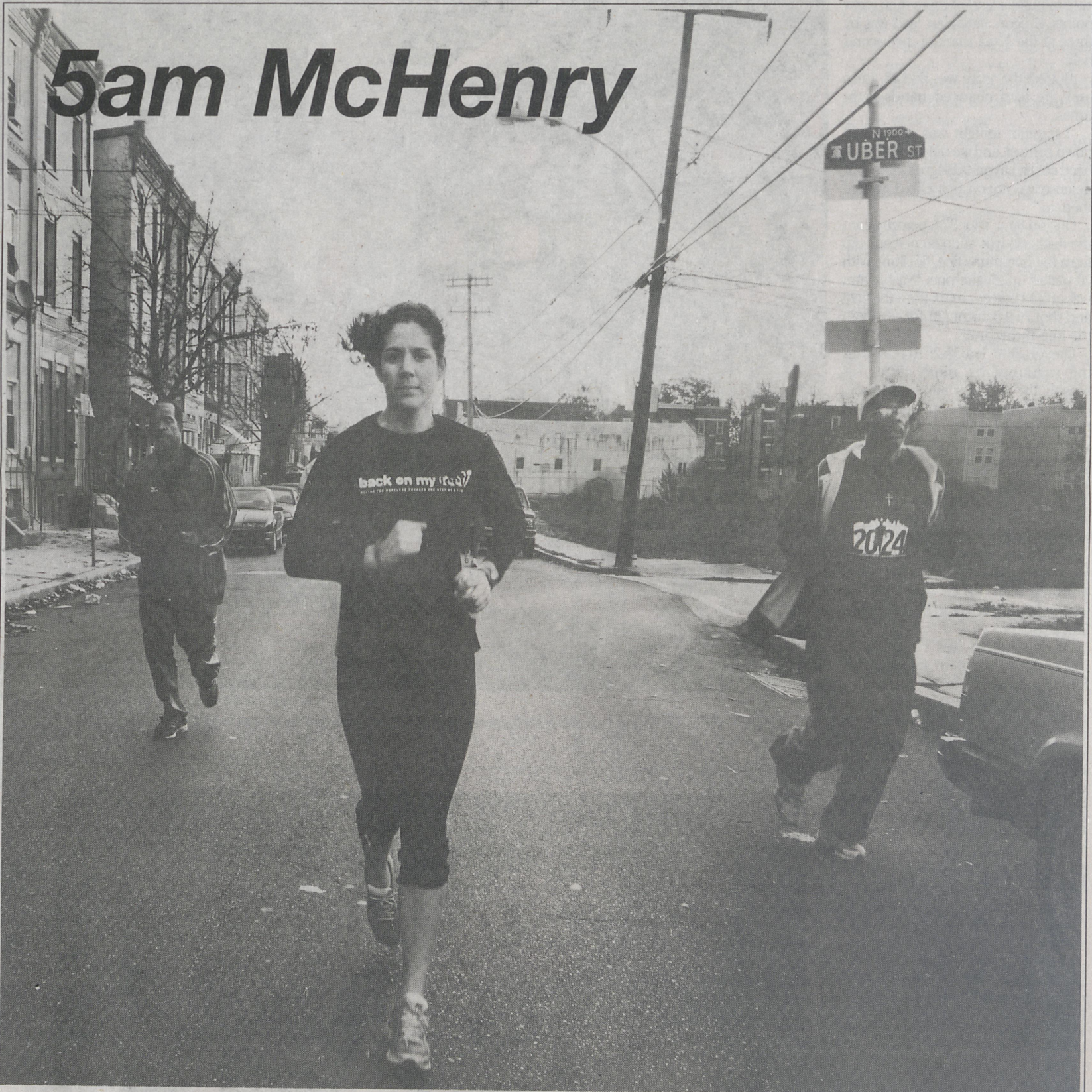
The 2010 campaign begins with a pair of weekends at the University of Washington for the Washington Invitational (Jan. 29-30) and Husky Classic (Feb. 12-13). Part of the Beavers will return to Seattle for one more competition in the Washington Last Chance Qualifier, while another part of the team competes in a duel against Portland on March 6. The qualifying runners will then head to Fayetteville, Ark., on March 13 for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Oregon State's outdoor season opens on March 20 at the Oregon Preview in Eugene. The team then continues to its next Pac-10 host in Stanford for the Stanford Invitational on March 26-27.

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Beavers lose despite Rhea's 22 point game

■ Oregon State women's basketball team falls to Washington in Corvallis

SPORTS INFORMATION

Talisa Rhea scored 22 points, but the Oregon State women's basketball team lost to Washington 69-64 Sunday night at Gill Coliseum.

Rhea was a perfect 11-of-11 from the free-throw line and sank a 3-pointer to pace her to 22 points, which is her fourth consecutive game in double figures and sixth of her last seven. Rhea has led or tied for the team lead in each of the Beavers' last four games.

The game was a back-and-forth battle the entire way, with neither team able to build a lead of more than eight points. Oregon State's last lead was by three at the 13:52 mark of the second half.

All told, the score was tied 13 times and the lead changed hands eight times.

"I thought tonight was an up and down contest, and we did not execute," head coach LaVonda Wagner said. "Our defense was not on-point like I wanted them to."

Oregon State shot 37.5 percent from the field and was at an 80 percent clip from the free-throw line, finishing with 20 makes on 25 attempts. Washington was at a 49 percent mark from the field and shot 76.9 percent (20-for-26) from the free-throw line.

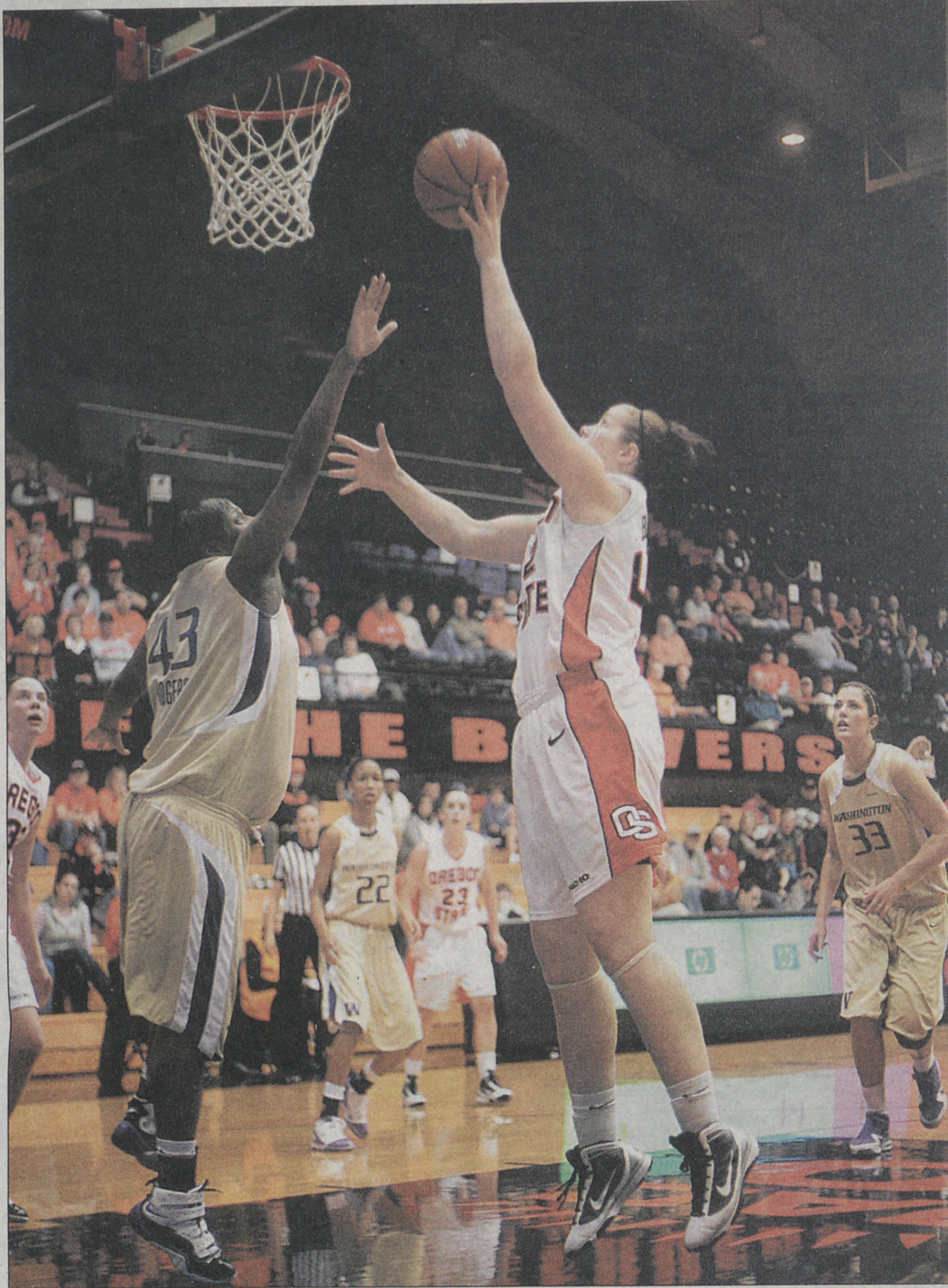
Oregon State led 38-28 in rebounding marking the ninth time this season the Beavers have had more rebounds than their opponent. Of the Beavers' 38 rebounds, 21 came offensively, which led to 20 second-chance points for OSU, compared to 10 for Washington.

"We got more possessions than they did; we just did not execute the way we should have," Wagner said.

El Sara Greer had her second consecutive double-digit rebound effort, finishing with 10. Of those 10, five were offensive. She also had six points and a steal.

Haiden Palmer was close behind Rhea with 10 points to go along with four rebounds.

Rhea, who now has 930 career



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Senior forward Anita Burdick goes up for a shot at a home game during the women's preseason. The women's basketball team is 9-3 overall and 1-1 in Pac-10 play.

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Eric Tyler
The Daily Barometer

NBA keeps guys in school

With the new year, we sports fans begin to shift our focus from the gridiron to the hardwood, and in doing so I would like to bring up the issue of college basketball players leaving school early.

It has been four years since the 2006 NBA draft that was the first to bar high school basketball players from entering the draft. Of course, this allowed NCAA basketball to have the year of the freshmen the following year, as the likes of Kevin Durant, Greg Oden and Thaddeus Young had to have one season of college basketball under their belts.

College basketball looked set, as all the basketball superstars would now at least appear in college uniform, and a writer for Sports Illustrated even instilled a dream — had this rule been instated earlier — of LeBron James donning an Ohio State jersey and leading them to a national championship.

When the NBA first installed the rule, the purpose was logical enough: The previous two NBA drafts yielded 16 straight-from-high-school draft picks. Even with the success of the Kobe Bryants and LeBrons of the NBA, there were far more failures, such as Ndubi Ebi (who?) and Leon Smith, whose NBA pressure led him to attempt suicide and be admitted to a psychiatric ward.

So, the thing to do was to get these players at least to college as a way to wean out the superstars from the crowd.

But with this policy in place, it raises far more issues than it solves. The recent O.J. Mayo scandal, which has led to USC's basketball program vacating all wins that occurred while Mayo was a guard there and, more importantly, bans them from competing in the postseason this year and imposes restrictions on basketball scholarships.

It has been well known that if the NBA's age policy hadn't been in place,

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BYU stomps OSU at Vegas Bowl

By Maria Bruggere
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After a disappointing 42-20 loss to the No. 15 BYU Cougars in the City of Sin, the No. 16 Oregon State football team can only hope that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.

BYU quarterback Max Hall threw for 192 yards and three touchdowns on Dec. 22, 2009 during the Maaco Las Vegas Bowl at Sam Boyd Stadium. The Cougars' (11-2) victory ended the Beavers' streak of five consecutive bowl wins.

For the Beavers (8-5), it seemed to be a series of unfortunate events that were caused by 50 mph winds that seemed to take handle of the football. Senior quarterback Sean Canfield completed 20 for 41 passes, 173 yards and an interception.

Sophomore running back Jacquizz Rodgers recorded his first career fumble in 621 touches during the first quarter of the game, and BYU's Matt Bauman recovered it for a 34-yard run in what eventually led to a Cougar touchdown. Rodgers brother James also had a fumble during the game. The Beavers ended the game with three turnovers.



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Junior linebacker Dwight Roberson and sophomore safety Cameron Collins take down BYU's offense during the Maaco Las Vegas bowl on Dec. 22, 2009. The Beavers lost the bowl game to the Cougars 42-20.

2010 football schedule announced

■ Oregon State will gear up to take on what could be one of the most challenging schedules

SPORTS INFORMATION

One of the most challenging football schedules in Oregon State football history awaits the 2010 Beavers when the season begins Sat., Sept. 4. Officially, OSU will announce its season opener at a later date.

The non-conference schedule includes a Sept. 18 home game against the Louisville Cardinals and a Sept. 25 game at the Boise State Broncos. The game with the Cardinals concludes a two-game series, while the contest vs. the Broncos begins a two-game pact with BSU returning to Corvallis during the 2012 season.

The Pac-10 Conference slate opens for the fifth time since 2003 against Arizona State, as the Sun Devils travel to Corvallis for an Oct. 2 game. The remainder of the home schedule includes Oct. 30 vs. USC, Nov. 6 vs. California, Nov. 20 vs. Washington State and Dec. 4 vs. Oregon. The Beavers will have bye weeks Sept. 11 and Oct. 23.