



Strategic plan pushes forward

Plan lays out long-term goals and ways to make the goals reality

By Mollie Holmes
THE DAILY BAROMETER

To best serve the people of Oregon, Oregon State University will be among the top 10 land grant institutions in America.

This is the vision of the OSU Strategic plan — a plan that outlines OSU's long-term goals and methods to achieve those goals.

A land grant institution is one that receives federal land for research purposes. To become part of the Top 10, OSU will benchmark its progress using peer institutions such as Cornell, Penn State and Purdue Universities.

But why is this plan so important? In December 2002, Oregon's economic health as well as national and global competitiveness was reported to be "relatively poor."

The Strategic Plan aims to solve this problem, and in the process all of OSU will be affected.

The OSU administration has set different benchmarks to achieve this final goal, some of which are close to completion.

For example, the average entering student GPA has risen from 3.44 to 3.48 in the last three years. In this same time, the number of U.S. minority students has risen by 115 students.

"I think we are off to a good start implementing the strategic plan," President Ed Ray said. "The good part about having metrics ... is that one does not have to guess whether or not we are succeeding."

These metrics, or progress measurements, can be found online at <http://oregonstate.edu/leadership/strategic>

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ASOSU PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Time to make a choice



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Joel Fischer is running for ASOSU vice president along with presidential contender Lauren Smith.



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Vice presidential candidate Lindsey Johnson is on the ballot with presidential candidate Michael Olson.

General election candidates for ASOSU president debate Monday

As the general election nears, the tickets aim to clarify their goals and positions

By Adam White
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students gathered in the MU Brick Mall on Monday to see the debate among the candidates for student government's top positions. ASOSU presidential candidate Lauren Smith, running for ASOSU president, introduced herself by explaining her leadership experience and stating her passion toward diversity and community issues.

Her running mate Joel Fisher explained his support of the ASPIRE program, which he is involved in, and stated his intentions to eliminate program specific resource fees.

Michael Olson, running for ASOSU president, explained his involvement in ASOSU, which started

his freshman year, and that he created the Escape Hunger program. His running mate Lindsey Johnson emphasized the ticket's diverse backgrounds, and her three years of experience in student government, two of which were at Clackamas Community College.

The first question was for them to identify one specific area in which ASOSU could improve.

Olson and Johnson said communication between the student body and ASOSU needs to be strengthened, and they feel that many students are not comfortable going to ASOSU office to voice their opinion.

Smith and Fisher's response was similar, stating that ASOSU is not very accessible, and many students are uncomfortable addressing their government. Fisher also mentioned involving the university owned housing co-ops more in student government

in an effort to connect with all students.

The next question asked to the candidates was about explaining one issue on which they held different opinions from the students', and how they would reconcile the issue.

Smith and Fischer addressed the programmatic resource fees, which they want to see eliminated. "They (the incidental fees) create differential tuition," Fischer said. Olson and Johnson said there was something to be done about the fees, and they brought up the concept that there is controversy over what student programs are needed. Smith was asked the first question as the actual debate began.

She asked Olson if he was connected with the students. Olson said he felt comfortable with his involvement because of his experience in the Escape Hunger program, and that he has an open mind

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Putting a New Spin on Things



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Craig Reichelt, a junior in electrical engineering, stunts on his bike in the MU Quad Monday afternoon. Reichelt says he's done stunts for about four years.

Class incident prompts walk-out

'Sex and the City' class has some unexpected drama Monday night

By Ashley Slocki
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Several students left instructor Amy Leer's Sex and the City class Monday night in a fury.

The incident started when Leer asked all of the OSU football players in her class to move to seats she had assigned to them closer to the front of

the room.

Student Shelby Ulman said "name tags were taped to certain seats with their respective last names."

Football player Brandon Hughes had an issue with this.

"We were in class, and everything was cool," Hughes said. "She tells us all to come sit in the front of the class. I was thinking to myself, why?"

One of his biggest problems was that it was in front of the whole class of more than 500 students.

After Hughes would not comply, Leer told him he could either sit in his assigned seat or leave the class. Hughes and several others chose the latter option.

Leer said Hughes was questioning her authority in front of the class when he would not cooperate.

"I just didn't think it was fair especially in a class that talks about discrimination," said Megan Nelson, one

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On campus, 'SAD' goes out with the weather

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With sunlight lasting longer each day the weather getting warmer, Seasonal Affective Disorder cases are waning for the year.

SAD is a type of depression caused from lack of (primarily) sunlight — although many cases of SAD are attributed to fluctuations in daily behavioral patterns.

With the "gloomy" weather of winter months, many people tend to change their lifestyle habits which in turn keep them indoors and promote a sedentary lifestyle.

Specifically, SAD is caused from a decrease of serotonin and an increase of melatonin in the brain. Serotonin is the chemical that affects appetite and mood, and melatonin is the chemical that regulates sleep and energy.

"December through February typically spurs most SAD cases," said Beth Brown, a practitioner from Student Health Services.

Because of relative location on the Earth, "[SAD cases] may approach 10 percent of the population in the northern United States and less than 2 percent in southern

states," according to SHS.

Typical symptoms of SAD include changes in appetite, increased weight and changes in sleeping patterns. SAD may also reduce energy levels and sex drive. Not to be discouraged however, those who suffer from sad are easily treated with lights that are safe and effective.

Student Health Services rents out lights that cost \$10.50 for the first two weeks and \$21.00 for three or more weeks. All expenses are charged to the student's accounts. The lights offered range from a 'dawn-light' that simulates a morning sunrise to a goLITE which is compact and portable. The goLITE is about the size of your hand and uses blue LED colored lights that produce chemical shifts in the brain.

Doctors from Student Health Services consistently noted success with the lights. When patients use the lights in the morning for at least 20 minutes over a two week period, symptoms typically decline.

— Thomas De Vicq

Three bombings rock Egypt's Sinai resort; at least 23 killed

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Three nearly simultaneous bombings hit an Egyptian beach resort popular with foreigners Monday at the height of the tourist season, killing at least 23 people a day after Osama bin Laden issued a taped warning against Westerners.

The bombers struck the Sinai seaside city of Dahab in the early evening along a crowded promenade of shops, restaurants and bars. Interior Minister Habib el-Adly said those killed included 20 Egyptians and three foreigners. Sixty-two people were wounded.

The explosions — the third terror strike on a Sinai resort in less than two years — hit Dahab at 7:15 p.m. when the streets were jammed with tourists strolling, shopping or looking for a restaurant or bar for evening festivities by the tranquil waters of the Gulf of Aqaba.

"There were just three loud bangs and people rushing around," British tourist Paul McBeath told Sky News. "Everybody is shaken."

Another witness said the Al Capone restaurant, one of the area's most popular spots, was destroyed.

"The tables and chairs have gone, there is nothing left," Joseph Nazir, who owns a safari company in Dahab, told Britain's Press Association. "Everybody is panicking, a lot of people are crying. We will be affected by this for a long, long time."

Hotels and guesthouses were filled with foreigners and with Egyptians celebrating the long Coptic Christian Easter weekend that coincided this year with Shem al-Nessim, the ancient holiday marking the first day of spring.

For years, Dahab was a popular, low-key haven for young Western and Israeli backpackers drawn by prime

scuba diving and cheap hotels, which mainly consisted of huts set up along the beach. In recent years, a number of more upscale hotels have been built, including a five-star Hilton resort.

At least three Israelis were hurt in the attack, which sent a steady stream of cars back to Israel some 65 miles to the north. Israeli authorities said 1,800 of their citizens were in the Sinai at the time of the blasts. However, there were far fewer Israelis vacationing in Sinai than during last week's Passover holiday.

California leaders threatened amid immigration debate

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The lieutenant governor and the mayor of Los Angeles, both Hispanic Democrats, have received threats amid a national debate over immigration policy, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Monday.

Schwarzenegger told reporters about the threats against Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante during a news conference in his office Monday.

Other elected officials of Mexican heritage have also received threats, Schwarzenegger said, but he did not name them.

Bustamante spokesman Steve Green said the lieutenant governor appeared at some immigration rallies with Villaraigosa in March and received "nasty e-mails" afterward. The death threat — "The only good Mexican is a dead Mexican" — came about three weeks ago on a postcard, he said.

The California Highway Patrol, which investigates threats against public officials, declined to comment.

Janelle Erickson, a spokeswoman for Villaraigosa, said she didn't know whether the mayor had received threats related to the immigration debate.

Bustamante and Villaraigosa have

opposed the criminalization of illegal immigrants and have said they support legal pathways to helping undocumented workers become citizens.

Suit: Defense Department recruitment database illegal

NEW YORK (AP) — The Defense Department is violating the privacy of millions of high school students' nationwide with a detailed database it uses for military recruitment, a federal lawsuit filed Monday claims.

The New York Civil Liberties Union sued on behalf of six high schoolers, saying the department is ignoring privacy rules set by Congress regarding the collection and distribution of students' personal information.

Military officials have said they have about 30 million names in the database. The Pentagon said last year the list includes high school students ages 16-18 and college students, and includes such information as the students' Social Security numbers, gender and race.

Hope Reichbach, a 17-year-old senior at Hunter College High School in Manhattan and a plaintiff, said she contacted the NYCLU after she had tried unsuccessfully to get her name removed from lists and databases that she said subjected her to repeated phone calls from military recruiters.

"I want them to leave me and other students alone," Reichbach said.

The department is flouting a 1982 military recruitment law that specifies that it refrain from collecting information on students under 17, that it store the information for no more than three years and that the information be kept private, the lawsuit said.

The current database includes information on 16-year-olds, is storing the information for five years and is being shared with law enforcement and other agencies, the lawsuit said.

Megan Gaffney, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's office, declined to comment on the lawsuit Monday.

The plaintiffs are six 16- and 17-year-old students who don't know if they are included in the database, but who object to it, lawyers said.

"Our clients don't wish to join the military," said Corey Stoughton, NYCLU attorney. "And they don't want their genders, ethnicities and social security numbers collected and distributed."

Asia representatives to United Nations to tour Oregon

PORTLAND (AP) — There are big markets to tap in China and Oregon industries are in a position to profit, China's minister counselor to the United Nations said Monday.

Mrs. Cong Jun made her comments during a visit to Nike's Beaverton campus, where she and seven other U.N. representatives from Asia stopped during their tour of Oregon.

"Our young people love Nike shoes," she said, but acknowledged that there were problems with counterfeits, and with what her country could possibly do to get rid of them.

The U.N. representatives from China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam are on a visit to Oregon to learn more about the region and discuss economic opportunities and other topics with government and business leaders.

Many said they were not familiar with the West Coast, which trades heavily with Pacific Rim nations.

Thailand's U.N. Ambassador Laxanachantorn Laohaphan said it was her first visit to Oregon and that she hoped to identify more economic opportunities at a time when trade between Thailand and the United States is growing quickly.

Tuesday, Apr. 25

Meetings

ASOSU, 5pm, 149 Snell Hall. Community and Women's Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

ASOSU, 7pm, 149 Snell Hall. Federal and State Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

ASOSU, 5:30pm, 120 Snell Hall. Queer Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

FMLA, Pro-Choice OSU, 6pm, Women's Center. Come help prepare for the protest against the Genocide Awareness Project.

OSU Pre-Veterinary Club, 7pm, Magruder Hall, Room 298. You want to be a veterinarian, but what do you know about starting your own clinic/practice? Come and listen to Dr. Justin Craig discuss entrepreneurship.

Speakers
Pre-Medical Society, 4pm, StAg 203. A representative from Ross University will be speaking.

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch: Come and go as you are able. Homemade food, stimulating conversation, vegetarian option.

Isang Bansang Pilipino (ibp), Memorial Union, ISOSU and OSU Music Dept., Noon-2pm, MU Main Lounge. The University of the Philippines Concert Chorus 17th annual tour will perform at MU Midday Music Interlude.

Wednesday, Apr. 26

Meetings

ASOSU, 5pm, 149 Snell Hall. Disabled Affairs Task Force meeting. All welcome.

ASOSU, 4pm, ASC Conference Room. Campus Affairs Task Force meeting. Everyone welcome.

Events


Silent Lunch, Noon-1pm, MU Commons. Sign language spoken here. All skill levels welcome.

Catholic Campus Ministry, 12:10pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe. Noon Mass — Faculty and staff for mid-week Mass.

United Campus Ministry, Noon-1pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. University Learning Community — Our book focus is, "When Jesus Came to Harvard" by Harvey Cox. All welcome.

United Campus Ministry, 5:30-7:30pm, 101 NW 23rd, Westminster House. Student Gathering — Home-cooked meal, conversation oriented Bible Study & worshipful singing.

FMLA, Pro-Choice OSU, 9am-4pm, MU Quad. Protest against the Genocide Awareness Project. Mass, silent protest 12-1pm.



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toward all issues facing OSU students.

When the question came back to Smith, she said she was an advocate for various groups on campus. Olson then asked Smith what two student programs she felt were unnecessary and should be cut — based on information Olson gathered from Smith's campaign Web site saying that unnecessary programs will be cut.

Smith said the decision should be up to the students not up to her. Olson rebutted by saying no programs should be cut, but rather they should be represented for proper funding.

Johnson asked a question to Smith, she wanted to know if she supported the Raising Reser money going toward artificial turf on the IM fields. Smith said the turf was not needed, and there were more pressing issues to deal with, but it was still an important topic.

Olson said there was funding available for the majority of student programs and that the turf would not be a monetary issue.

In their closing statement, Olson and Johnson reiterated the fact that they are not running just for the power, that they care about the students and the want to give them a voice.

Smith and Fisher closed by

saying they want to give every student power. They want to lead OSU in a positive direction and include an outside perspective. Fisher said he wants to build relationships and unite the OSU community.

Students came to Monday's debate to find out more about the upcoming student government election. Shannon Warren, president of the Black Student Union was there to learn what she could, bring the information back to her group, and help them make an informed decision.

Several students showed up wearing black T-shirts with Olson and Johnson's names on the front in big white letters. Kyle Crawford and Tony Meier explained that the group members were friends of Olson and Johnson, and they came up with the idea and paid for the shirts all on their own.

Before the main feature there were questions asked to the candidates for MU president and vice president and undergrad senate chair.

ASOSU elections will take place on Blackboard or the ASOSU Web site this year. The election starts this Wednesday at 12:01 a.m. and concludes on Thursday at 11:59 p.m.

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of the many students to leave class early.

"I felt that staying would condone what was going on," said Ulman, who also left.

Ulman said trying to move the football players into their seats took 45 minutes out of class.

Leer later explained her reasoning, but according to Hughes, all he was told was that an experiment was being done. He said he received no further details.

Leer said the class was discussing lesbianism, homosexuality, and sex in an uncommitted relationship and that the students would be able to return to their original seats after the discussion.

She has observed the clusters of females in all of her classes and thought it would be interesting to see how they reacted when a male was thrown in with them while discussing such topics.

"We were going to discuss it at the end of class and I was going to ask the guys and girls how it felt sitting by the opposite sex during the discussion," Leer said.

Leer said she didn't act beyond her rights as an instructor.

"It is totally within my rights," Leer said, going on to explain that the football players were used as a matter of convenience.

"I have had most of them in a class before," Leer said. "I know most of them by name. It

was just easier asking them to move."

Leer went on to explain that as football players, most of them on scholarship, they represent OSU, and she felt it would be a good time to do just that.

Some accused Leer of having other motivations, including race.

"It was just a list of the football players — it was not racial," said Felicia Castaneda, who also left the class room.

"It had nothing to do with color," Leer said.

Leer said that in many of her other classes she asks the male students to go outside in order to allow both the females and males to talk more openly about subjects. She mentioned that most of her classes examine how men and women differ when it comes to acting out their gender.

"I am thinking about dropping the class," Ulman said. "But I really enjoy it — I am torn."

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plan/ Ray also reported a number of financial successes.

"New funding has been generated for projects involving ocean studies, renewable energy research, forest research projects and much more," he said.

Other examples of accomplishment include the new College of Health and Human Sciences and the re-emergence of the College of Education. The Academic Success Center has been established in Waldo Hall, and the Austin Entrepreneurship Program in Weatherford Hall.

Some initiatives, however, are struggling. For example, the students-per-full-time faculty ratio has risen from 26.9 in 2003 to 27.2 in 2005. The goal is 19 by year 2008.

PUBLIC REACTION

While OSU administration supports the plan, more pessimistic opinions exist within the staff and faculty on campus.

"It's kind of tedious," said Stephen Hawkes, professor emeritus of chemistry. "[The Strategic Plan] said a lot of things that other people have said in the last half-century."

"We can use all these great words, but what does it really mean?" asked an OSU faculty member who wished to remain anonymous. Citing page four of the plan which states the goal to encourage "innovation, creativity, and risk-taking," this faculty member responded, "What the hell?"

"What will this mean to the student in their everyday lives? How will this document translate into my everyday life as an employee of OSU? There's a disconnect between the document and implementation."

Negative effects of the plan are also apparent. "Departments believe if they get mentioned in the document they have approval, a nod from

the administration, and if not, then the opposite," said the same anonymous OSU faculty member. "It is a way to measure departments' ego. I hear in meetings people getting mad: 'Oh my gosh, they didn't even mention me at all!'"

For students, most interviewed had not even heard of the Strategic Plan. However, this is not due to a lack of information about the master plan.

"[The information is] available to students if they really want it," said Lap Le, a junior in graphic design. "I think there are enough resources available, and if I really wanted to [find out more] I could."

"The provost has made a public record on the progress. His office could supply the information to any student," Ray said. "We are trying to be as informative as possible without overloading people with information."

FINANCIAL COST

Like any strategic plan, the implementation of it will cost money.

"We have not put a price on the strategic plan and we have not set a date certain to become a top 10 land-grant university," Ray said.

"There are limited resources and they are not growing as quickly as we might hope," he continued. "That means we have to set priorities in terms of what must be accomplished now and what must be deferred."

"Right now we are focusing on providing faculty and staff with competitive compensation ... to recruit and retain outstanding faculty and staff."

According to Ray, decisions for the strategic plan are the responsibility of the president and provost. Ray also meets regularly with the ASOSU president and vice president.

Although the Strategic Plan has both supportive and dissenting opinions, Ray cites the Russian proverb "trust but verify."

"People have the right to be skeptical," Ray said. "We have a responsibility to demonstrate through results that we are succeeding."

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Editorial

Olson for president

In a dashing, uncharacteristic display of political interest and fervor, the editorial board of The Daily Barometer has chosen to officially endorse a ticket for the ASOSU presidential election, which will be conducted Wednesday and Thursday of this week via the Internet.

Although it may appear to some as contrary to our nature to support the student government, we, as students, do believe our educational experience here at OSU will be heightened in joy and overall comfort with individuals of credence filling the student leadership positions of this university.

With this mind set, the editorial board interviewed the two remaining tickets, Olson/Johnson and Smith/Fischer, and was able to come to a unanimous decision to endorse one set of candidates.

We recognize that while not all students look to the Barometer for their inspiration, and there are, in fact, others who have no political aspirations or convictions whatsoever. For the rest of you, here is our advice: vote Michael Olson and Lindsey Johnson for president and vice president.

After the interviews, our opinion came to rest on the launch pad of certainty and credibility provided by this ticket. We feel these individuals displayed the most interest in representing the students, the highest degree of aptitude to maneuver the intricate world of politics at a university level, as well as evidencing their cohesiveness as a ticket and ability to present their platform professionally, yet simultaneously remaining very approachable.

We are in no way attempting to dissuade anyone who values our opinion from casting a vote in favor of Smith and Fischer, nor do we wish to infer that Smith and Fischer are less capable as leaders; they as well showcased strengths in their campaign, in the very least by the fact that they beat out two other tickets.

Alas, however, we must select one ticket above another. We, as well, will be voting tomorrow or the next day. While both tickets have impressive resumes packed with leadership experience, we believe Olson and Johnson are the best fit for the job.

So we say, with all sarcasm, bias and general rambunctiousness aside, we urge anyone who is reading this to vote Olson and Johnson for ASOSU president and vice president this election. We feel that they will best represent your and our needs and interests as students of OSU.

We'll see you at the polls.

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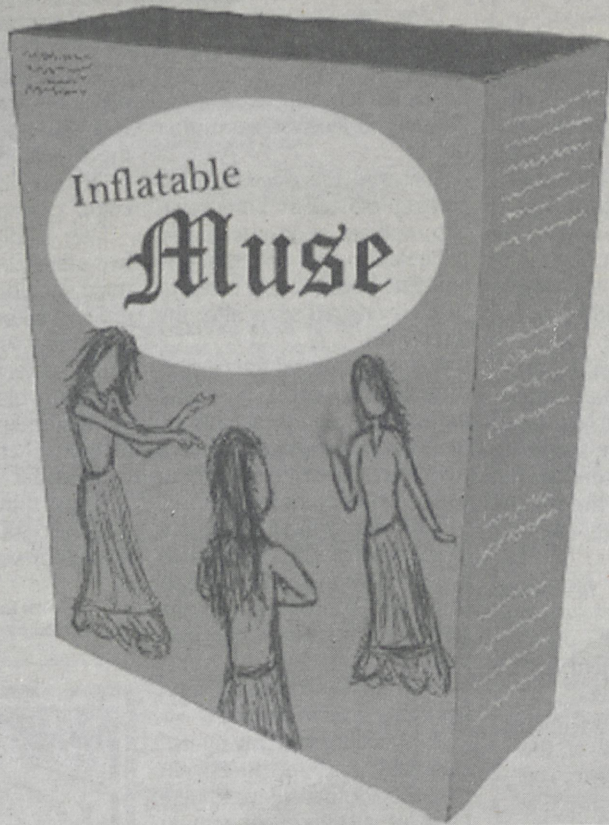
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Extending a hand to the campus

Please allow for me to introduce myself. My name is Andrew Nealon, a senior in communication here at Oregon State. Many of you might be familiar with my work within student media — at our lovely campus radio station KBVR, or more recently, within the editorial ranks of The Daily Barometer.

Also, as many of you know, the Barometer recently went through its yearly staff turnover, as is standard for every department within student media. With this turnover, the new editor in chief Dan Traylor and I saw the opportunity to extend a hand to the OSU community in a way that has never before occurred. Thus, I have stepped out of all editorial duties and into a new and very exciting role at the Barometer.

I am billed as the associate editor, however, I fulfill many of the duties of what most newspapers call "public editor."

In this role, I will be working to meet with campus and university leaders (administrators, faculty members and student groups) to help shape the Barometer's coverage into what the community wants it to be.

Now, don't get ahead of me. My aim is not to offer false coverage promises, but to work with leaders to shape the Barometer into exactly what it should be: a Barometer, a tool that reads and predicts the campus climate, much as the editorial staff recently expressed.

In the first three weeks of my position I have experienced great support from the leaders I have been granted time with. As well as support, I have been

able to return to the editors of the Barometer with a clear idea of what issues need coverage and explanation.

These are not new issues; the budget, classroom space and how we use it, and, of course, the always prevalent topic of diversity. While these concepts are not new, my outlook on them is. By removing myself from the office and interacting with our community, I have been able to begin to empathize with the victims of these issues: the faculty, staff and students of OSU.

But this is just the beginning. I now extend my hand to you, the reader. If you are a campus leader and would like to discuss issues surrounding your group and how the Barometer can be of service, please contact me. At the same time, I will continue to develop an understanding of campus issues and help the Barometer cover these issues in a way that will expand the average student's perspective of the same issues. But I face the same constraints many students are familiar with: time and space.

I only have one term, seven weeks remaining, to develop a strong footing for this new position. Also, the job I am attempting to do has no bounds — when does one know that community has been built? Can't communication and community forever

improve?

Also, we are a small paper. How do we develop issues to the extent they deserve if we have such limited space?

So, given these constraints I realized that I have to chip away at a very established foundation, and build from the ground up, a new mentality concerning the Barometer's role on campus — the role of the literal Barometer.

To accomplish this task, it will take dedication from myself as well as future generations of Barometer associate editors. It will also take a paradigm shift.

In a conversation with OSU's Vice Provost for Student Affairs Larry Roper, the question of what a newspaper that offered equal coverage of every issue, of every perspective, would look like came to the table. This is something that has stuck with me.

While the Barometer, or any paper for that matter, will ever be able to achieve an all encompassing daily issue, it is something that we should always strive for. How can we use our space to achieve the maximum exposure for as many differing perspectives as possible? It is a question I have no solid answer for, but constantly it is the last thing on my mind each night.

This is where I ask you, the reader, to help me. How can the Barometer better cover the diversity of perspectives that make our campus so wonderful? Please e-mail me with any ideas or thoughts. And until next week, keep reading.

Andrew Nealon is a senior in speech communications and associate editor of The Daily Barometer. The opinions expressed in his columns do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff. Nealon can be reached at public@dailybarometer.com.

Andrew Nealon



The Associate Editor

Matt Lewis



I Mean, Seriously

Learning to live like a celebrity

So, I was searching through the Internet the other day, trying to think of something to write about seeing as how I've exhausted my on-campus ideas after about two weeks. Way to stay entertaining, OSU. Way to be.

Just as I was about to give up hope and admit that after all of these years, the Internet had finally let me down, I stumbled across a celebrity gossip Web site.

Some may call it dumb luck. I call it divine intervention.

It's almost like the clouds parted, and God reached down and touched my computer screen. I knew what I had to write about.

People may say that celebrities are self-indulgent. Sure, they spend more money in one day than I will see in several (read: 20) years, and sure they may bet their \$200,000 Bentley at the family casino and lose it, but hey, everyone makes mistakes now and then.

But I realized that even though we have a tendency to play up celebrity foibles, they have to have something right. I mean, they get put on the cover of practically every magazine in America for doing some of the most mundane things ever.

Take Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes for instance. They had a baby. It's not really that uncommon of an occurrence for a baby to be born. There are about 12,000 people that do that every day in the United States, and yet none of them get on the cover of any magazine.

Vanna White was given her own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame recently. She made her career by flipping over lighted boxes with letters on them. The Queen of Crosswords, some might call her.

I can only hope to find a job like that after I graduate.

What I did come to realize, however, is that celebrities are so successful because they are always receiving praise for the tiniest thing they do. Think of how self-satisfied they are. How big their egos must be.

I bet Paris Hilton's is the size of Texas seeing as how often her face graces the cover, pages and Web sites of practically any media outlet.

All people need to succeed is a little pat on the back for every thing they could ever possibly do!

Hurray, you woke up on time. Here's \$5.

Good job, you didn't try and stop your involuntary body functions! You get an A on the next quiz.

Paris Hilton probably used to forget that breathing was an involuntary function of the body and messed up her lungs or heart or whatever.

That's why she gets so pampered now. Her parents are proud that she

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LEWIS: Matt rules over celeb wannabes

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finally mastered the art of not actively trying to stop breathing.

Take the Barometer as another example. Let's not focus on how many errors there are ... but how many errors there are not. Focus on the positive and inspire others through motivation.

Only then can we raise the bar for us regular-type people and begin acting like the celebrities we adore.

Then the world would be perfect. And all the people would be dumb enough for me to just take over everything.

All hail Matt! Supreme Potentate of all!

Matt Lewis is a senior in English and diversions editor for The Daily Barometer. The opinions expressed in his columns, which appear every Tuesday, do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff. Lewis can be reached at forum@dailybarometer.com.

ASOSU Elections

Smith/Fischer show essential tact

I just lost the primary election for ASOSU president. It is an unfortunate turn of events for me, but the campus will flourish with the two remaining tickets contending for the election.

Both tickets are equally qualified, they are passionate, dedicated, and experienced. This has led me to a predicament ... who should I support? I have waited a couple days to clear my thoughts, and one ticket rose above the clouds, SMITH/FISHER!

I have decided to support SMITH/FISHER because of their political tact. After the primary election both tickets immediately called me to send their condolences, but SMITH/FISHER asked me about issues I cared about. The other ticket only invited me to their Facebook group and later asked to use the Schmierer/Jeness Facebook group to promote their name.

Political tact is something that is essential because ASOSU President and Vice President work with competing interests including the administration, the community, and the students. Lacking political tact could be devastating to the student body and to the OSU community.

If you voted Schmierer/Jeness I am

asking to you pledge your support to SMITH/FISHER. They are two great leaders, and I would love to have them as my president and vice president.

JONATHAN SCHMIERER
junior, political science/intl business

ASOSU Elections

Smith/Fischer bring focus and experience

Although Mike Olson and Lindsey Johnson would make great elected officials, I believe that Lauren Smith and Joel Fischer would do a much better job.

I met Lauren without even realizing that she was running as president with Joel Fischer. I will admit right from the start, that I do not know a whole lot about Lauren Smith. But after having spoken with her, I realize how important I am to her as a student, as well as the importance of the student voice.

Instead of being in charge or in power, Lauren and Joel want to be focused by listening, talking, and walking with Oregon State students.

Joel Fischer brings a wealth of experience from Washington DC, having interned with a member of Congress. Being in charge of state affairs and knowing not only our school administrators, but also members of our state legislature,

is what will make for a success in the ASOSU elections, making a success for OSU students

I will vote for Smith/Fischer for ASOSU president and vice president, not because I respect them as friends and people, but because I know that they will actively advocate for all students at Oregon State.

MICHAEL LEE
junior, business

ASOSU Elections

Presidential endorsement

As you cast your vote for the next ASOSU president and vice president, I urge students to research their past experiences, read the debate transcripts, and talk to the candidates.

I feel confident enough lending my support to Michael Olson and Lindsey Johnson as the next ASOSU president and vice president. I have seen these two individuals accomplish remarkable things to facilitate a better community for our students.

As ASOSU president, responsibilities require you to engage our campus community and gain the trust and respect of those who need to be heard. Through several years of aiding in the development of our community, Mr. Olson has devel-

oped a network of leaders who believe in him as much as I do. In his current role as Executive Director of Committees, Michael is responsible for recruitment and retention of over 35 University committees. His ability to work with people has created strong leaders within our community.

Many focus on the president when casting their votes. I would strongly encourage our student body to look to the vice president with equal scrutiny. The vice president is responsible for leading and developing over a hundred interns, staff and volunteers.

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ASOSU president

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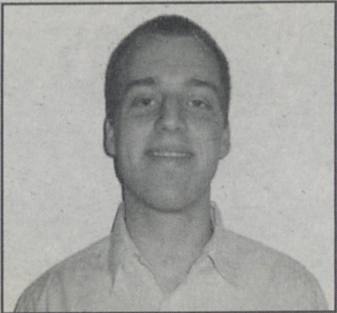
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Jeff Olden

Year: Junior

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Qualifications: As a Mechanical Engineer I would bring a very analytical thought process, straightforward approach to problem solving, and different background than most board members. However, as a Business Minor, I will also have the necessary knowledge required to understand the business side of things. This year I sat on the Student Involvement Advisory Board, responsible for reviewing a budget of over \$1 million for different on-campus groups. Currently I am working as an engineering intern for Gerber Legendary Blades where I am in a great position that lets me see all of the different aspects of the business.



Lindsey Norman

Year: Sophomore

Major: Business

Qualifications: I have experience working in a small business for nearly four years where I have been able to learn all aspects of running a business. My main focus has been learning about management, finance and customer relations. Also, as Vice President of Finance of my sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, I currently manage and oversee financial responsibilities exceeding \$300,000 per year, employees, budgets for the chapter and officers, as well as billing and collections. The experience and skills I have gained as a result of these opportunities and other campus involvement, in addition to those gained as a Business Major, will contribute to my ability as a Board Member to promote the Bookstore's mission.



Steven Haney

Year: Junior

Major: Business Administration

Qualifications: My qualifications would include many years in the academic world. I have two associate degrees previous to my current attendance to OSU. One a AAOT and the other a tech degree in water treatment. I feel this gives me some insight and a degree of experience dealing with educational book stores that may not be found in all students. I have held employment at retail centers such as Target and Fred Meyers and also in public settings such as both the city of Corvallis and Albany.



Dan Reynoldson

Year: Sophomore

Major: Business

Qualifications: I am a very involved student that enjoys serving on committees and boards like the Oregon-State University Bookstore. I understand its mission of non-profit services and its effort to provide the lowest prices possible, while I am still familiar with keeping the bookstore's books in the black. Most importantly, this past year I have been working on the Student Involvement Advisory Board reviewing a budget over \$1 million that affected most campus-wide groups. Other qualifications include leading my fraternity as Vice President, ASOSU intern, leadership education, and a handful of other clubs and committees.



Dann Cutter

Year: Junior

Major: Computational Physics, Business

Qualifications: I believe that the next few years of changing technology will be critical in the operation of the OSU Bookstore, Inc. I have been a professional in the IT field for over 10 years, a Planning Commissioner for the City of Waldport, and previously held a leadership role in the US Navy's nuclear program. I believe that this extensive experience seeing the effects of rapid changes in technology allows me to bring a tremendous amount of experience essential to the changing paradigm which the bookstore will experience. As well, I also have training in finance, allowing me to put in context the financial ramifications of these possible changes.



David Horn

Year: Sophomore

Major: Nuclear Engineering

Qualifications: I believe that my leadership experience throughout high school, as an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, and in my fraternity would allow me to contribute to the board of directors decisions. I have served as the Financial Director for my fraternity for the past six months, which has given me an understanding of how a small business is run. Serving on a board or committee is my favorite way of getting involved in large organizations.

McGowan, Iapala invited to 2006 USA softball camp

■ Junior pitcher McGowan and senior utility player Iapala invited to World University Team Camp

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USA Softball has announced the list of athletes who have been invited to its upcoming selection camps for the 2006 USA Softball Women's National Team and the 2006 World University Games team. Oregon State junior pitcher Brianne McGowan and senior utility player Vanessa Iapala have been invited to the World University Team Camp.



Vanessa Iapala



Brianne McGowan

McGowan, from Reno, Nev., is one of just three pitchers in Oregon State history to record back-to-back 20-plus win seasons from the circle and currently holds a 21-4 overall record with a team-best 1.20 ERA. McGowan is also batting .352 from the plate with eight home runs.

Iapala, from San Diego, Calif., ranks in the Oregon State record book Top 10 in seven career batting categories (at-bats, runs scored, RBI, hits, doubles, home runs, bases on balls) and is OSU's career doubles leader.

She has helped the Beavers to three straight NCAA Tournament appearances and currently holds a .267 batting average.

The World University Games selection camp will be held June 9-11 at the Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, Calif., and will be followed by the Women's National Team Camp, June 13-17.



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Sophomore shortstop Darwin Barney reaches to tag out a Stanford runner during the Beavers 3-0 win in Corvallis on April 13. After a trip down south to play California, OSU returns home for non-conference play this week.

Beavers sweep Bears in California

■ Chris Kunda singles in the winning run on Sunday, giving No. 10 OSU the 9-7 victory

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Oregon State overcame a three-run deficit, then lost a three-run lead before the No. 10 Beavers beat California 9-7 in Pac-10 baseball Sunday afternoon at Evans Diamond, completing a three-game sweep. Chris Kunda singled home the winning run in the top of the eighth inning for OSU (28-9 overall, 9-3 Pac-10) and Shea McFeely added a two-run single in the top of the ninth before Kevin Gunderson pitched the ninth to earn his third save of the weekend.

It was the seventh straight win for Oregon State, which has won 16 of its last 18 games, and it kept the Beavers alone in first place in the Pac-10 standings as they hit the halfway point of their conference

schedule. Dating back to last season, OSU has swept three of their last four Pac-10 road series.

"Any time you win on the road is big, but to sweep on the road is huge," OSU head coach Pat Casey said. "Chris Kunda had a big hit, and Shea McFeely's hit was a big hit - it was just a good team effort. This puts us in a great spot after 12 games and now we've just got to get better."

In Sunday's see-saw game at Cal (19-19, 6-9), the Beavers handed the Bears a 3-0 lead in a mistake-filled bottom of the second inning, then had the Bears hand it all back in the Beavers' six-run top of the fourth inning. Cal drew even with three runs in the bottom of the seventh, turning it into a two-inning game.

OSU went in front 7-6 in the top of the eighth

inning as McFeely led off with a walk from Cal reliever Alex Trafton, was sacrificed to second by Bill Rowe and scored on a two-out single up the middle by Kunda.

OSU did tack on two more runs in the top of the ninth when McFeely bounced a two-run single up the middle against a drawn-in infield, giving the Beavers a 9-6 lead to take to the bottom of the ninth.

On Saturday, the Beavers scored five unanswered runs over the last four innings and beat California 5-2. Friday, a premier pitching match up between Oregon State's Dallas Buck and California's Brandon Morrow yielded a total of just 12 hits, but OSU took advantage of Cal errors to grab the win. OSU returns home to face Portland on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

Baseball

Tuesday: University of Portland at OSU, Goss Stadium
When: 4 p.m.
Air: Radio, KEJO 1240

Chrissy Lamun strikes a pose in the air during her floor routine Thursday night in Gill Coliseum during the preliminary rounds of the NCAA Gymnastics Championships. Lamun, a senior, was named second-team All-American for her performance Thursday night on the balance beam.

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Gymnasts Lamun and Smith earn All-American status

■ Senior and freshman receive awards for efforts on beam, vault after Thursday night performance at championships

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Oregon State gymnasts Chrissy Lamun and Tasha Smith received the call to the podium to receive their second-team All-American certificates Saturday morning at the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships' Awards Banquet. Lamun, a senior, earned honors on the balance beam and Smith, a freshman, collected her award for her efforts on the vault.

Lamun wrapped up her gymnastics career Thursday night during the second session of the NCAA Gymnastics Championships with one of her best overall performances of the year. She finished with a score of 9.825 on the beam to tie for eighth place in the session. Lamun is the first Oregon State gymnast to

earn All-American honors on beam since 2000 when Katrina Severin and Annette Taylor achieved second team status.

Smith put the finishing touches on her first season with the Beavers by tying for fifth on vault in the session Thursday night. Smith scored 9.85 when she stuck her landing on the Beavers' final routine of 2006. Smith is Oregon State's first freshman to garner All-American status since 2000 when Tanya Riccioli earned second team honors on the floor exercise. OSU's last All-American vaulter came in 2001 when Lara Degenhardt and Katrina Severin each earned the honor.

To be eligible for All-American status, the gymnasts had to finish in the top eight (including ties) in their respective session on Thursday night's preliminary round of competition. The top four (including ties) in each session earned first-team honors while places 5-8 earned second-team.