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Sunday morning, members of the various OSU fraternities gathered below the steps of the MU to welcome the newest editions to their brotherhoods. Their chants and cheers could be heard all throughout campus.

## To rush, or not to rush, that is the question

■ Fraternities and sororities hold their formal recruitment during the first two weeks of fall term at OSU

By Joce DeWitt  
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As Oregon State University enrollment hits record amounts, the Greek System prepares to recruit more students than ever before.

The event, formerly called RUSH, is a week-long process in which students, most often incoming freshmen, undergo experiences that allow them to get acquainted with different Greek chapters.

But why RUSH?

According to Kevin Aguas, Inter-Fraternity Council president, the term refers to the quick-paced ambiance that recruitment week portrays, due to hundreds of students rushing to meet as many members and see as many houses as possible before a decision is made.

The final step for a potential member is accepting an offer from a house they preferred, though it does not always end up that way. Thus, the confusion: Do rushers pick a chapter or does a chapter pick them?

"It's a very credible process," said Bob Kerr, coordinator of Greek Life, concerning recruitment week. "Each chapter has a different personality, so the question of 'Does it fit?' is sincere."

That is the main goal, after all. Recruiters do their best throughout the week to find the finest "fits" for each house.

Most often, the right fit is found. Occasionally, however, rushers are not offered membership from their preferred chapter and decide Greek life is not for them, like OSU student Rachel Trindle did.

"I don't think it was personal, and the house I wanted may have been fuller than the one I got into," Trindle said.

According to Aguas, who is an active member of Lambda Chi Alpha, fraternity houses are looking for recruits with "specific qualities that benefit the campus and community."

Lily Shorey, vice president of the Panhellenic Council at OSU, agrees on behalf of sorority houses.

"We look for qualities new women can provide for the chapter, like leadership skills," Shorey said. "We look for things they're interested in that will help the chapter become

more successful."

Recruitment week may sound like a system in which rushers are judged and placed based on first impressions that may misrepresent them and their aspirations. Hollywood has also had an influence on society's perception of what occurs behind closed doors during events like RUSH.

"I'm sure that back in the day, (fraternities) did practice hazing," Aguas said regarding fraternities suspected of harassing potential members. "But in today's society, that kind of stuff just isn't acceptable."

Fraternities and sororities approach the act of recruitment with different tactics.

"It can be compared to speed dating," Shorey said about sorority recruitment. "Sorority RUSH is more formal. Fraternities have games and barbecues; we focus more on conversation so we get to know their personalities a little more."

According to Aguas, fraternities pursue potential members through more relaxed methods.

"Fraternities do a more individual-based system and extend offers while sororities go through a stricter, more complex process,"

Aguas said.

Kerr's advice to students looking to join a house is, "Be yourself. Relax and enjoy it. Get to know people."

Those options are, according to Kerr, basically the point of choosing to go Greek in the first place.

"There are three main reasons students choose to become members," Kerr said. "Networking, which is almost as valuable as a degree program, philanthropy, like community service, and an active social life."

Jimmy Bates, a member of Phi Psi, recounts a time when he was greeted by strangers in an airport, who he discovered to be Phi Psi alumni, because he was wearing his Greek letters.

"If everyone had the opportunity to experience the same thing, I don't think there would be a single person who would not go Greek," Bates said. "That's the beauty of it too. There is a house out there for everyone."

Shorey and Aguas agree that there is a place for everyone, even with the record amount of students going through recruitment this fall, due in part to high University enrollment,

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## Furlough days: A list of pros and cons

■ OSU vice president says university saved up to \$2.5 million due to furlough program

By Sona Hodaie  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Between January and June 2010, Oregon State University faculty were asked to take a fixed amount of time off from work without pay each month.

The OSU administration asked faculty to take furlough hours in order to save money. Faculty members were told that by sacrificing around 2 percent of their work hours, they could potentially prevent other faculty members from being laid off, said Polly Jeneva, head academic advisor of the College of Liberal Arts.

OSU President Ed Ray said in a furlough program memo, "The furlough program is designed to minimize the impact on employees, specifically to preserve some of the fixed-term instructors and professional faculty positions that would have to be eliminated this academic year to address budget reductions."

Under this unique plan of action,

the faculty members' salaries were not reduced. Instead, faculty members were asked to take a certain amount of time off from work unpaid.

According to a furlough document released by the OSU Faculty Senate, the program was based on a sliding scale. Therefore, faculty members who earned more money were asked to take a larger percentage of time off.

Not all faculty members were affected equally by the furlough program.

There are two broad categories of faculty members: classified and unclassified employees. Unclassified employees are tenure track professors that teach and do research, and advisors who don't teach but serve other functions on campus. Classified employees hold positions such as secretaries and aides.

Although both classified and unclassified employees were asked to take time off work, classified staff is still taking furloughs. This is because classified staff is represented by a union that signed a two-year contract for furlough days, explained Jeneva.

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## Think about forever before bringing home a pet

■ Pets have been abandoned when student owners skip town

By Joy Pariente  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The start of the school year means many things for students. It can mean new beginnings, new stresses or excitement for the future.

For some, loneliness and discomfort become ever-present reminders of being separated from their friends and loved ones back home.

To ease these transitional pains, some college students will turn to something very familiar and comforting: a furry, friendly pet.

A new puppy or kitten may seem like an end to boredom, isolation or lack of affection, but that shouldn't be the sole reason for the adoption or purchase of a pet. What many don't understand is that pets are a 10- to 25-year commitment and, ultimately, when a pet parent can't hold up their end of the commitment anymore, it's the pet that pays.

"It's like they're a transient part of their lives," said Cheryl Barclay, a volunteer at Heartland Humane Society

in Corvallis, referring to the frequent abandonment of pets by college students.

A recent arrival to Heartland was a dog around four years old whose owner had graduated college and found a job in another town and didn't want to deal with bringing the dog along with her. She turned her pet in to the Humane Society, where it now sits with other surrendered pets and strays, hoping to someday find a forever home.

Some owners don't even take the time to ensure their animals end up at a shelter where they'll receive proper care.

"There are landlords who go into the apartment (after the tenant leaves) and everything is gone but their cat," said Courtney Williams, the surgical coordinator at Heartland.

Many more cats and quite a few dogs are simply left on the streets to fend for themselves, she said. These animals face illness, injuries or even death on the streets if they're not picked up by Animal Control in time.

This isn't to say college students are incapable of being good pet

owners, but there are a number of things to consider when looking at pets. Potential pet owners should consider the time commitment and cost involved in raising a puppy or kitten. Their first few months of life are vital to proper training and socialization.

An animal can't be left alone all day because they can end up never becoming housebroken or socialized, Williams said. Unsocialized animals can be aggressive or fearful, and no housebreaking means constantly cleaning up accidents on the carpet.

Animal ownership also isn't cheap. Just the basics of food and medical care can cost thousands of dollars a year. Many college students are already living within a strict budget and another mouth to feed could drive that budget to its breaking point.

"Consider the 'what ifs,'" Barclay said. "You don't want money to be so tight you can't afford to feed them good food and put some away for the unexpected (pet needs)."

Williams told the story of one recent shelter visitor who fell in love with a small orange kitten. She didn't have

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# Travel alert issued for U.S. citizens in Europe

The United States issued a general travel alert for Americans in Europe on Sunday amid concerns that al Qaeda or related groups plan attacks similar to the 2008 massacre in the Indian city of Mumbai.

"U.S. citizens should take every precaution to be aware of their surroundings and to adopt appropriate safety measures to protect themselves when traveling," the notice from the U.S. State Department said. "We continue to work closely with our European allies on the threat from international terrorism, including al Qaeda."

The advisory is not meant to tell Americans to avoid travel, but to take "common-sense precautions" in case of trouble, Undersecretary of State Patrick Kennedy told reporters Sunday.

"If they see unattended packages or hear loud noises or see something beginning to happen that they should quickly move away from them," he said. The warning urges them to be cautious in public places like tourist sites and airports or while riding public transportation, and Americans should know how to contact the U.S. Embassy and consider registering their travel plans there, he said.

In addition, thousands of

U.S. troops based in Germany were placed under a curfew Friday night and were ordered not to wear their uniforms off base, according to an order obtained by CNN.

Kennedy said the State Department has issued travel alerts for Europe for "a variety of reasons" in the past, including the recent eruption of a volcano in Iceland that snarled air travel across the continent.

The State Department said worldwide travel alerts have been issued for U.S. citizens in the past, most recently in early September after the pastor of a small Florida church threatened to burn copies of the Quran, the Islamic holy book.

Previous alerts were issued after the 2004 al Qaeda bombings of commuter trains in Spain's capital Madrid and after the 2005 bombings of subway trains and buses in London, England.

News emerged last week that Western intelligence officials were looking at information about a possible "Mumbai-style" attack in cities across Europe, and a British security source said Saturday that intelligence related to such a plot was being looked at very seriously on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mumbai, India's financial hub, was the site of a three-day

terror attack in November 2008 that left more than 160 people dead. Ten men launched the carefully planned assault, targeting two major hotels, the historic Victoria Terminus train station and a Jewish cultural center.

Kennedy would not comment on specific intelligence sparking the report, but said it followed a "cumulative" process.

"We have been monitoring this carefully for at least several weeks," he said.

Don Hamilton, a former State Department counterterrorism expert told CNN Sunday that the alert is "about the mildest thing they can say."

"The State Department is historically extremely cautious about these things," he said. It doesn't want to be accused of failing to warn Americans if they have some information about a possible attack beforehand, but Hamilton said the alert is less severe than a more formal travel warning involving concrete threats.

A U.S. official said Saturday that the alert was prompted by the volume of intelligence on possible terror threats, rather than any new intelligence.

At the White House, spokesman Nicholas Shapiro said President Barack Obama "has been following the threat infor-

mation on a daily basis."

"From the day we became aware of this latest plot, the president made clear we need to do everything possible to disrupt this plot and protect the American people," Shapiro said. Sunday's alert "is responsive to the president's direction that we spare no effort," he said.

A senior administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity said Obama met with members of his national security team Friday night and Saturday morning and received another briefing Sunday morning. The official said European allies are "all in sync" with the United States, "both in terms of our assessment of the threat as well as our shared conviction that governments have an obligation to keep their citizens informed of terrorist threats."

Several European governments said Sunday that they are not raising their already-high alert levels as a result of the latest reports. The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs said Sunday that the U.S. advisory was "in line with the general recommendations that we have addressed to the French population."

"The indications provided by the U.S. authorities, in particular regarding terrorist threat in Europe are, of course

analyzed, cross-referenced and where appropriate included in our national assessment of the threat, which still relies on a series of elements," the ministry said. "The terrorist threat remains high in France, the alert level remains unchanged at level red." Britain's Foreign and Commonwealth Office changed its travel advisory for British citizens in France and Germany from a "substantial" threat of terrorism to a "high" threat, but the FCO said it does not comment on intelligence matters and thus can't specify whether the change is related to the U.S. travel alert.

Germany's interior ministry said in a statement that the warning for Americans comes in light of recent threats and that Berlin was informed by the U.S. of the decision to issue the alert. Germany will analyze and evaluate the intelligence data coming in but will not be changing its current threat level at this time, according to the statement.

Also, a spokeswoman for Spain's Interior Ministry told CNN that the country will remain at Level 2 alert, which indicates a "high, probable risk" of a terror attack. Spain has remained at this stage since January of this year.

— CNN

# With election losses certain, Democrats discuss the way forward

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Democrats know they are going to lose congressional seats in the November elections. The question is what can they do to minimize the damage?

With less than a month to voting day, even the most ardent Democrat conceded on Sunday talk shows that the outlook wasn't rosy.

They differed on whether they can retain majorities in both the House and Senate, with the House considered more vulnerable, but all agreed there will be fewer of them working in Congress next year.

Republicans certainly believe it. Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, who chairs the National Republican Senatorial Committee, predicted a GOP "tsunami" at the polls.

While he declined to offer a specific prediction on CNN's "State of the Union," Cornyn added he expected a "good day" on November 2, adding: "I don't know how high or how wide that tsunami will be, but I think it will be significant."

His Democratic counterpart, Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, warned on the same program against counting any electoral chickens before they hatch.

"With the midterm election history, the president's party, going back to the Civil War, it means the presi-

dent's party loses seats," conceded Menendez, who heads the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. "But the difference between a tsunami and losing some seats is the suggestion that they can take over the majority. That will not happen."

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, one of the most visible carriers of the Democratic banner, agreed that the Senate majority was safe, but he was unwilling to offer a similar guarantee for the House.

"I think we're definitely going to keep the Senate," Rendell said on the CBS program "Face the Nation." "And I think we have a chance to win the House because I believe that Democrats, including the base, are starting to come back."

From liberal to moderate, all the Democrats interviewed Sunday concurred that the party has to offer voters a unified message that clearly contrasts their agenda with what Republicans have done and are doing.

The goal, they said, is to energize the party's liberal base and convince independents that it is Democrats looking out for working-class Americans while Republicans represent special interests and corporate fat cats.

One line of attack, already employed by Obama and other Democratic

leaders, is to blame Republicans for deploying a strategy of congressional obstruction instead of trying to work out differences on major issues.

"They do not want America to succeed," independent Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, a far-left liberal who sits with the Democratic caucus, told the CBS program. "They're into politics."

Asked if he meant such a harsh appraisal, Sanders responded: "I would say that, given the choice between regaining power or obstructing the initiatives that create jobs, that protect the American people, yes, I think gaining power is their major initiative."

Democrats also have to put aside any internal debate over whether Obama's administration and congressional leaders have too easily compromised away policies and provisions sought by the party's progressive wing, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson said on "Face the Nation."

"We should stop firing at each other; we've got enough people, the Republicans, firing at us already," Richardson said. "We don't need these divisions in the party."

To Richardson, Obama has to lead the Democratic charge in the final weeks of campaigning to make sure voters understand the choice before

them regarding economic policies and other key issues.

"It's not enough to say, 'OK, American people, give us credit because we Democrats prevented it from getting any worse,'" Richardson said of a standard message from Obama and Democratic leaders. "You've got to be positive. You've got to talk about jobs, and you've got to talk about the economy, and you've got to connect with people emotionally."

Republicans are making Obama and his policies the issue of the campaign, even though it is not a presidential election year and all the races are at the statewide or district level. "I think this election really is about the president's agenda," Senate candidate Rand Paul of Kentucky — who is backed by the Tea Party movement — said on "FOX News Sunday." "Do you support the president's agenda or do you not support it? I think his agenda's wrong for America."

On the same program, Paul's Democratic opponent — state Attorney General Jack Conway — backed some Obama achievements, including health care reform, but adopted the stance of Republicans, including Paul, and some other Democrats on extending the Bush-era tax cuts to everyone.

— CNN

## CALENDAR

Monday, Oct. 4

### Meetings

**College Democrats**, 6pm, MU Council Room. Come learn what the College Democrats are doing and who we are.

**Engineers without Borders**, 7pm, Kearney 212. Working towards a world in which all communities have the capacity to meet their basic human needs, all majors welcome.

### Speaker

**History Department**, 7pm, LaSells Stewart Center Austin Auditorium. Lecture: Paul Sereno, "Paleontology as Art," first lecture in "The Historical Sciences" series.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

### Events

**OSU Chess Club**, 4-6pm, MU Commons (far west wing). Join us for games. Free membership, all skill levels welcome.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30-1:30pm, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. "Come & Go" lunch. Good food and informal table talk.

**Student Events & Activities**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - Toy Story 3

### Meetings

**Psychology Society**, 4pm, Moreland 214. Join us for our first meeting of the year. Meet other psych majors and learn how to get involved.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

### Meetings

**Pre Law Society**, 6pm, Kelley 1003. Regular meeting, followed by a Mock Trial Workshop.

### Events

**Student Events & Activities**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - Toy Story 3

Thursday, Oct. 7

### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, Q.U.E.S.T. — Simple supper, spiritual discussion.

**Student Events & Activities**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - Toy Story 3

Friday, Oct. 8

### Meetings

**ASOSU Judicial Council**, 2pm, Snell 246. Regular meeting.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

### Events

**OSU Chess Club**, 4-6pm, MU Commons (far west wing). Join us for games. Free membership, all skill levels welcome.

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 11:30-1:30pm, Luther House 211 NW 23rd St. "Come & Go" lunch. Good food and informal table talk.

**Student Events & Activities**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - Temple Grandin

Wednesday, Oct. 13

### Meetings

**Pre Law Society**, 6pm, Kelley 1003. Regular meeting, followed by a Mock Trial Workshop.

### Events

**Student Events & Activities**, 5:30pm & 8:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie - Temple Grandin

Thursday, Oct. 14

### Events

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House, Q.U.E.S.T. — Simple supper, spiritual discussion.

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Inside a packed MU ballroom, sororities set up recruitment booths and socialized with possible newcomers to Greek Life on Sunday evening as their official recruitment phase kicked off.

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but also to recruiters allowing more time for incoming students to get settled before holding formal recruitment.

"Some positive signals for this year are IFC expanding by two chapters, so there is more opportunity to get involved, and following this cycle, Panhellenic has a possible extension by one chapter," Kerr said. "This growth is a very good thing."

Fraternity recruitment ended yesterday with Jump Day, a traditional event where the new pledges gather on the front steps of the MU Quad according to which new house they have joined. The new members then proceed to literally "jump" into the arms of their brotherhood.

Formal sorority recruitment began Sunday and runs until Saturday. For more information, visit [www.oregonstatenpc.com](http://www.oregonstatenpc.com).

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Looking back at the hours and days that were removed, the furlough program had several regrettable effects on OSU students and faculty.

Teachers had less time to spend grading students' work, assignments and papers. Some teachers even announced to their classes that it would take longer than normal to get graded papers back to the students.

Other teachers spent time that could have been used for preparing for class on e-mails and business work pertaining to the furloughs.

However, the furlough program served OSU well in other areas.

Sabah Randhawa, OSU's provost and executive vice president, explained that during the months of furloughs, the school saved between \$2-2.5 million.

This money was not applied to OSU centrally, but was given back to each unit or department that was asked to participate in the program.

According to a document posted by the administrative leadership at OSU, with this money the units strengthened their educational departments by hiring additional tutors, buying new computer resources, planning more outreach pro-

grams and much more.

This year, OSU had a record high of over 24,000 incoming students.

As for the future, Randhawa said that the likelihood of another furlough program is slim.

"We do not have any intention to ask the faculty for any more furloughs in the foreseeable future," Randhawa said.

The furlough days came and went while few OSU students were aware. This year, the school will start the year on a strong note thanks to the faculty members who sacrificed to make it so.

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enough for the fee to put the animal on hold for later pick-up. She was begging her friends to pool their money to pay for her kitten deposit.

"She was certainly not ready to afford caring for a cat," Williams said.

The girl didn't leave a deposit and never returned for the kitten she "absolutely had to have."

For those not ready for a lifetime commitment to another living creature, shelters offer multiple volunteer opportunities for people to get their puppy or kitten fix.

"I think instead of being a pet owner, they should be pet fosters," Williams said.

Foster parents take in pets for differing lengths of time to help open up space in the shelter for others in need, or to simply give animals some time in a loving home away from the shelter environment.

There are also volunteer opportunities like feeding, walking and playing with the animals throughout the week and on weekends. Williams

said there are Greek organizations, community service organizations and sports teams from Oregon State University who donate their time through fostering and volunteering.

"Come to the shelter, get your fix, get the love and help them (the animals)," Barclay said.

For those still set on bringing home a companion, Williams and Barclay advise researching cat and dog breeds to make an informed choice on the proper pet for their lifestyle.

Knowing an animal's probable size, personality, energy levels and hair type are all important when making a selection. If the potential owner is a homebody, a very active dog probably isn't a good choice.

But, no matter what breed one may choose, all pets have the potential to shed hair, have accidents or be destructive when they're untrained or bored.

For more information on getting a pet or volunteering to make a difference in a shelter animal's life, visit [www.heartlandhumane.org](http://www.heartlandhumane.org).

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Editorial

## Fighting for your right to party?

On April 15, 1970, demonstrators threw rocks, firecrackers and torches at the windows of the University of Oregon's ROTC building in protest of the administration's decision to keep an Army and ROTC presence on campus during the Vietnam war. "Smash ROTC" was the resounding cry ("Police, demonstrators clash on ROTC," April 16, 1970, ODE). The violence was part of several anti-war protests against the administration's 199-185 vote to retain the ROTC.

For the first time in the University's campus history, police used tear gas to subdue the crowd, but no arrests were made.

The protesters were fighting for a cause they believed in.

On May 5, 1970, just one day after the Kent State shootings, 200 people again threw rocks at the ROTC building to protest the ROTC's presence on campus.

Although the police surrounded the area, they made no arrests and withdrew because "student leaders said they could do a better job" without police presence ("To protect ROTC building, police called by University," May 5, 1970, ODE).

The students were fighting for a cause they believed in.

On Sept. 24, drunken partygoers flooded the streets in the highly student-populated West University neighborhood and damaged public and private property.

When the police asked the 400-person crowd to disperse, the people yelled, resisted and became violent.

The police used tear gas when they saw no other option to get the crowd to respond to their request.

This time, there was no just cause or reason for students to riot or protest — and yet they did — synchronously chanting "F\*\*k the police" the whole way through.

Eugene used to have something to get up in arms about. The University has had a rich history of activism and advocacy.

The city experienced heightened activism and protesting in response to the war during the 1960s and 1970s, but it had to end at some point.

After the anti-war efforts, several anarchist riots peppered the next few decades in Eugene. Though their intentions may have been heinous, they still had a social cause that they were willing to risk their safety for.

But now, college students stopped having a true ideological cause to fight for: Students are fighting senselessly for no cause at all.

In 1970, as well as today, the use of police force on campus has been questioned in relation to rioting students.

Whether or not the use of anti-riot equipment was warranted is debatable, but the fact that people chose to practice civil disobedience with no just cause is wrong.

No matter the means of ending it, the Sept. 24 riot was a meaningless demonstration of students' power

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# Are Americans as stupid as they say we are?

It's not the first time you've heard it. Or the second. And it may not even make sense to you. I mean, who put the first man on the moon? Where was Einstein (eventually) from? What other country has the strongest military, NASA, the CIA, the Mayo Clinic, Harvard, Yale and Princeton?

If you're an American college student, you're probably pretty sure that you — or the country you're a citizen of — isn't stupid. Likewise, those who think that America is stupid must be stupid themselves.

"I think that most of the college students in America are always getting drunk, they don't care about their education and they're only going to college because half of their parents are paying for it," said Michel Thalmann, a German computer science student, who is completing his internship at the Klinikum Itzehoe in northern Germany. "They're muscular because they're always playing football ... they hate Mexicans ... yes, that is what I think."

Sarcasm aside, it seems that Europeans aren't the only ones with



Kelley Shaw

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such views.

"I feel like Americans invest their time in things like clothes and alcohol ... I'm not saying that Americans don't care about studying, but they don't realize how lucky they are," said Gemali Almonte Bryan, a political science student at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México in Mexico City. "A lot of people from different countries would love to have what American students take for granted."

So what about us? What about those of us who really do make the grade, work hard and keep the partying to a realistic level? How come we don't outshine our overprivileged reputation?

Could it be our own fault?

"When I think of Americans, I think

of Disneyland, Hollywood, that sort of stuff," said Bryan. "Not about college students."

Not about Harvard, Yale or Princeton?

"Paris Hilton, George Bush..."

Not about Bill Gates, Mike Zuckerber, Stephen Hawking?

No. I know all of you well-read writers out there are silently screaming "What's the point of this column?!" Here it is: The reason that we have - to some extent - an international reputation of being stupid is because we portray ourselves as being stupid.

One of the biggest ways we do this is through our journalism. When such a diverse population as the United States exists, it's harder to find things to report on that everyone is going to care about. For example, instead of spreading international pride and joy over Oktoberfests or Chinese New Years, we're stuck with talking about things that are symbols of our conquer of historical division, not our everlasting unity (Martin Luther King Day, Veterans Day, you know the rest). As

for Independence Day, I'll have to give you that one, but July 4, 1776, came long before the Civil War, Vietnam, Bill Clinton and Stephen Colbert.

So what do we report on? Here are some real-life examples from MSN's Sunday news webpage:

"What We Learned From NFL Week 4"

"Top 10 Lust Busters to Avoid in Marriage"

"Are You Buying a Knockoff or Original?"

"Expensive divorces: Kelsey Grammer's split is in the works."

What about the Irish equivalent for the same day?

"Man dies after Limerick attack"

"Voting begins in Bosnian election"

"Nato air strike kills 20"

Of course, this is just one example for one day, and many of you more hillbilly types are probably screaming nationalist profanity at this page right now. Just kidding. Maybe.

For those of you who are offended

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### LIFE IS WEIRD



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# Discussing the destructive role of detractive assets

In the world of business today, productivity has attained a new level of importance. From the rate at which high quality products emerge from factories, to the average service for customers at a bank, productivity and production are both business necessities.

Due to this operational necessity, companies and organizations often focus on producing goods and services in an efficient manner to maximize the delicate balance of profit, market share and public image.

Yet, for many organizations, it is not just the maximization of efficiency and output which maximizes profit and power in the marketplace. There is also the mitigation of risks, disaster and financial distress. Part of such negative events involves the development of "bad" assets, which serve to reduce the effectiveness and productivity of the possessor.

For example, assets may "break bad" — that is, an otherwise decent, profit-producing asset may become a detractive asset, such that the value of the asset becomes negative and it has a negative impact on company operations and organizational productivity.



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Thus, an otherwise plentiful and potentially profitable oil well on the high seas can become a money-hemorrhaging, environmentally contaminating item of mass destruction for an oil company in the event of a spill. Such events are often a combination of human error and surrounding events, which serve to further confuse and exacerbate the root cause of such detractive assets.

The tumultuous background of most detractive assets can make it difficult for companies to determine a useful solution. For instance, if a chemical plant becomes contaminated in such a way that employees can no longer safely perform their jobs, the company is left with a mess.

First, because the employees cannot work they are not producing goods or performing services for the organization. This can be especially detri-

mental if the company provides compensation or salary for their time off. Although the employees may be paid a reduced rate from their regular wages, the net effect on the company is negative, as there are no revenues being produced to pay for these wages.

Second, as the employees are currently unable to work, they may look for more productive and fulfilling work elsewhere, especially if they may be laid off for an extended period of time. This is especially true of the more experienced, highly trained and effective employee sets, who may flee in droves in order to ensure that they can provide for themselves and their families. These human assets may never be fully recovered, even through replacement, as their experience and knowledge may not be easily replicated by their successors without extensive mentoring and training.

Third, the company must determine the base cause of the contamination. If it is a particular virulent chemical, they will need to quarantine the area and inform the authorities, if they have not done so already. An investigation will be launched, and extensive measures will be taken to ensure that none of

the investigators are harmed or contaminated. If any of the chemicals are determined to have brought harm to the employees or the investigators, compensation will have to be made by the company. Also, if any environmental impact is discovered, recompense may need to be made to residents in the nearby area or the state itself.

Fourth, the company must organize a cleanup of the plant. This cleanup is likely to be costly and expensive. It will likely involve a large amount of people and vehicles, assuming the spread of contamination is large. If the spread of contamination is small, then the company will still need to conduct extensive studies in order to ensure that the contamination is contained during cleanup, and that no further contamination will occur after the cleanup is finished. This will likely involve the transportation and disposal of numerous chemicals and factory equipment, which will most likely prove costly to the organization.

Fifth, the company has decide whether or not to shut the plant down or continue production. If they continue production, it will be necessary to

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ensure that the contamination does not occur again. This may require the implementation of new or improved processes, all of which will require extensive testing and tinkering in order to ensure effective use. Such studies may be made regardless of whether or not the plant is opened for business again.

Of course, the organization may decide to shut the plant down. This may be due to perceived future costs of maintaining or continuously inspecting the plant, or it may be due to public outrage or sanction by the government. Regardless of the reason, the company will most likely need to find a new plant location, unless they lack the capital or impetus to do so. In addition, their employees may be unionized or contracted with

the organization, which may require the firm to provide them with recompense for a certain period of time, or until certain conditions are met, or both.

By the end of this entire process, the deductive asset will have cost the company an extensive amount of time, energy and funds. They may even be bankrupt or on the edge of ruin by the time the entire process is finished.

In short, one of the most detrimental events for an organization is a deductive asset. Such assets are not only a major issue for the organization, but they generally emerge from previously productive and relatively effective assets, making vigilance a key trait of business acumen and organizational oversight. They detract not only from the value of an organization, but also from its ability to produce new goods and services.

In business, deductive assets can be a resource hog and a financial hassle. Yet, more importantly, deductive assets can be highly damaging to organizational productivity. From contaminated chemical plants to improperly sealed drill rigs, deductive assets damage firm value and organizational productivity. Only through careful vigilance and effective action can the members of a firm avoid the disasters that deductive assets may bring against company coffers.

Without such vigilance and care, it is likely that a deductive asset will not only prove to be costly, but may also be a lingering issue for the company in times to come.

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or not convinced, let's move on to education.

In 2006, American education ranked 33rd after Korea, Finland, Canada, New Zealand, Ireland, Australia, Poland, Sweden, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Japan, United Kingdom, Germany, Norway, Czech Republic, Hungary, Luxembourg, Portugal, Italy, Slovak Republic, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Russia, Mexico and Brazil. This comes from the "Student Performance on the Reading, Scientific and Mathematical Literacy Scales" mean score report from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The problem is that we need to educate our citizens better, though that's not my point. We need to start portraying ourselves as intellectuals, rather than Bud Light-loving Super Bowl bums. Places like Harvard and people like Hawking are not referred to as "American"; Harvard is known

worldwide not because it's in America, but because it's HARVARD. And Hawking isn't "that American guy"; he's a freaking genius.

We need to become excited about science, and less vocal about rappers, celebrity breakups and movies (by the way, the majority of foreign pop culture is borrowed from the US). While I was in Germany, it was the all same stuff — Lindsay Lohan, Paris Hilton, Kanye West, and their problems — "Wie lustig, those stupid Americans!" We really need to start emphasizing our accomplishments, and start phasing out the trash.

Or perhaps I'm doing the rain dance in the Sahara Desert?

Whatever. Don't come crying to me when you get your feelings hurt. What's that, America, did Finland call you stupid? Well here's something to consider — maybe you could stop acting like it.

Kelley Shaw  
Forum Editor

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to go out, get drunk and create a disturbance — and it wasn't the first.

From 1996 to 2010, there have been at least four riots with more than 100 people involved:

- In 1996, 200 people rioted on University Street.
- In 1997, 300 people rioted on East 17th Avenue and Alder

Street.

- In 1998, 100 people rioted at the 1997 site again.
- In 2002, 400 people rioted on East 17th Avenue and Patterson Street.

All of these disruptions have been linked to partying and alcohol. It became almost an annual Halloween tradition — not a just display of disobedience.

Police have arrested participants in more recent riots, and

the fact that these outbreaks have no reasonable intentions may factor into this.

What began as a politically-charged movement to protest and fight for causes that matter has become rioting for the sake of being obnoxious.

And it's making a mockery of times when students fought for what they believed in.

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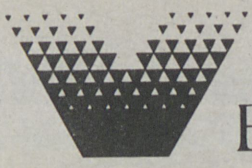
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# India hopes for glow after gloom as Commonwealth Games open

NEW DELHI, India — After harsh criticism and controversy, the 2010 Commonwealth Games began Sunday in New Delhi with a lavish opening ceremony.

Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium gleamed with multi-colored lights as representatives from Commonwealth countries walked the length of the field by turns, waving their flags and wearing traditional native costumes.

It's the first time India has hosted the international sporting event between countries of the former British Empire. The games, held every four years, include many Olympic events as well as other sports played traditionally in those countries.

Britain's Prince Charles and Indian President Pratibha Devisingh Patil officially declared the games open. Prince Charles was representing his mother, Queen Elizabeth.

As the spotlight shines on the country, a team official of the nation's bowling team was suspected of having dengue fever, a mosquito-borne viral disease.

Ruptu Gogoi is undergoing tests and the doctor will get the results Sunday evening, said Dr. Om Bharti, who was on duty at GB Pant hospital.

Despite the setback, the event began as planned.

Excitement filled the air in New Delhi after days of fears that India simply would not be ready in time. Athletes had expressed alarm over the poor condition of their village. Others charged shoddy construction and slammed the government for corruption.

The games give India an opportunity to promote a shiny image as an emerging power. The government spent billions on a new international airport, additional metro lines and fresh landscaping along dingy Delhi roads.

Still, India remains a country with mil-

lions of poor people, who feel brushed aside as the new India tried to put its best face forward.

People like Shanti, a 65-year-old beggar, who said she was detained by police for sitting on the side of a street, where she always sits, hoping that passers-by will drop a few coins in her hands. Or Mala Mangla, who sells balloons on the streets. She said police have told her to disappear for at least a month.

India, they said, was trying to hide them from foreign visitors. They said beggars have been warned to stay off the streets. So have vendors and children who are commonly seen going from car to car begging. And shanties have been torn down.

"There has been a very strong movement by the government ... to get rid of the filth and to portray the beautified and shining India," said Maushmi Basu, a migrant worker activist.

Police and government officials contacted by CNN did not return calls.

The Indian government maintains that it respects the rights of the poor. But there are also laws against begging and putting up structures without proper permits.

The games have been a tough act for a nation that has never hosted such a large international event.

Parliament has been forced to deal with accusations of corruption in the planning of the games.

Two weeks ago, gunmen fired on a tourist bus in New Delhi and injured two Taiwanese tourists. A car blaze turned out to be a crudely manufactured bomb. And a militant group warned that it planned to target the games.

Indian law enforcement authorities

responded with a heightened security plan, placing thousands of extra forces on the streets of the capital.

If all that weren't enough, two days before athletes were scheduled to begin arriving, complaints rang out across the globe about their shoddy living quarters.

"You know, construction dust is still there, filth, excrement, it really is disgusting in parts and it really requires a professional deep clean throughout the entire complex," said Michael Hooper, chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Games Federation.

As if to amplify Hooper's complaint, a pedestrian bridge leading to Nehru stadium collapsed that same day. India's image was slipping faster than a rocket.

Two world-class athletes canceled their trips, citing security and health concerns. Entire teams threatened to do the same, while others delayed

their arrival date.

Indian officials went to work on a massive clean-up effort. In the end, athletes from 71 countries showed up and have settled in.

India still wants to make a lasting impression on its visitors.

Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dixit said she hoped the Commonwealth Games would leave a legacy that will ultimately make life more comfortable for the residents of India's sprawling capital — rich and poor.

Organizers certainly hope that with opening ceremonies Sunday, the glow will wipe out the gloom.

— CNN

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## OSU swimming falls to San Diego State

■ Oregon State sophomore broke Aztec Aquaplex record by over a full second, racing to a butterfly time of 2:02.68

SPORTS INFORMATION

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Oregon State women's swim team fell to San Diego State 150-125 Saturday at the Aztec Aquaplex in San Diego, Calif. The meet marked the second meet in as many days as the Beavers fell to USC Friday in Los Angeles.

"It was a good day for us," said Oregon State women's swimming head coach Larry Liebowitz. "We had good swims by Jenni Dole and Rachel O'Brien today."

Sophomore O'Brien set a new Aztec Aquaplex record with a time of 2:02.68 in the 200-yard butterfly event. The old record was 2:03.81, set

by Hannah Caron of Utah on Oct. 11, 2008. She finished first in the event, recording her first dual meet win of the season. O'Brien also picked up a win in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:05.29.

Junior Dole turned in a time of 2:03.12 in the 200-yard backstroke, tying for the third-best time at the Aztec Aquaplex, which earned her second place in the event. Dole also posted a time of 57.36 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly for her second dual win of the season.

Rachel Wahl recorded her first dual win of the season when she posted a time of 4:38.79 in the 400-yard individual medley event. Her time ranks eighth all-time at the Aztec Aquaplex.

The Beavers will hit the pool next when they host the Northwest Collegiate Relays Saturday at Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. A time has yet to be set for the event.

## Men's golf tied for third after first day in Cabo

■ Beavers' golfer ends first day of competition one stroke under par

SPORTS INFORMATION

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico — The Oregon State men's golf team is tied for third place after the first day of play at the Cabo Collegiate at the Querencia Los Cabos Golf Club.

Freshman David Fink fired a 1-under 71 to lead the Beavers and is tied for third overall, trailing Bryan Harris of UC-Irvine (68) and Matt Eschenburg of Houston (69). Junior Morten Madsen shot a 2-over 74 and is tied for 13th, while junior Alex Moore is tied for 17th after finishing with a 3-over 75.

The tournament will resume

tomorrow at the 7,070-yard, par 72 Querencia Los Cabos Golf Club, which has been rated the top course in Mexico by Golf Digest. The third and final round will be played on Monday with a field that includes nine teams that were ranked among GolfWeek's Top 100 a year ago.

Live scoring throughout the tournament will be available at <http://golfstatresults.com>.

**Team Scores:** 1. Houston 290; 2. UC-Irvine 295; t3. Oregon State 297; t3. Arkansas 297; t5. Pacific 304; t5. UT-Arlington 304; 7. SMU 307; 8. Santa Clara 308; t9. Lamar 310; t9. Saint Mary's College 310; 11. Cal State Northridge 312; 12. Boise State 313.

**Top Individual Scores:** 1.

Bryan Harris, UC-Irvine 68; 2. Matt Eschenburg, Houston 69; t3. David Fink, Oregon State 71; t3. Chris Russo, Cal State Northridge 71; t5. Jesse Droemer, Houston 72; t. 5 Austin Cook, Arkansas 72; t5. Kelly Kraft, SMU 72; t8. T.J. Bordeaux, Pacific 73; t8. Wes Worster, UT-Arlington 73; t8. Rick Lamb, Santa Clara 73; t8. Jerry He, UC-Irvine 73; t8. Clayton Kosanovich, Boise State 73; t13. Morten Madsen, Oregon State; t13. Wesley McClain, Houston 74; t13. Paul McConnell, UT-Arlington 74; t13. Jamie Marshall, Arkansas 74.

**Oregon State Scores:** t3. David Fink 71; t13. Morten Madsen 74; t17. Alex Moore 75; t32. Jonnie Motomochi 77; t49. Nick Sherwood 81.

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teams away. I don't expect them to beat teams 72-0 and 69-0. That's no fun. But it would be nice to see them extend a lead when they have the chance. Two weeks ago, they led Louisville by 21, but sputtered down the stretch and had to hold on for a seven point win. This week, Oregon State had an 11-point lead and the ball several times in the second half, but seemed to put things in cruise control rather than go for the kill. Still, can't complain much. At least they didn't blow an 18-point lead like somebody else did Saturday.

**Overall:** Saturday marked the start of a new season for Oregon State. No more top-5 non-conference opponents. No more playing on blue turf, or in a stadium that cost billions of

dollars to build. On Saturday, it was all about beginning the Pac-10 season on the right note. And that they did. Kind of. In my keys to the game, I wrote that Oregon State needed to a) establish Quizz and b) win the turnover battle. They did both. It was also nice to see the group of receivers step up and make up for the absence of Rodgers. They'll need to continue to improve their third down offense and defense, and they'll need to develop a knock-out punch sometime soon — like, next week. Arizona, ranked No. 9 in this week's AP poll, is good. Very good. And it's hard to win in Tucson. But we don't have to worry about them for five more days. For now, we can enjoy the fact that Oregon State is undefeated in Pac-10 play.

**Grade: B**

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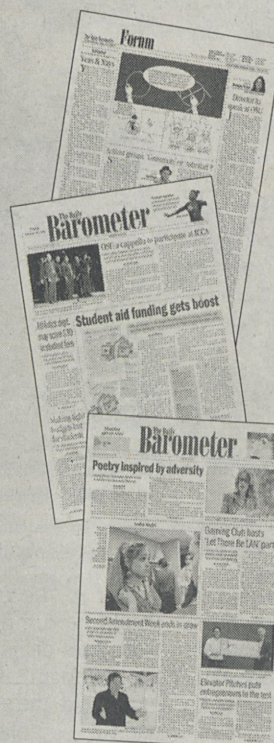
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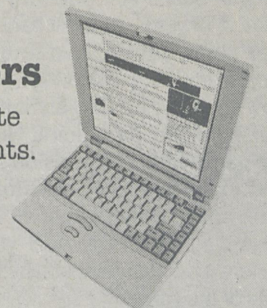
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## Turnover city: Beaver defense steps up

OSU beats ASU behind multiple forced turnovers and a 145 yard Jacquizz performance

By Anthony Casson  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State defeated Arizona State, the Beavers' first Pac-10 foe of the season, 31-28 on Saturday at Reser Stadium.

The Beavers entered the game without two key starters: senior wide receiver James Rodgers and senior outside linebacker Dwight Roberson. Coming in for the impact players were sophomore receiver Markus Wheaton and junior linebacker Cameron Collins. Without missing a beat, OSU finished off a team that put in nearly 600 offensive yards against No. 3 Oregon the previous weekend.

"I'm proud of our team. That was a good win — very good win," said Coach Mike Riley. "I thought this team was scary, watching that film against Oregon, against Wisconsin."

After allowing an average of 458 yards per game during the first three contests, the Beaver defense held the Sun Devils to 364 total yards. The defensive line made a huge impact in the game, accumulating six sacks, four in the first half. Senior tackles Stephen Paea and Brennan Olander contributed two each.

"You hold onto the ball against our defense, especially our defensive line with (Paea and Olander), you're going to get hit," said senior linebacker Keith Pankey. "I don't care if you get the ball off or not, you're going to take a beating, and that's going to start to wear on people. People are going to understand that you can't just stand in the pocket anymore."

Behind the line, players gave Paea and Olander more time to break into the pocket, holding receivers in tight coverage longer.

"I give all the credit to our secondary," Paea said. "Without them, we wouldn't get to the quarterback. That quarterback held onto the ball a little

longer and it helped us get to him."

ASU quarterback Steven Threet faced intense pressure up front and solid coverage by the OSU secondary. Senior cornerback James Dockery had two interceptions, the second coming in the final seconds of the game to seal the victory. Saving an ASU touchdown was junior safety Lance Mitchell, who intercepted the ball in the endzone.

The defensive secondary has dealt with criticism the past few weeks, much of it caused by a mistake-heavy performance against No. 4 Boise State.

"We know what type of sport we're playing, and this is big business in college football, so we got to perform out there," Dockery said. "In the other games, we didn't feel like there was a lack of passion or energy, it was just a lack of execution, and we just really tried to keep focused on one play at a time today."

None of the 31 points came from the defense, however. Improved execution by the offense brought the total yards to 416. Accounting for 260 of the yards was sophomore quarterback Ryan Katz, completing 19 of 29 passes and throwing two touchdowns. Katz has yet to throw an interception this season.

"(Katz) played a great game," said senior receiver Aaron Nichols. "A lot of people were criticizing him for the first few games of the season. I thought he really showed what his potential is."

Nichols caught three passes for 61 yards, one for 27 yards and a touchdown in the first half. He was taken out of the game in the second quarter for an injury yet to be diagnosed.

Saturday's game also marked the second time this season junior tailback Jacquizz Rodgers rushed for over 100 yards. Jacquizz turned a multi-yard loss into a four-yard touchdown run, the first of two. His second score came after a 74-yard rush downfield in the second quarter.

With eight receivers catching at least one pass, three of them with a catch of 25-plus yards, and 145 rushing yards by Jacquizz Rodgers, some people may wonder how the offense has suddenly



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Oregon State junior running back Jacquizz Rodgers catches the ASU defense over pursuing as he switches direction on a play Saturday. It was a season coming out party for the youngest Rodgers brother, who racked up 145 yards and two touchdowns.

started meshing so well.

"I think we're just getting more comfortable," Katz said. "The receivers are seeing open lanes and whatnot; the (offensive) line's giving more time to throw the ball."

The Beavers converted five of 13 third-down opportunities, a troubling result reminiscent of the previous three games. In the closing minutes of the game, OSU could not grab full control after ASU blocked a punt and scored a touchdown, bringing the game within

three points. OSU was forced to punt, giving the Sun Devils an opportunity to tie, or maybe even win.

"Once again, we've got to finish that last drive off, because that's critical," Jacquizz Rodgers said. "We lost yards on that (drive), a time when we had a chance to close the game off, and we put our defense back on the field. We just got to work on finishing as a team."

This Saturday, the Beavers travel to No. 9 Arizona. But the team continues

to strive for bigger improvements with this new boost of energy.

"(ASU) was a very good football team, and they hung in punch for punch with Oregon last week, and that's no slouch," Pankey said. "It's going to help us grow a lot. We've got to learn from what we did right, learn from what we did wrong. But as far as confidence, I think it's huge."

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## Making the Grady: OSU hits ASU and Pac-10 road running

Game breakdown looks back at the Beavers' win over Arizona State Saturday evening

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**The game was over when:** James Dockery's interception sealed the Beaver victory with 17 seconds left. It was the second time Dockery picked off ASU's Steven Threet, raising Threet's NCAA-most-season-interception total to 10, with three on Saturday night. Dockery got Threet twice, and safety Lance Mitchell was the beneficiary of an ill-advised pass that stopped a promising ASU drive inside the red zone.

**Game ball goes to:** Jacquizz Rodgers. Finally, Oregon State established a ground game. Quizz ran for 14 yards on Oregon State's first offensive play, and gained 15 yards on his second carry. At that point, I'm pretty sure the 45,409 fans in attendance knew it was going to be a good day for Oregon State's superstar. He didn't disappoint. He finished the game with 145 yards on 24 carries and added two spectacular touchdown runs, one of which was of the four-yard "now you have me, now you don't" variety. And the other, of which was the play of the game.

**Play of the game:** Uh, can it be any more obvious? Quizz may not be the fastest guy around — I think we all knew that — but whoever says he can't break the big runs is wrong. Because Quizz made the ASU defense look absolutely silly when he scampered 74 yards to the end zone in the third quar-



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Senior defensive tackles Brennan Olander (left) and Stephen Paea take down ASU quarterback Steven Threet, a common occurrence in Saturday's Pac-10 opener for the Beavers.

ter. He made a handful of Sun Devil defenders whiff and sent Reser into a frenzy. The run, which was the longest of his career, put Oregon State ahead by 11, and gave them the breathing room they'd end up needing.

**Stat of the game:** Zero. Okay, I don't care how boring it is, but as long as Oregon State keeps protecting the ball, I'm going to keep referring to the turnover-margin as the stat of the game. In wins, at least. Oregon State is the only Football Championship Subdivision team to not have turned the ball over yet this season. Meanwhile, they've forced 10.

summer that Nichols had been making fantastic catch after fantastic catch in practice, but excuse me for not buying into the hype. I mean, Nichols hadn't done anything in his first four years at OSU, so why was I supposed to believe he was going to break out as a senior? Well, Nichols showed me why on Saturday. He had a GREAT full-extension catch to help set up Oregon State's first touchdown, and made a good adjustment on a touchdown catch over the middle in the second quarter. In the second half, when Oregon State's passing game had all but disappeared, I turned to my friend and said, "Where's Nichols?" Little did I know, Nichols had been knocked out of the game. That's when you know you've arrived as a receiver; when the fans turn to each other and say, "Where's so-and-so?" when they realize the passing game is non-existent.

**Unsung hero II:** Jordan Bishop. Apparently Bishop had only four catches, but it seemed like the sophomore from West Salem had so many more. I've always been a fan of Bishop — he came to Oregon State dripping with athleticism and the word "potential" stamped on his forehead. That's probably part of the reason why Bishop started as a redshirt freshman last year. But, other than a highlight reel catch against University of Nevada Las Vegas last season and a TD against Texas Christian University this year, Bishop hasn't really shown up in the box score. But Bishop made an impact Saturday, that's for sure. With James Rodgers and Aaron Nichols out, there was no question who Oregon State's clear-cut go-to

guy was in the second half. Bishop led all Oregon State receivers with 86 yards Saturday.

**Other good performances:** Sophomores Markus Wheaton and Jordan Poyer teamed up to pull off a perfectly executed reverse on a punt-return just before half. Wheaton also added 48 yards receiving. Redshirt sophomore Geno Munoz had a clutch third-down reception late in the fourth quarter. Katz had by far his best game as a Beaver, completing 19 of 29 passes for 260 yards and two TDs. Like last week, it was good to see Joe Halahuni a bit more involved in the offense (3 rec., 33 yards, 1 TD). Stephen Paea was a force to be reckoned with, sacking Threet twice, forcing one fumble, and breaking up one pass. Fellow defensive tackle Brennan Olander also added two sacks. Senior linebacker Keith Pankey led the team in tackles with 15, and I thought Cameron Collins made a few great plays filling in for the injured Dwight Roberson.

**Not-so-good performances:** Everyone in Reser Stadium knew ASU, down 11, was going to try and block Oregon State's punt with 2:56 left in the game. But Johnny Hekker still didn't get enough protection, and ASU flopped field position with a key block. Lance Mitchell, who didn't necessarily play bad, had two interceptions go right through his hands. Although he finished with two interceptions, James Dockery didn't have his best game.

**Where's the knockout punch?:** Oregon State just can't seem to put

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