



ASOSU House convenes to discuss funds, resolutions

President Struthers issues his first veto on the Student Choice Coalition Act, citing lack of information

By Eric Sepulveda
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Last night's ASOSU House of Representatives meeting began with a resolution to forgo singing the alma mater, which, after some deliberation, was passed.

The fourth order of business was the approval of minutes from Jan. 12.

A resolution was proposed to strike the final phrase of the meeting, which was "(Speaker) Drew (Hatlen) sucks" as stated by Pro-Tempore Kevin Dunn, from the record.

After much deliberation concerning whether the phrase tarnished the professional nature of the meeting and the ASOSU House of Representatives, whether the phrase should

remain on record since it was uttered after the House had adjourned and whether it should be left to preserve the recorded history of the past week's events, the resolution to strike the phrase was passed.

Representative Michael Robb yielded the floor to Pro-Tempore Dunn, who explained that \$114,000 was appropriated by the Student Incidental Fees Committee to send part of the OSU Choir to China on a weeklong trip.

In exchange, a Chinese choir would perform at OSU free of charge. While there was no open discussion on the floor about the appropriation of funds, Representative Max Patterson loudly sighed and stated that he was deeply disappointed.

While reviewing old business, the House discussed how Senate Resolution-70.01, informally known as the Student's Choice Coalition Act, had been vetoed by President Andrew Struthers.

Representative Robb explained that the original intention of the resolution was to provide moral, philosophical and overarching support for students and the group, which wished to represent the views and interests of students who made up minorities on campus.

"Students at Oregon State University are not always properly represented and minority voices may go unheard on such a large campus," the Senate's resolution read. "It is the mission of the ASOSU to fairly and accurately represent the views of all students at Oregon State University, and the sole mission of the Student's Choice Coalition to ensure this representation takes place."

The Senate passed the resolution to "...ensure that the voices of all students are heard when decisions are made."

President Struthers prepared a letter for the senators and representatives explaining his reasoning behind vetoing the Student's Choice

Coalition Act because of a lack of information provided on the group that ASOSU would support.

The veto was the first of his presidency. "I would recommend first adding into the statutes stipulations for groups who want the full ASOSU support, enumerating what guidelines they will have to follow," Struthers said. "When creating these stipulations and guidelines, please consider the questions around ASOSU rules, can they receive funding, how will they be reprimanded and what type of liabilities are we creating for the future of ASOSU."

Floor resolutions, which are informal proposals put before and voted on by the House, were made to "salute student soldiers and veterans, commend graduate students and teaching assistants who contribute so much to the quality of education at this institution, recognize the

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OSU's new Glee Choir attracts more than anticipated

The Glee Choir has more than 50 members, who raise their voice with each rehearsal

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With the hit show "Glee" winning a Golden Globe last Sunday, it seems the show's popularity continues to rise. At Oregon State, a Glee Choir has recently been created on campus that meets twice a week and offers school credit to students.

When the Director of Choral Studies Steve Zielke and recently hired adjunct music instructor Jim Davidson got together in December to discuss the creation of an OSU Glee Choir, they expected roughly 12 to 15 people. When the class first met however, over 50 students piled in through the door and took part in the debut song "Telephone" by Lady Gaga.

Although many students are excited about the idea of a group like the one in the television show, Davidson says this choir is different.

"I think the show has kind of skewed the concept," he said. "Glee clubs, like the Harvard Glee Club and those organizations, were just a bunch of students who wanted to



Director Jim Davidson leads the new Glee Club in some warm up exercises.

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Speaking from experience, motivating the next generation

A 24-year veteran gave a female perspective to a group of OSU students about her life in the United States Marine Corps yesterday

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A small group of OSU students received leadership advice from a high-ranking female United States Marine Corps officer yesterday during a lecture in the Memorial Union.

Major Heather Cotoia, who has served in the USMC for 24 years, spoke of her experience and what it takes to lead, in any situation. Cotoia began the lecture by emphasizing the core values of the USMC.

"It's all about honor, courage and commitment," Cotoia said.

Cotoia also spoke on the importance of leading by example.

"Don't be that person that isn't doing what you expect people within your organization to do," Cotoia said.

According to Cotoia, supervising others can be one of the most challenging tasks of being a leader.

"(Supervising) will be the most challenging part of leadership because you can't be everywhere," Cotoia said.

Cotoia gave a list of 14 leadership traits, including knowledge, enthusiasm, loyalty and integrity, which she believes is most important.

Several females in the audience already have plans to join the USMC as commissioned officers.

Toshia Jones, a freshman in merchandising management, signed up for the officer candidate program and is considering becoming a pilot.

"I loved the lecture, it was very influential," Jones said. "It's always motivational to hear from a female Marine officer, you never get that (opportunity)."

Shannon Thompson, a junior in history and a Marine option in the OSU Naval Reserve Officer Training program, was also grateful for the opportunity to hear from a female officer.

"No one has really talked to me from a female perspective about being a Marine officer," Thompson said.

There are currently 202,000 active duty Marines serving. Cotoia says of those, she is one of 140 women who share her rank. She doesn't believe this is due to a glass ceiling, but the fact that women do not seem to stay in as long as men.

"It's all based on competence," said Cotoia, who believes

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Major Heather J. Cotoia of the Marines talks about the qualities that make a great leader Wednesday afternoon in the MU.

Giffords stands with assistance, may move to rehab center Friday

TUCSON — Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was able to stand with assistance on Wednesday, an aide said, with her doctor adding that the congresswoman has the strength to stand on her own.

"Today we were getting her out of bed again and we were able to stand with assistance," said Dr. Peter Rhee, Tucson's University Medical Center's trauma chief. "She's got the strength to stand on her own, lift her head up and these ... I see improvements every single day."

Rhee was speaking to CNN affiliate KVOA.

Giffords' chief of staff, Pia Carusone, told CNN Wednesday that Giffords had stood Wednesday "with assistance."

A federal grand jury in Tucson indicted Jared Lee Loughner on three charges of attempted murder on Wednesday.

Loughner, 22, was charged with attempting to kill Giffords and two of her aides, Ron Barber and Pamela Simon.

"We are in the early stages of this ongoing investigation," said U.S. Attorney Dennis K. Burke in a statement about the charges.

"This case also involves potential death-penalty charges, and (Justice) Department rules require us to pursue a deliberate and thorough process," the statement went on. "Today's charges are just the beginning of our legal action."

Federal law requires the U.S. to bring charges against a defendant within 30 days of his or her arrests.

Legal experts said that more federal charges against Loughner are likely.

"This is really a placeholder indictment," CNN senior legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin said Wednesday. "The grand jury investigation will continue, there's a long way to go in these case and these charges will be there but I'm certain there will be more as well."

In addition to standing on Wednesday, Giffords' doctor said she was put in a chair and was able to look out a window.

"We went to a window and so she

could see the mountains of Tucson," Rhee said. "There's no doubt in my mind that lifted up her spirits."

The congresswoman, who will be moved to a rehabilitation center in Texas later this week, had worries about her safety long before she was critically wounded by a gunman at a public event this month, her husband said on Tuesday.

"We've discussed it a number of times," Mark Kelly told KVOA. "She felt that was a possibility, pretty much exactly what had happened ... there have been threats against her and other members of Congress."

Giffords was hosting a constituents' meeting outside a supermarket in Tucson when a gunman opened fire. Six people, including a federal judge and a 9-year-old girl, were killed and 13 others wounded.

Giffords was shot in the head. In an e-mail sent to friends and family members Tuesday and obtained by CNN, Giffords' mother, Gloria, writes that she will be moved from Tucson's University Medical Center to rehabilitation facilities in Houston on Friday.

"There is a team of medical specialists involved ... including military surgeons who specialize in bullet wounds to the head," the e-mail says. "They want to start aggressive rehab immediately."

Giffords' office confirmed the move and said that while the move is expected to be Friday, "the exact day of the move will depend on the congresswoman's health." Her family chose TIRR Memorial Hermann rehabilitation hospital in Houston, part of the Texas Medical Center, because of its reputation, one of her doctors said.

"The congresswoman's family wants to ensure she receives the best rehabilitative care possible for her type of serious penetrating brain injury," said Dr. Michael Lemole.

Kelly said that Memorial Hermann's proximity to Tucson was another factor in the decision.

"I am extremely hopeful at the

signs of recovery that my wife has made since the shooting," he said. "The team of doctors and nurses at UMC has stabilized her to the point of being ready to move to the rehabilitation phase. Their goal — and our goal — has been to provide Gabby with the best care possible."

Loughner is next set to appear in court on Monday in Phoenix. Richard Kastigar, chief investigator for the Pima County Sheriff's Department, said Wednesday authorities believe he showed his gun to a friend before the shooting, "between Christmas and New Year's." After the shooting, the friend told his father about the exchange, and the father contacted police, he said. He would not name the friend.

Police have said Loughner bought the gun in November after passing a background check, and bought ammunition at a Walmart near his home hours before the shooting. Seven boxes of ammunition were found after the rampage in a black bag discovered in a dry river bed in Loughner's neighborhood.

In addition, authorities said Wednesday that the gunman apparently fired 32 shots, one more than previously thought. A woman found a bullet casing in her purse several days later, Kastigar said.

"A woman who was around the shooting scene that day found the casing and reported it to police," he said. "It fits right into our investigation. We always knew Loughner had one round in his chamber and 31 in the magazine."

Kastigar said he didn't know whether the woman attended the event at the Safeway, was a passerby or was coming out of the store at the time of the shooting.

Gloria Giffords writes that her daughter shows improvement every day "and shows higher levels of comprehension and complex actions."

"Yesterday, when Mark came back from speaking at her aide's memorial service, she reached up and untied

his tie and undid the top button to his shirt," according to the e-mail.

"Last night, she took his iPod and scrolled through all the pictures. Early this morning she began to read cards made for her by some 4th graders! Her unbandaged eye tracked the lines, she opened the cards and turned them over reading the back. Mark's gotten pages of large print of Harry Potter's 1st book for her to hold and read."

The e-mail also says that Giffords gave her husband "a 20-minute neck and back rub."

Giffords remains in serious condition. A second, unnamed victim is listed in good condition.

Kelly told the affiliate the couple had been concerned about heated and divisive political debates, but despite the fears, Giffords' passion for public service was a priority.

"She was doing what she loved, she was representing the people of southern Arizona," Kelly said. "She felt it was very important for them to have the opportunity to walk up to her and tell her what they think."

Kelly said the lawmaker will resume her public service "stronger than ever" as soon as she's well enough. He predicted she would return to the scene of the shooting.

"She loves southern Arizona more than anything," he told CNN affiliate KGUN. "She's here every week, doing stuff like 'Congress on your Corner,' and I'm sure the first thing she's gonna do, when she's ready, is a 'Congress on your Corner' at that Safeway" where the shooting occurred.

The outpouring of support has been tremendous, Kelly said, including an elementary school student who sent his \$2.85 in lunch money to Giffords with a card.

"I sealed it back up, and we're gonna give it back to him," Kelly said. "It almost made me cry just standing there in the room, just to see the kid put his lunch money in the envelope for her."

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CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 20

Meetings

College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room. Join in our meeting where we discuss and debate hot topics in the news and grow in friendships.

Speakers

History Department, 4pm, MU Journey Room. American Culture & Politics Lecture: "Indians and the U.S.-Mexican War," by Brian Delay, University of California, Berkeley.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trusting Tree Lounge. MUvie — Red.

Women's Center, 6-7:30pm, Women's Center. The Graduate Women's Network has the perfect solution for dressing professionally on a budget — a clothing swap! All clothing sizes welcome. Remaining clothing will be donated to Goodwill.

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

Friday, Jan. 21

Meetings

Board of Recreational Sports, 2-3:30pm, Dixon Recreation Center Conference Room. Board review of 2011-12 Recreational Sports budget.

Student Events & Activities/SLI, 4-5:30pm and 6-7:30pm (2 sessions), MU 206. OSU Student Programmers Orientation.

Student Musician Advisory Board, 4-5:30pm, 204 Benton Hall. Annual budget board meeting. Open to the public.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trusting Tree Lounge. MUvie — Red.

OSU Music - Music à la Carte, Noon, MU Lounge. Free lunchtime concert — bring your lunch and enjoy! Featuring: Elliot Grasso Duo.

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Chinese president faces chilly welcome in U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — After all the niceties of a state dinner at the White House, the reception Chinese President Hu Jintao receives on Capitol Hill Thursday may be a bit chilly in comparison.

Hu is scheduled to meet separately with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and House Speaker John Boehner. Neither man attended Wednesday night's dinner in honor of the Chinese leader.

Reid called Hu Ja "dictator" in a Tuesday television interview, but quickly recanted his words.

"Maybe I shouldn't have said dictator, but they have a different type of government than we have and that is understatement."

A spokesman for Reid expounded on his comments.

"Obviously, he believes strongly in the American political system and our form of government," Jon Summers said. "He also believes that it is important for us to continue our dialogue with the Chinese government about a wide range of issues which are critical to both countries, including our economy, Iran, North Korea."

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell also did not attend the state dinner. House minority leader Nancy Pelosi did, despite being a vocal critic of China on human rights issues.

U.S. President Barack Obama stressed common

interests between the nations while toasting the Chinese leader at the White House.

"While it's easier to focus on our differences of culture and perspective, let us never forget the values that our people share," Obama said while raising a glass to Hu.

"A reverence for family, the belief that with education and hard work and sacrifice, the future is what we make of it and, most of all, our desire to give our children a better life," Obama said, enumerating what he called common values between the U.S. and China in toasting Hu.

Hu, toasting Obama at the first formal state dinner for China in 13 years, praised the U.S. president for bring-

ing the two countries closer together.

"In recent years, particularly over the last two years since President Obama took office, China-U.S. relations have made strong headway," Hu said.

"We have increased exchanges in cooperation in a wide range of areas, maintained close communication and coordination on major international and regional issues, and played a positive role in promoting peace, stability and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region and the whole world."

Hu said that he had reached important agreement with Obama during his visit.

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contribution of the Greek community to the betterment of OSU, recognize the events and hard work that the cultural centers of Oregon State University have done in the 2010 and 2011 year."

All of the informal resolutions, which can be described as acts or statements of goodwill, were passed.

The meeting closed with a reminder that the ASOSU House and Senate Joint Session would be held March 31 during the first week of spring term and that any new proposals to the budget needed to be presented by 5 p.m. Feb. 1.

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that initial perceptions when comparing men and women can put women beneath men, but as long as the woman does her job well, that perception will not last long.

Areas still closed off to women in the USMC are infantry, artillery and tanks. Cotoia said there are always pushes to change the policy, but that she doubts it will change any time soon.

At the end of the lecture, she touched on the subject of family life while serving and says it is completely possible. Cotoia is married with three children and a husband who also served in the USMC.

"It is about being responsible and having a plan," Cotoia said.

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sing way back in the day, and that's really what built the choral university choirs that we know of."

Unlike the show, the OSU Glee Choir will not have choreographed dances and musicians to accompany their songs. Instead, the group will focus on their singing ability. The choir is open to anyone, resulting in a wide variety of talents.

"It's not going to be a show choir like the show," said Nik Bowen, a member of the glee choir. "It's going to be a creative outlet for people to come and sing for fun."

Both Davidson and Bowen are avid fans of the television show, as are many of the choir members. Yet despite major differences from the show, the glee choir's numbers have only increased since its inception. Currently the group sits at 58 members, a number that is on the brink of too many.

"Our biggest problem right now is space at Benton," Zielke said. "The only room available for this ensemble is not large enough to handle the interested enrollment and James was in the position of having to turn away members because of fire code limitations on the choir rehearsal room."

When the group was initially created, two levels of registration were offered: Music 199 and 399. The only difference between the two is that 399 offers upper division credit for the students.

Currently the group consists mostly of underclassmen, a large percentage of which are female.

"The majority are women," Bowen said. "In fact, the first day of class there were about 9 guys and about 40 girls."

Despite the gender imbalance, Davidson is confident the group will continue to grow and attract new members. Of the 58, the number of males has already risen to 20. Overall, Davidson would like to see the group's numbers double.

"I know that the administration is in support of it, and they want it to grow much bigger. In fact our teacher was talking about the choir growing to 100 people next term. This is actually something I'd like to do for the rest of my college career," said Bowen, who has two years left at OSU.

To help increase enrollment, Davidson is branching out to various genres of music and creating an executive council for the group that will assist in decisions such as song selection.

"We're going to make it an actual organization on cam-

pus. Davidson said We're going to have an executive council, and we'll probably have a representative. My goal is to pass those decisions onto the students to organize it how they want."

With such a diverse group of students, Davidson hopes the more experienced will show leadership to newcomers, while he will offer extra meetings for those who need assistance.

"Students come from almost every department on campus, and the experience ranges from kids who have never been in a choir, to the kids who have been singing in choirs since elementary school," Davidson said.

For now the group continues to practice every Tuesday and Thursday at Benton Hall. Currently no performances are scheduled, and the group is undecided whether it will continue being called the OSU Glee Choir or create a clever title like on the show.

As enrollment continues to increase for the class, Zielke is excited about the new possibilities.

"With the addition of OSU Glee, OSU has more than 300 singers in our choirs making OSU one of the larger choral programs on the west coast," Zielke said.

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Dinesh D'Souza

Nationally known author, educator, columnist, and debater. His books include *Life after Death: The Evidence*, *Liberal Education*, *What's So Great About America?*, and *What's So Great About Christianity?* He formerly served as a White House policy analyst and fellow of the American Enterprise Institute and the Hoover Institute at Stanford University. He was recently named president of King's College in New York City.



Dan Barker

Co-president of the Freedom From Religion Foundation. FFRF is a national organization of atheists and agnostics working to keep state and church separate. He co-hosts the national radio show, *Freethought Radio*. A former minister who preached for 19 years, Dan gave up his faith in 1983. He is author of *Godless: How An Evangelical Preacher Became One of America's Leading Atheists* and *The Good Atheist: Living A Purpose-Filled Life Without God*.



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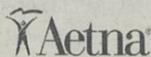
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Editorial

Find yourself during those college years

As a high school senior, selecting a university to attend should be hard, and if it's not, then the person making the selection is not taking the rest of their life serious enough.

We're not talking academics here. We're talking about the time in someone's life in which they define themselves as an individual. The point comes when an identity is found and the person is comfortable with who they are, what they aspire to be, and the morals and ethics they've constructed for themselves through experiences.

For many, they don't find their identity until after high school — usually in the first four years following, whether they go to college or not.

We can all agree that it's our experiences that propel our character, which means for most students, our most important experiences are right now.

In college, the majority of students are living on their own — without parents, without rules and without curfew. Oh, curfew: Those first few weeks of freshman year, there was nothing like staying up until five in the morning, trolling around for mindless opportunities and reasons to go to Circle K.

And with that new found freedom, we are equally as free to hang out with who we want, when we want, which means the experiences you have living on your own will be much more impactful than those you had back in high school with mom and dad. The weights of control have shifted.

That's what makes a college choice so crucial. Yes, your first reason to be at a school should be grades. They always come first no matter what, but they aren't everything. They aren't what's going to define you. Nobody goes through college with sheer intent to focus on school and nothing else — no social, no extra curricular, no nothing — just school, school, school, every day, all the time. Imagine the zombie that person is.

There's a much bigger picture. It's called "life." This is directed toward you college students out there: Don't get caught up in making that 4.0 (although, that's awesome), and neglect everything else offered to you. Go have your fun. Take risks. Ask that guy or girl out that always intimidated the crap out of you. Go try new things. So you think you're a klutz? Enroll in a dance class.

Never forget that college is all about the experience — the big, big picture. Then, and only then, will you truly find yourself.

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Straightening the facts; The truth about Mormonism

A couple of Mormon guys traveled around the United States asking people what they knew about Mormons, and made a movie about it called American Mormon. Some responses were that the Mormons are a "crazy religious group," have "multiple wives," "don't watch TV, dance, use computers or phones" and that "men don't shave." Well I am a Mormon, or more correctly put, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and here is the truth about Mormonism.

I have personally been asked how I could handle marrying a guy with multiple wives, where I hide my horns (because I'm the devil — didn't you know?) and why Mormons can't have fun. My favorite was when a friend of mine told me, "Mormons can't eat pretzels on Sundays." He said this is because the salt makes a person thirsty and Mormon's don't drink. I still don't

know how I have survived my entire life without being able to drink any liquids.

Obviously there are a lot of different ideas about Mormonism, but what are the actual beliefs? Instead of listing a bunch of "We Believe," the best way for anyone to understand Mormonism is to understand a bit of history. So here is the history of the Restoration of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, from a Mormon.

First, we are God's children and he has a plan for us to be able to return to live with him. (That's right — life after death.) Families are very important in this plan, and can be together forever.

God shows his love for us by calling prophets that are given the power and authority to act in God's name for the salvation of his children. Whenever a prophet is rejected, it is called a period of apostasy. This occurred before Jesus Christ



Shanna Woodruff

Keeping it real

came to the earth and he established his church again on the earth. During his life on earth, he taught the gospel — called twelve Apostles — and most importantly he suffered and died for the sins of all mankind, which is called the Atonement. Later Christ's Apostles died, and there was a Great Apostasy where there was no prophet to receive God's revelation.

In the year 1820, a 14-year-old boy named Joseph Smith sought for the true church of Jesus Christ. He knelt in prayer in a nearby grove of trees and described his experience: "I saw a pillar of light exactly over my head, above the brightness of

the sun, which descended gradually until it fell upon me... When the light rested upon me I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spoke unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other, 'This is My Beloved Son. Hear Him!'"

As God had done with Adam, Noah and other prophets, he called Joseph Smith to be a prophet to restore the fullness of the gospel.

Joseph Smith was directed to a hill where gold plates had been hidden and was able to translate them by the power of God. He called these plates The Book of Mormon (where the name Mormon comes from).

This book is an ancient volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible, but was written by prophets

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Misfortune Cookies

MARK RITZMAN IS A SENIOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Commitment to diversity not just a PR campaign

At the Oregon State University campus, student leaders, faculty and alumnae foster new ideas for workshops, create opportunities to learn about cultures around the world, and advocate for the chance for students to gain understanding and mutual respect for one another through embracing the uniqueness of every human being regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, class or physical abilities.

In a university setting, this is important as we are here, putting ourselves through grueling hours of studying, working and barely sleeping to prepare ourselves for the rest of our lives. We're evolving ourselves as individuals and are fortunate enough to have the ability to pursue a higher level of existence, but it concerns me how

The Women's Center

Andy Guterrez

many students do not know about the resources, classes and events which are designed for them to attend and learn of people whose lives are different from their own.

Alea Payne, the Volunteer and Recognition Coordinator at the Women's Center and president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, is always directing students to educational opportunities around campus. When asked why she thought it was important for our guests to expose themselves to every option they could attend to educate themselves on multiculturalism she replied, "Our society revolves around whatever the dominant group thinks, so it's good to step outside our comfort zone. It's

good to recognize your unearned privilege. These classes and workshops talk about things that are happening in everyday life and it makes you more aware. You look at media, politics and you learn to think more critically about everyday issues."

One of the most accessible ways to immerse one's self in a diverse atmosphere is to take one of the myriad of classes available for students to fulfill a baccalaureate core requirement. Taking a course classified under OSU's "Difference, Power and Discrimination" category is necessary in order to graduate.

Ethics of Diversity is one of the more popular classes that are chosen by many students from all backgrounds and majors and is traditionally led by OSU's very own crusader for diversity, Dr. Lani Roberts. Ethics of Diversity uses a

philosophical approach to examine difference-based discrimination and prejudice within the community. This is a class offered by the Philosophy department in the College of Liberal Arts.

There are other incredibly informative and eye-opening classes that help students identify cultural institutions and provide education on how to navigate through cultural difference appropriately. The ethnic studies department offers a 101 course that focuses on the ethnic group experience in the United States.

The women studies and anthropology departments are also two very good sources of information regarding classes that offer a wide range of subjects, whether you are a beginner to social justice and diver-

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Chickens and the locally grown food movement

The chickens in my front yard make me happy every morning that I open their door to let them out at first light, and every evening that I close it and collect their eggs. My three hens gave me eight eggs while I was gone over the holiday weekend (I just left their door open). Some people might ask why I bother, and so I must write this.

Before I discovered how much I loved to fuss over these three cute little ladies, I decided to get chickens because it seemed like a profound and loud statement to all my friends and neighbors. It is a statement that says I grow my own food, as the eggs are grown right next to my vegetable garden. Having chickens says I really believe in going back to our roots and knowing where our food comes from.

One of my reasons is that

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locally grown food has a smaller carbon footprint, because of the simple fact that shipping 20 pounds of chicken feed costs a lot less gasoline than shipping the hundreds of eggs that I will collect from that same bag of chicken feed. But more than the simple savings of a little shipping fuel, eating local is an education.

Just as talking to your neighborhood Community Supported Agriculture farmer about what is in season right now educates you as you buy your vegetables and beef, so to does raising your own eggs. For example, this winter (my first winter with chickens), I learned that I have to put a light in their coop for about four hours in the evening just

so that the chickens keep laying eggs.

Apparently, chickens suffer from seasonal affective disorder and they stop egg production in the low light of the winter months. Now I know that even the most free-range eggs, that are grown in the northwest, have a (slightly) larger carbon footprint during the winter, for some of our electric energy comes from burning coal (yes, even in Oregon).

Some of you might be saying that yes, you know that having chickens is the green, sustainable and trendy thing to do (at least those of you from Portland), but what about the muddy mess? Let me tell you, there is no mess in my front lawn.

I have three chickens (the rooster had to be eaten over the summer) and they live in a 7-foot diameter pen that migrates

around my small urban lawn. I move the pen and the small chicken coup once a week so that little earth gets exposed and the chicken poop disappears quickly. I have built the coup similar in size and utility to a wheelbarrow so that moving it (and the pen) on its one front wheel is simple and easy for one person.

The chickens also double as a lawn fertilizing system. The circular shape of the pen creates bright green circles as the nitrogen-rich chicken poop is readily absorbed by the lawn. I have had the chickens in their mobile coup for about five months now, and as I move

them approximately once per week, I have about 20 bright green circles on my lawn now. Never in my life have I fertilized my lawn, this means I have to mow more often now. I do it with pride though, knowing I am further advertising my chicken tractor and 'buy local' philosophy.

If you are interested in being an urban farmer and having your very own chicken tractor, you should think real hard about it for just a few more months. The season for baby chicks starts around April and they are hard to find after June. You'll have to baby them in a cardboard box for several months with a light on for warmth. But don't go thinking you need any fancy chicken brooder machine to raise your chicks for you.

The babies will go near the light if they are cold and further from it if they are warm. Leave

the light on all the time, especially at night. I kept mine in my garage in a small fenced-in area until they were adults, at which point their mess making capacity reached a critical condition, and throwing them outside on the lawn became absolutely necessary.

If you are not construction-inclined, you can find lots of built chicken coups for sale. A quick Craigslist search should bring up plenty of options, or at least it will in new-chicken season (spring and summer). Even a raised rabbit hutch works rather well.

Just keep in mind that even in the middle of Corvallis, raccoons will eat your chickens if you leave them exposed every night. If you are interested in my wheelbarrow-style chicken tractor, you would like a picture, or any other information, feel free to get in touch with me. May your urban farming reign, for it is not just an egg, it is an education!

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in the Americas. It follows a family that lived in Jerusalem, and traveled to the Americas. Mormon is one of the last prophets that wrote on the gold plates, and was the historian that compiled the book, which is why the book is called The Book of Mormon. Although we are called "Mormons," the true name is The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Latter-day Saints meaning this time period), LDS for short.

As like any other prophet, Joseph Smith received additional revelation for four days, and one commonly known is called the Word of Wisdom. This explains that as members of The Church we don't drink alcohol, coffee or tea, use any form of tobacco or use harmful drugs. It teaches what we should and shouldn't use to maintain the health of our bodies and to keep us free from evil influences.

There have been other prophets called and given God's authority since Joseph Smith. One such prophet named Wilford Woodruff said, "That my advice to the Latter-day Saints is to refrain from contracting any marriage forbidden by the law of the land," and by 1890, it was declared that all members should stop the practice of polygamy. Today there is a living prophet named Thomas S. Monson. He and the current twelve Apostles can trace their authority directly to Jesus Christ.

Now LDS missionaries travel all over the world to invite others to come unto Christ. Men volunteer for two years, and women for 18 months. Missionaries

teach that anyone can know if the message is true by asking in prayer, and the Holy Ghost will testify of the truth.

Well I am a Mormon, or more correctly put, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, and here is the truth about Mormonism.

I'm sure there are people that disagree with my views, and I'm totally okay with that. However, if you want to discuss anything, or understand more, that option is always available to you. There are missionaries, church buildings and mormon.org to answer questions. I'm not talking about converting, I'm talking about

being informed.

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sity or a seasoned community leader wanting to hone your skills.

If you're like me, or any of the phenomenal student leaders I work among, you've taken all the classes related to diversity and are looking for another outlet to learn, educate and exchange information. When I arrived at OSU, the first thing I did was walk to all of the cultural and resource centers on campus, because I knew that I wanted to get involved somehow. Eventually, I was hired as an office assistant at the Pride Center, and that opened the door to so many of the wonderful opportunities for me (such as becoming a staff

member at the Women's Center).

While I was more proactive and sought out an environment where I could immerse myself in different cultural opportunities, I want the rest of the students to know how invaluable and readily available all of the cultural and resource centers are. These centers are distributed in various places around campus and are staffed by some of the most knowledgeable and compassionate student leaders that OSU has to offer.

These centers include: The Native American Longhouse, The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center, The Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, The Asian and Pacific Cultural Center, The Oregon State

University Pride Center, and of course The Oregon State University Women's Center. These establishments are constantly planning workshops and programs that expose their culture to the student population.

International Students of Oregon State University is also a student run organization that aims to promote international and multicultural students by bringing international affairs to Oregon State University's consciousness through education and community involvement. The Women Center also runs an International Speaker Series, where international students agree to commit an hour of their time explaining a facet of their culture that is important to them. It is a program

that is very popular and usually involves interactive and hands-on activities.

Oregon State University offers lots of exceptional ways to expose one's self to other cultures and experiences. Classes, organizations, cultural and resource centers facilitate these events, and any employees of these organizations would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have or direct you to any resources you may need. So come on out and meet us! We're so excited to show you around!

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Interim president in Tunisia pledges a break from the past

TUNIS — Tunisia's interim president said Wednesday the country's new government plans to sever "any link with the past," a reference to the widely unpopular years of rule by the former regime.

In remarks aired by Tunisian state TV and Al-Jazeera, Fouad Mebazaa said his government intends to bring about security and initiate reforms.

"We will personally ensure that the government will implement all its promises to the people, beginning with completely cutting any link with the past," he said.

He made the comments on a day when thousands of protesters, angered by impoverished living conditions and government corruption, staged a noisy but peaceful rally in Tunisia's capital, and an Arab League official said the unrest illustrates "the great social shakes" affecting Arab countries.

The grass-roots rage against government corruption and poor living conditions led to last week's ouster of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali after 23 years of rule and left his interim successor trying to sound reassuring.

"We'd like to inform and assure you that we have identified those responsible for spreading chaos in the coun-

try and terror in the hearts of the citizens, and we have arrested the gangs," Mebazaa said. "The situation is stable."

In a reference to the restrictions on bloggers and members of the news media under Ben Ali that played a role in inflaming Tunisians, Mebazaa said that the "media must be free from all restrictions in order for them to practice their sensitive role" and they "are required to respect the ethics of the profession before everything."

In Tunis, crowds tramped down Avenue Habib Bourguiba, singing the country's national anthem and chanting against the former ruling party and the former president, who fled to Saudi Arabia.

The marchers stopped at a police line, where they stood face to face with the officers, but there was no conflict. Witnesses said the police appeared more relaxed than in previous days, with the officers holding their ground but not acting aggressively.

By the afternoon, thousands of people had taken over the heart of the capital, exercising that rarest of rights in the Middle East: freedom of speech.

They spoke in different ways: One man played a

harmonica, others chanted, some carried a mock coffin — a symbol of the interim government. Many talked freely to reporters.

Their unity was divided only by the occasional passing of trams, whose exterior walls served as canvases emblazoned with spray-painted slogans denouncing the former ruling party and the Constitutional Democratic Rally. Tram riders and drivers held protest signs, too.

The peaceful, almost festive atmosphere was in contrast with that of previous days in Tunisia, when police lobbed tear gas and dispersed peaceful marchers with batons.

As protesters chanted, an army helicopter flew over the city, drawing a cheer from the crowd. Many view the army as a calming factor in the street conflict and see the police as aligned with Ben Ali and his party.

In many parts of the capital, life was nearly normal. Streets were busy and shops, cafes and restaurants were open.

Tunisian officials are attempting to keep afloat the country's unity government, formed this week with members of the opposition and the Ben Ali party.

But protesters are demanding that the old guard be

swept from power.

Mebazaa and Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi resigned from the ousted leader's ruling party, state TV said Tuesday, a move seen as intended to placate street demonstrators and keep the unity government afloat.

But at least four ministers from opposition parties have pulled back from the new government, leaving some observers predicting that the coalition may collapse before it can set a date for new elections.

The unrest was triggered in December when Mohamed Bouazizi, an unemployed college graduate, set himself ablaze after police confiscated the fruit cart that was his sole source of income. He died this month.

More than 100 deaths have occurred since, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said Wednesday, when she announced plans to send an assessment team to Tunisia.

Pillay told reporters in Geneva, Switzerland, that "human rights abuses were at the heart of Tunisia's problems, and therefore human rights must be right at the forefront of the solutions to those problems."

— CNN

China's economy grew 10.3 percent in 2010

Beijing — The Chinese economy continued its breakneck growth in 2010, expanding by 10.3 percent, according to government figures released Thursday.

During 2010, the size of China's economic output eclipsed Japan to become the world's second largest economy with just over \$6 trillion, completing a decade long gallop that saw it jump France, the United Kingdom and Germany.

The United States is the world's largest economy with an estimated \$14.6 trillion GDP for 2010.

The yearend figures come out as Chinese President Hu Jintao makes a high-profile visit to the U.S., being feted at a state dinner by U.S. President Barack Obama — the first such dinner for China in more than 13 years.

The summit has also highlighted a range of issues between the world's two largest economies, such as the global economic crisis, international security, the environment and human rights.

Obama administration officials used the president's meeting with Hu to high-

light economic progress between the two countries, announcing Beijing's approval of \$45 billion in new contracts for U.S. companies to export goods to China. The contracts will support an estimated 235,000 American jobs, according to the White House.

The Chinese economy grew 9.8 percent in the last quarter of 2010, according to China's National Bureau of Statistics.

Consumer prices grew 3.3 percent year-on-year, ahead of China's 3 percent target. But more troubling for Beijing is the price of food rose 7.2 percent.

As the economy expands, inflation is a growing concern for China's economic minders, said Professor Patrick Chovanec at Tsinghua University in Beijing.

China has implemented price controls on food "but whether that deal with the underlying inflationary pressure is an entirely different problem," Chovanec said. "Nothing China has done so far has really tackled that."

Two chief U.S. economic concerns

are China's currency, which critics say is widely undervalued, and increased access to U.S. businesses in the burgeoning China market.

Obama dismissed a reporter's question about U.S. fear of China's rising power, saying that China's explosive economic growth is good for the world and, more specifically, American businesses.

"We want to sell China "all kinds of stuff," he said.

"We welcome China's rise," Obama said. Washington just wants to ensure it "reinforces international norms and international rules, and enhances security and peace as opposed to ... being a source of conflict."

While the meeting dealt with a range of topics, U.S. officials continued to focus intently on the fact that the government-controlled People's Bank of China is artificially undervaluing the yuan, bringing down the cost of Chinese exports, which would give it an advantage in the international market.

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Stephen Paea officially announced to Senior Bowl

SPORTS INFORMATION

Corvallis — Former Oregon State standout defensive lineman Stephen Paea was officially added to the 62nd annual Under Armour Senior Bowl Wednesday, which is slated for 1 p.m. PST Jan. 29. The game, from Ladd-Peebles Stadium in Mobile, Ala., will be televised nationally by the NFL Network.

Paea was a consensus All-American for the 2010 season and was named the Pac-10 Conference's Pat Tillman Defensive Player of the Year. In addition, he was honored as the recipient of the league's Morris Trophy for the second straight year as the league's top defensive lineman. The native of Tonga started 37 games after arriving on campus as a sophomore. He concluded his career with 129 tackles and 14 quarterback sacks.

The defensive tackle is the eighth Beaver to play since the 2006 season in what is considered the top all-star game, including 2009 Pac-10 First Team quarterback Sean Canfield. Other recent Beaver appearances include 2005 Senior Bowl Defensive MVP Bill Swancutt and current NFL players Dwan Edwards, Keenan Lewis, Roy Schuening and Andy Levitre.

Paea is the third Beaver who is expected to play in a postseason all-star game this month. Center Alex Linnenkohl will appear in the East-West Shrine Game in Orlando at 1 p.m. PST Saturday (NFL Network) and cornerback James Dockery will suit up for the inaugural Eastham Energy College All-Star Game in Tempe, Ariz., at 4:30 p.m. PST Sunday (Fox College Sports).

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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on the weekend, six rebounds, five steals and five assists. Jackson currently leads the conference in steals to turnover ratio, and ranks fifth in the Pac-10 in total scoring. If the Beavers hope to achieve a victory Sunday, containing Jackson will be the key.

"(Jackson) is a phenomenal point guard," Rueck said. "We need to contain her. I think she's got everybody by a step, she's lightning fast. I feel like she's the key to the game cause she can take games over. Two weekends ago, she had 19 assists and two turnovers. We can't let that happen to us."

Also contributing to Oregon's offensive attack is junior forward Amanda Johnson. Johnson scored 12 points and snagged nine rebounds against UCLA, recording her 14th game in double figures this season. Johnson leads the Pac-10 in scoring, averaging 17.3 points per game, and has now recorded 17 double-doubles in her career as a Duck.

"(Johnson) is a great player," Rueck said. "She's the combination of inside/outside. And she does a great job on the boards, of course. She's a steady force for them."

Oregon's plan of attack is built around speed and quickness, which means the Beavers must hope to slow down the Duck's offensive

attack and execute on their own offensive front.

"They (Oregon) want to wear you out, they want to beat you in the last 10 minutes, they want to hit three 3s in a row and separate and not let you catch up from there," Rueck said. "Like we've done with everyone, we need to make it a half-court game, especially when we're on defense."

Current leaders for Oregon State consist of Martin, who has scored 14 double-digit games and Greer, who leads the conference in blocked shots per game. For the Beavers, it will be imperative for Greer to be a factor on both ends of the floor, but Oregon State will also need to see some significant offensive action from other players in the lineup.

"It's a new day," Rueck said. "It's a new challenge ahead. It's a fine line of accepting losing and then just saying 'Hey — this isn't acceptable, we gotta find a way to win.'"

The first of two meetings this season for Civil War will tip off at 12 p.m. Sunday at the Matt Knight Arena in Eugene. Oregon State will return to play next weekend when the team hosts California Thursday and the top-ranked Stanford Saturday.

"I've always loved being in a position where you have to be at your best," Rueck said. "And I'm loving every minute of it."

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Mak, Vivian sweep awards

SPORTS INFORMATION

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Oregon State juniors Leslie Mak and Olivia Vivian have been awarded Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week and Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week honors, respectively, for the Week of Jan. 10-16, Commissioner Larry Scott announced today.

Mak, a native of Toronto, Ontario led Oregon State past No. 15 Ohio State Friday in the Beavers' second lopsided home win over a ranked opponent, 195.925-193.300. Following a tightly scored opening rotation on the vault, Mak helped lead her team past initial bumps in the meet to post a season-high team score of 195.925. Mak scored a 9.90 on the bars to help set up her teammate, Vivian, for a career-best 9.975. On the beam, Mak tied her career-high with a score of 9.925 to win the event title. Overall, she finished the meet with an all-around score of 39.100, her third straight meet scoring 39 or more points, and the all-around win.

This is Mak's first Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week honor and the 15th in Beaver history.

For the second time in two

weeks, Vivian performed a near-flawless uneven bars routine, once again setting a career-high with a 9.975 and receiving the Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week honor. Vivian, a native of Perth, Australia, received a 10.0 from the head judge on the apparatus against Ohio State, the first of her career. Vivian's score earned her the individual title, a feat she has accomplished in all three of OSU's meets so far in 2011. Vivian is the top-ranked gymnast in the nation on the uneven bars.

The Special Performance of the Week nod is Vivian's second in a row this season and Oregon State's 12th of all time.

No. 6 Oregon State travels to Oklahoma this week to face the No. 3 Sooners as well as No. 23 Denver and Centenary at 7 p.m. CST Friday.

Also Nominated: Gymnast of the Week: Madisyn O'Brien, CAL; Olivia Courtney, UCLA; Aliza Vaccher, WASH.

Special Performance of the Week: Miranda Russell, ARIZ; Dallas Crawford, CAL; Talia Kushynski, UCLA; Ruby Engreitz, WASH.

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decision to take his talents to South Beach may have turned out to be the best thing for him and his career. Michael Jordan is the greatest basketball player to ever play the game, but James has the chance to become the greatest villain in NBA history. He's finally embracing the hatred from opposing crowds the way the Joker embraced chaos.

I realize that what I and my team do make the Jets very polarizing. You either love us or hate us. Think we really care? As long as there is a video camera and a bright light in our face, we'll have something to say.

Whenever there is a team to

hate, it's a good thing for sports. The Detroit "Bad Boy" Pistons of the late 1980s and early 90s, the Miami Heat now, and the New York Yankees always and forever (guess it's just something about the Big Apple).

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said (see, I'm not just some dumb football guy), "As there is a use in medicine for poisons, so the world cannot move without rogues." Sports without villains, well, it's just so — boring.

Since the playoffs started, we have put together a "Kill Bill" style hit list. And, boy, have we been really, really good.

At Indianapolis? It wasn't pretty, but check. At New England? Our defense made their offense look like a Pop Warner team. Check. At

Pittsburgh? Soon to be check. Against the Packers (did you see the way Aaron Rodgers played Saturday?) at Cowboy Stadium in the Super Bowl? Checkmate.

Do you mere mortals realize what we have a chance to (and will) do? Beat Peyton Manning, Tom Brady, Ben Roethlisberger and Aaron Rodgers. Four of the best quarterbacks in the league. That's like dating four girls in a row who are all Victoria's Secret models.

Like us or hate us, you've got to be impressed.

But now that we took down the "mighty" Brady and Company, we decided to switch gears. We're going from in-your-face trash-talk to lovey dovey. We're the NFL version of Ron Artest: You just have no

idea what we're going to do.

We talk about the Steelers — who we beat 22-17 in Week 15 in Pittsburgh, mind you — the way we talk about the person we have a high school crush on. It's such an honor to play against a player as talented as Roethlisberger. He's just so cute!

It's not all mind games, either. Pittsburgh's style of play is a lot like "Dog the Bounty Hunter" and his crew. It might not be pretty, but by God, they get the job done. It won't be easy to go into the Land of the

Terrible Towel and come away victorious.

Deep down, though, I know we're going to win. Deep down, I know that you probably are starting to hate me and the Jets. Deep down, I really couldn't care less.

In the final courtroom scene in "A Few Good Men," the one where Jack Nicholson yells out "You can't handle the truth!" Nicholson, playing the evil Col. Nathan Jessup, says the iconic line, "You don't want the truth because deep down in places you don't talk about at parties,

you want me on that wall, you need me on that wall."

The New York Jets are Col. Jessup. You love to hate us. And the truth is, the NFL is better off with loudmouths like us.

You don't want to admit it because deep down, in places you don't talk about at sports bars, you want us in the AFC Championship game, you need us in the AFC Championship game.

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better than anyone else at this point, but when he does get into the game, he's an instant spark of intensity for Oregon State. McShane backs up starter Johnson as the top of the 1-3-1 defense.

"It's a tribute to his intuitiveness, discipline," Robinson said. "The way the crowd responds when he gets into the game, it gives us a lift. That's a lot for a guy that's just a walk-on."

OMARI JOHNSON:

Johnson started out the season scoring double-digit numbers in seven of the first eight games for Oregon State. In the nine games since then, he has scored 10 points or more just once, but his playing time hasn't changed,

and what Robinson says is a testament to his effort on the defensive end as the point man of Robinson's 1-3-1.

"I take the blame for his slump because I think we just wore him out at the top of that zone," Robinson said. "His scoring may have slipped, but he didn't let his rebounding and hustling slip. I know he's exhausted, but he says he's okay. That's leadership."

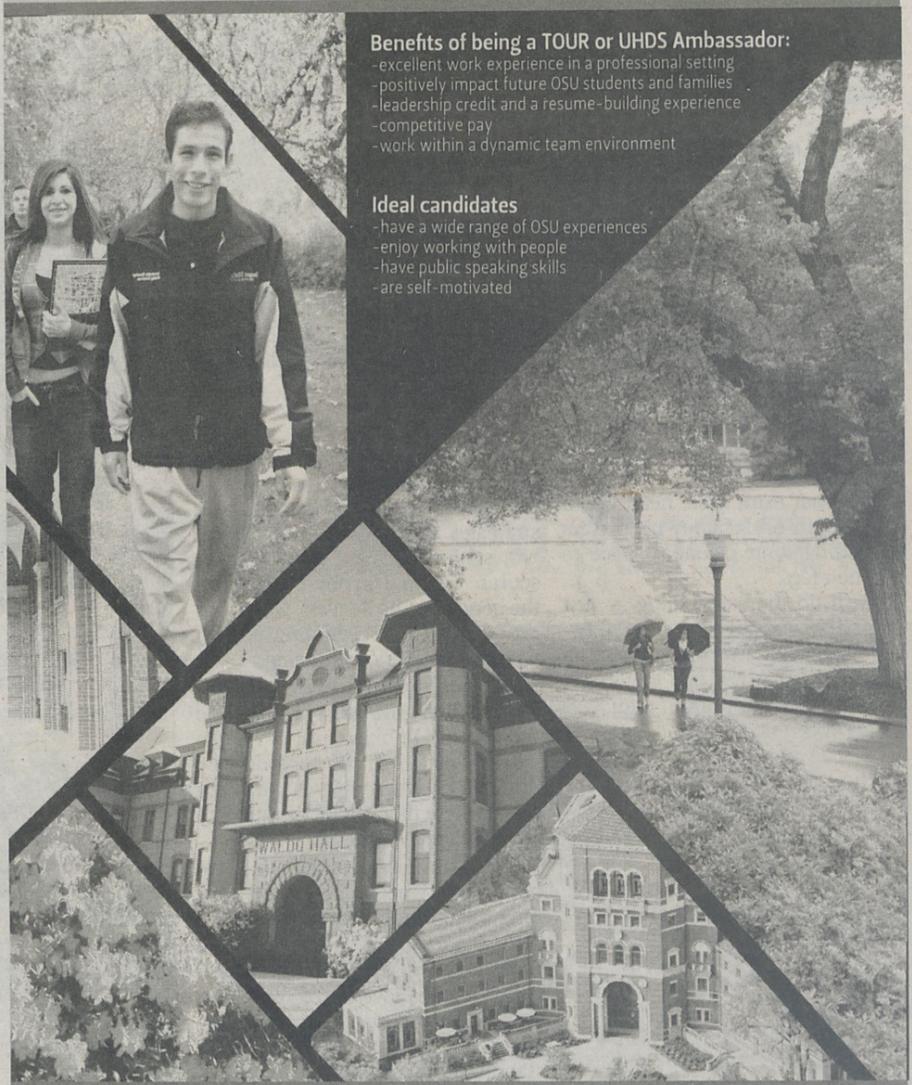
Johnson's increased playing time has been due to injuries suffered by freshmen Rhys Murphy and Eric Moreland, who could have potentially backed up the senior.

"(This position is) more tiring than people would think," Johnson said. "It's a good position because you get a lot of steal and publicity for it."

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Civil War: Women in brand new gym

OSU brings desire for first conference win to state-of-the-art Matt Knight Arena in Eugene for the first of two matchups against the Ducks

By **Tori Hill**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

This weekend, the Oregon State women's basketball program will head south to face the University of Oregon in their first Civil War game played in the new Matt Knight Arena at 12 p.m. Sunday.

"You've got to stay focused on the fundamentals of the game," said head coach Scott Rueck in Tuesday's press conference. "There's just a little bit of extra energy that goes into (the rivalry game)."

Oregon State (6-10, 0-6 Pac-10) will play their third straight road game after coming off two rough losses to the Los Angeles schools, No. 9 UCLA and USC. The University of Oregon Ducks (11-6, 2-4 Pac-10) were equally unsuccessful this last weekend in their own visit to UCLA and USC.

"(Have to) go in and get a W," Rueck said. "That would be really special for us."

In their last contest, the Ducks played at UCLA, falling 87-57. The 30-point defeat was the largest point margin the University of Oregon's team has seen this season and was the smallest point total the Ducks have been held to this season, boasting the Pac-10 lead for points scored per game. In the loss to the Bruins, the Ducks experienced other firsts as well, recording 31 turnovers, which cost them 33 UCLA points.

"They push it," Rueck said. "They're extreme, they'll shoot it a little differently than most teams we've seen. They obviously want to put a lot of points up. They're leading the Pac-10 in scoring for a reason."

The Beavers lost to the USC Trojans 53-45 Saturday in their sixth straight conference defeat. Offensively, Oregon State suffered, shooting poorly from the field while recording just two players scoring double digits. Leading the Beavers were senior forward El Sara Greer and freshman guard Alyssa Martin, who each recorded 10 points in the loss. Greer posted seven rebounds and two blocks, and Martin added four boards and two steals, but could not boost Oregon State into the winner's circle.

"We've battled everybody 'til the end," Rueck said. "My job is to keep morale up and to keep focusing on those things we're doing great."

In the Ducks' loss to UCLA, junior point guard Nia Jackson, Oregon's leading scorer, was held to seven points which snapped her 17-game streak of scoring double figures. After the University of Oregon swept the Washington schools in the second weekend of conference play, Jackson was named Pac-10 player of the week. In hosting Washington and Washington State, Jackson averaged 22 points per game

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Freshman guard Alyssa Martin takes a shot over the outstretched arms of two Washington State defenders. Oregon State will meet the University of Oregon in Eugene Sunday.

Jesse
Severson

We're Gonna Run the Picket Fence at 'Em

The villains of the NFL

This isn't Jesse Severson writing this column.

This is actually Rex Ryan, the head coach of the soon-to-be-Super-Bowl-bound New York Jets. Jesse is in the other room, probably watching "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew," and he left his computer open.

Don't worry, I changed his desktop background and switched his Facebook status to "Ugh, I hate having PMS!" That sort of stuff never gets old.

But I digress; my Jets are only a few days away from playing at Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship Game against the Steelers. We're fresh off what the media is calling an upset in our 28-21 win at New England.

We spent all week leading up to the win against the Patriots talking trash. We spoke of revenge. How the 45-3 loss earlier in the year to New England was just a fluke. It got to the point where many people were telling me to be quiet or, as Jesse put it, to shut my fat mouth.

But you know what? The Jets and I have become what the NFL needs the most. A villain.

Don't like us? We don't care, because every good sport needs the bad guy. You think "The Dark Knight" was good because of Christian Bale? Maybe if you were Jenny Bale, Christian's mother. For the rest of the world, it was because Heath Ledger was the Joker.

It's the same reason LeBron James'

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Men's basketball midweek rundown, Civil War preparation

Robinson touches on lineup changes, Cunningham's physicality, Johnson's defense

By **Colin Huber**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

CIVIL WAR WEEK:

Not playing a game Thursday means it will have been an extended week for the Oregon State University men's basketball team in the days leading up to the first round of two in the hard-court Civil War.

With that extra time, head coach Craig Robinson is happy his players are getting some calendar space to rest their legs.

"We'll do the same thing — just feels like we get an extra day," Robinson said. "We thought having a week off, getting our legs back, would be more important than having another game."

The Beavers (8-9, 3-3 Pac-10) will practice all the way up until Saturday in preparation for the Oregon Ducks (8-10, 1-5 Pac-10), who have lost seven of their last eight games. Despite their rivals' struggles, OSU will not take them lightly, and expect physically aggressive play from UO.

"Physically and mentally it (the Civil War) is more intense than other games," said senior Omari Johnson. "I wouldn't call them dirty — wouldn't call anyone dirty. If you get bumped around, they're playing harder than you. They're a fiesty little bunch of dudes."

Oregon State has experienced physical play before. Sophomore leading scorer Jared Cunningham was beaten up against USC, perhaps

his most physically exhausting game of the year.

"Jared has gotten good at playing through what happens," Robinson said. "When he gets knocked down, he gets right back up and makes his two foul shots no matter how hard he's fouled."

Oregon State is the favorite Saturday at Gill Coliseum.

PLAYING TIME:

During the course of the 2010-2011 campaign, Robinson has revealed multiple lineups and substitution strategies. The most recent change had senior, and last year's leading scorer, Calvin Haynes coming off the bench for the Beavers, which has raised questions regarding consistency and players' well-being.

"The only time things get delicate is when guys don't know where they stand," Robinson said. "I try to make it very clear to everyone, one through 15, where they stand. They know where they stand, so there are never any real surprises."

Robinson reiterated that the best performers when it comes to winning will play more minutes.

"My guys know that this isn't a popularity contest," Robinson said. "They know I love all of them. I'm really lucky because when guys play less than they want to, they understand that it's not a personal attack on their character. We're trying to win the game."

One player seeing fewer minutes is junior Kevin McShane. According to Robinson, McShane isn't playing

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Oregon State sophomore Jared Cunningham makes a move on a Southern California defender last weekend in Corvallis. Cunningham, the Beavers' leading scorer, and the rest of his teammates host the Oregon Ducks Saturday.