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Larry Roper named interim dean of CLA

■ Roper to serve as interim dean,
vice provost of student affairs

By Aleks Cherednichenko
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As announced on Friday, Larry Roper, the vice provost for student affairs at Oregon State, has been named interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts by Sabah Randhawa, provost and executive vice president of the university.

"It was ultimately my decision," Randhawa said. The decision to appoint Roper was made without consultation with any deans or department chairs in the College of Liberal Arts. As of July, Roper will be splitting time between his two positions.

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OSU Extension Service secures funding for year

■ U.S. House passes Secure
Rural Schools and Community
Self-Determination Act

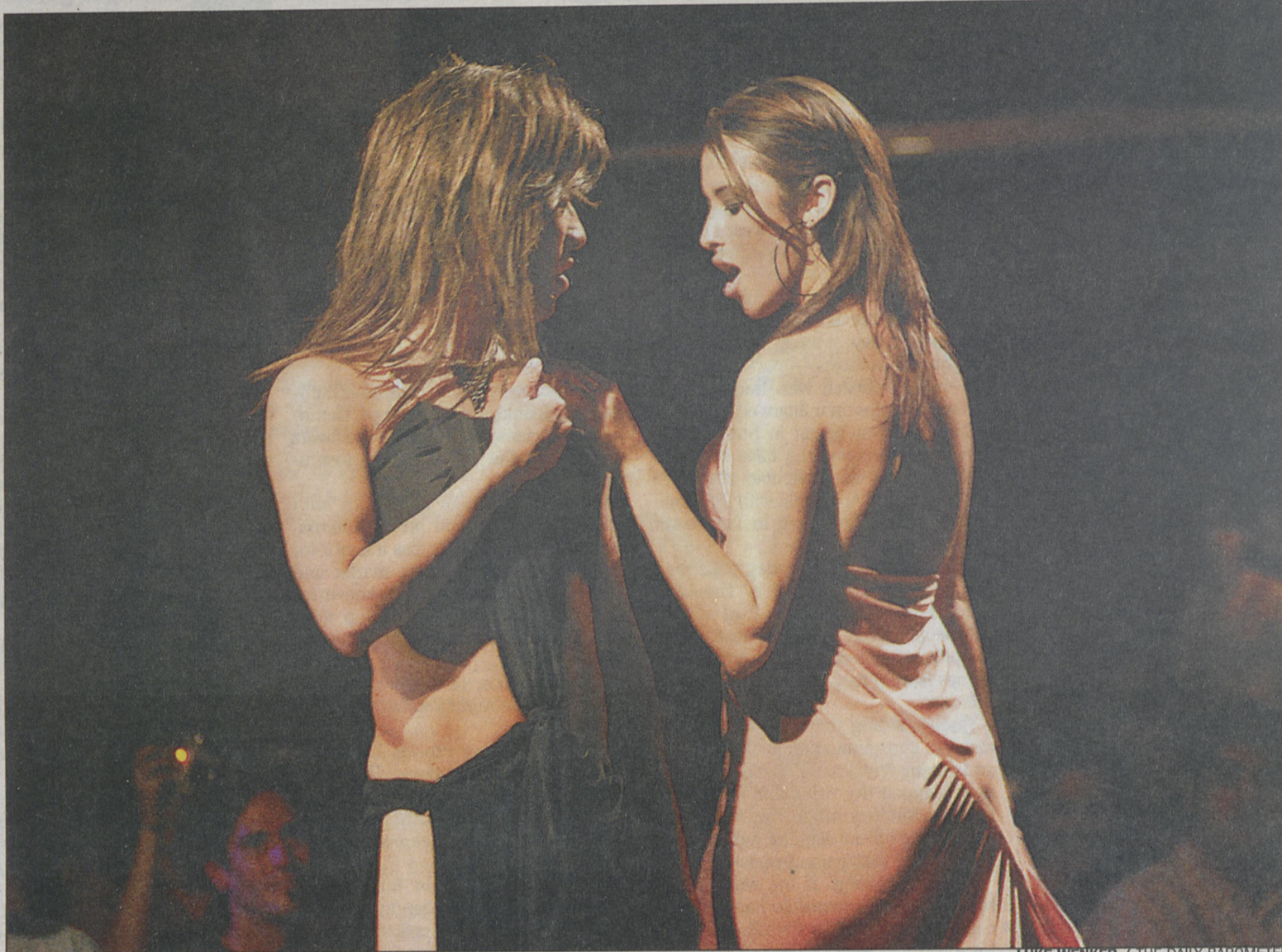
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The OSU Extension Service now has secured funding for the next academic year, after the House reauthorized the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.

The act was approved by Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Congressman Peter DeFazio, Congressman Greg Walden and Congresswoman Darlene Hooley on May 28. The act will provide OSU Extension with funding to help secure secretarial staff, facilities, utilities, travel and telecommunications.

"We in the House have long recognized the vital importance of the Secure Rural Schools program to

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Queer Pride Week wrapped up last Friday with the Drag Show in the MU Ballroom, sponsored by the Rainbow Continuum. The event featured student and professional entertainment.

Sold out show hosts Beaver drag royalty

■ Drag show brings Queer Pride Week to close,
King/Queen of the Beaver make appearance

By Lisa Riordan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students flocked to the MU ballroom for a night of racy, raucous fun and professional entertainment Friday for the Rainbow Continuum's annual Drag Show.

"We sell out every year," said Matt Ryder, a junior in bioengineering and co-director of the Rainbow Continuum. "This year, we were out of tickets by the second day."

The drag show was put on by the Rainbow Continuum, a student-fee funded organization designed to raise awareness and promote acceptance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, questioning and intersex (LGBTQQI) students. The event marked the end of Pride Week 2007, an annual celebration of the LGBTQI lifestyle, held this year from May 21-25.

"We do this for two reasons: First of all, we

provide a safe place for people to look fabulous and have a fabulous time doing it," Ryder said. "But really, it's an educational thing. It's about sharing our culture and expressing ourselves."

The event opened with 30 minutes of student performances, including appearance by OSU's King and Queen of the Beaver. The two students earned their royal titles earlier this year at the annual All-Student Drag competition, held in the fall as a part of Queer History Month. The reigning king and queen performed at Friday's show as part of their royal duties.

Myra B. Long, a junior in pre-medicine and this year's King of the Beaver, rocked the crowd as alter-ego Mylo B. Long.

Set to "Moneymaker" by Ludacris, Long lip synched and performed a choreographed dance routine. Accompanied by six backup dancers, Long wore all black clothing and accessorized with a realistic facial hair apparatus she created.

"I actually cut my own hair and used it to

make my beard," Long said. "I had to kind of glue it on."

Long described the event as a gender-bending good time, full of exceptional student performances. She reported this year's show to be a successful one, with great energy and crowd involvement.

"It went awesome," Long said. "It's one of the most fun, relaxed and entertaining nights on campus."

Long laughed as she added, "And though I may be biased, I think I got one of the loudest cheers!"

The Queen of the Beaver entertained crowds under the stage name Iva Fetish while sporting a costume of women's formal wear, full make-up and a brunette wig.

"I loved it," said Fetish, who chose to remain anonymous. "Performing in front of 500 people or so? What an incredible rush."

After OSU students left the stage, audience

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Summer and fall housing is filling up fast in Corvallis.

Still looking? Bulletins, along with popular Web sites are good ways to find housing.

CURTIS BARNARD
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FOR RENT: your summer guide to Corvallis housing

■ Housing for students, community members plentiful for summer

By Tim Pfarr
THE DAILY BAROMETER

So where will you living this summer?

For students staying in Corvallis, the decision must be made. Some may choose an apartment, others a house, and some may be planning to take advantage of opportunities some Oregon State students aren't aware of. Living arrangements are plentiful, with tools and options to suit almost every need and style.

One option for those sticking around is to take advantage of the countless off-campus houses and apartment complexes scattered around town.

Aside from the numerous bulletin boards found around campus, students have taken to the Internet to find roommates and places to stay through

the summer and into fall.

One of the most recent Web establishments to help get the job done is BeaverRent.com. Launched earlier this month by students Marques Alexander and Wesley Mahler, BeaverRent.com allows students to create a free account and search for roommates, housing and miscellaneous items ranging from carpets to refrigerators to calculators.

Another popular Web site is Facebook Marketplace, which runs through the college social networking site Facebook.com. It operates in a similar fashion to BeaverRent.com, allowing any of its members to post advertisements or contact others searching for what one may have to offer.

In addition to off-campus arrangements, many accommodations are available through the university.

West International House will be open for operation this summer, leasing rooms to students for a weekly fee. The prices are \$60.20 for a double,

\$70.00 for a single, \$80.50 for a double as a single (a double room with no roommate), and \$88.00 for a meal plan. The meal plan students use over the summer is equivalent to the university Preferred Plan, which provides students with \$506 during a regular 10-week term. Single rooms are limited, and applications can be accessed online at the OSU Web site.

"I think living on campus during the summer is a great opportunity," said junior Melissa Williams, president of the OSU Residence Hall Association. Williams lived on campus last summer and enjoyed the experience.

"You have the ability to walk to all your classes and be eco-friendly," Williams said. "You are close to where your meals are prepared, and you don't have to do the dishes. Living on campus gives you the opportunity to meet new people and live in a safe space."

Several fraternities, such as Lambda

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"Now this hallowed ground receives a new generation of heroes — men and women who gave their lives in places such as Kabul and Kandahar, Baghdad and Ramadi. Like those who came before them, they did not want war, but they answered the call when it came. They believed in something larger than themselves. They fought for our country, and our country unites to mourn them as one."

President George W. Bush, in a Memorial Day address at Arlington National Cemetery.

BREAKDOWN

GLYNCO, Ga. — President Bush attacked opponents of an immigration deal Tuesday, suggesting they "don't want to do what's right for America." "The fundamental question is, will elected officials have the courage necessary to put a comprehensive immigration plan in place," Bush said against a backdrop of a huge American flag.



May is third-deadliest month in Iraq after 10 killed on Memorial Day

BAGHDAD — May is not yet over, and already it has recorded the third-highest monthly death toll for American forces in Iraq since the war began four years ago.

The military announced that 10 soldiers were killed in roadside bombings and a helicopter crash on Memorial Day. As of late Tuesday, there were at least 113 U.S. deaths in Iraq so far in May, with two days left in the month.

The U.S. military has said soldiers could face higher chances of ambush and capture under a new strategy to shift troops into smaller outposts — part of plans to seek more outreach with Iraqi civilians and possible tips on militant activities.

Since the war began in March 2003, only two other months have recorded higher death tolls: November 2004 with 137 deaths, and April 2004 with 135 fatalities. Still, Iraqis are dying in far greater numbers than U.S. troops.

Across the country Tuesday, police and morgue officials contacted by The Associated Press reported a total of at least 120 people killed or found dead. All of the officials refused to allow use of their names fearing they could be targeted by militants.

Compounding the fresh evidence of chaos in Iraq, gunmen in police uniforms and driving vehicles used by security forces kidnapped five Britons from an Iraqi Finance Ministry office Tuesday, and a senior Iraqi official said the radical Shiite Mahdi Army militia was suspected.

The kidnappings, if the work of the Mahdi Army as asserted by Iraqi officials, could be retaliation for the killing by British forces last week of the militia's commander in Basra.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Bush to name Robert Zoellick on Wednesday to lead World Bank

WASHINGTON — Robert Zoellick, a nimble negotiator who has crisscrossed the globe as President Bush's trade chief and as the country's No. 2 diplomat, is the White House's choice to be the next World Bank president.

Bush will announce the decision on Wednesday, according to a senior administration official.

He would succeed Paul Wolfowitz, who is stepping down June 30 after findings by a special bank panel that he broke bank rules when he arranged a hefty compensation package in 2005 for his girlfriend, Shaha Riza, a bank employee.

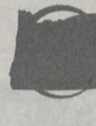
The controversy led to calls from Europeans, the bank's staff, aid groups, Democratic politicians and others for Wolfowitz to resign from the poverty-fighting institution.

A seasoned veteran of politics both inside the Beltway and on the international stage, Zoellick, 53, has a knack for mastering intricate subject matter and translating it into policies. He is known for pulling facts and figures off the top of his head. He also has a reputation for being a demanding boss.

Bush's selection of Zoellick must be approved by the World Bank's 24-member board.

The White House expects Zoellick to gain the board's acceptance. The senior official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in advance of Bush's announcement, said so far other nations have had a positive reaction.

Zoellick announced last June that he was leaving his post as deputy secretary of state to join a Wall Street firm and work to develop investment markets around the world.



State police budget on its way to governor, with 100 new troopers

SALEM — The Oregon House passed a \$327 million budget for the Oregon State Police on Tuesday, enough to add 100 new troopers to patrol the state's highways over the next two years, but not enough to restore round-the-clock coverage.

The budget goes to the governor.

The vote was 55-2, but Republican after Republican stepped up to complain that the proposal wouldn't pay for 24-7 coverage of the state's highways. That would require adding 39 additional troopers, they said, at an estimated cost of \$4.1 million.

Democrats have said that the state police — perennial victims of budget cutbacks — can't be entirely restored in one fell swoop without a new revenue source, and that 100 new troopers is a strong step in the right direction. They've also noted that the police force needs time to recruit and train new troopers. The budget also includes money to hire new forensics workers and officers who will investigate identity theft and drug trafficking cases, as well as \$1.1 million to reduce the state's backlog of DNA samples. Various attempts to raise dedicated funding for state police are still percolating in the Capitol, including a proposal by Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford, to send an increase in the beer tax to the ballot for a vote, with the money going to state police and alcohol rehabilitation programs.

"A lot of them lack the courage to come forth and do what's right," Esquivel said of opposition to his proposal among fellow Republicans. "It's very difficult for some of them to vote for a tax. But my bill is letting the people determine if they want the tax."

Esquivel, along with Rep. Fred Girod, R-Stayton, voted against the police budget.

— The Associated Press

Wednesday, May 30

- Meetings**
College Republicans, 7pm, MU Board Room. Information and discussion on campus and national events.
Pro-choice OSU, 6-7:30pm, Women's Center. Pro-choice college students unite! Join us to promote reproductive rights.
Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), 6-7:30pm, Women's Center. Join Feminists on campus to fight for equality for all! Everyone welcome.
Events
Catholic Campus Ministry, 12:10pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe Ave. Come for mid-day Mass at the Newman Center.

Thursday, May 31

- Events**
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper & discussion.
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, 7pm, Arnold Gold Room. Come experience God with us!
Catholic Campus Ministry, 9pm, Newman Center Chapel, 2127 NW Monroe Ave. Thirsty Thursday Alternative. Come for evening Mass at the Newman Center.

Saturday, June 2

- Events**
Department of Music, 3pm, Benton Hall 303. OSU Student Recital: Zoe Gombart, piano.
Department of Music, 6:30pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st. OSU Student Recital, Amanda Osman, soprano.

Sunday, June 3

- Events**
Department of Music, 6:30pm, Benton Hall 303. OSU Student Recital: Jean Dick, violin.
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison Street. Taizé Prayer.

Monday, June 4

- Meetings**
Native American Student Association, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Join NASA and be a part of the Native community and help plan the 31st Annual OSU Pow Wow.
Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. Rainbow Continuum meets weekly to talk and play games. All though it is LGBT based, it is open to all members of the OSU community and surrounding areas.
Events
Unitarian Universalist, 7:30-9pm, Westminister House, 23rd and Monroe. Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry: Creedless Explorations of truth & meaning.

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RURAL: Passage of bill helps to keep 85 faculty, 22 support staff

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Oregon's counties," said Blumenauer in a press release. "Our commitment to reauthorizing this program has never wavered."

Without the Secure Rural Schools Act passing, OSU Extension would lose 85 OSU faculty and 22 support staff along with other county extensions offices closing.

"It's clear that the rural counties need this assistance more than ever," DeFazio said in a press release. "This funding will help stave off some of the layoffs and cuts in critical services like law enforcement and health care, and prevent the state from having to take over those

essential services while we continue to work together on a longer-term solution."

Hookey said the act passing is a great victory for Oregon counties.

"This emergency funding bill will address the current crisis and give immediate relief of hundreds of millions of dollars to our rural counties," Hookey said in a press release. "Oregon counties need to have some certainty and be able to plan for the future."

The next step addressed by Oregon Congress is to create a future long-term plan.

"We will not relent," Walden said in a press release. "Congress will be forced to address this issue over and over again until we reach agreement on a long-term solution."

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DRAG SHOW: Late dance ended drag show events

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members were treated to an hour and a half of professional entertainment, courtesy of Portland's self-proclaimed drag queen, Poison Waters.

The event ran from 8 to 10 p.m.; however, the night's festivities didn't end there. Students were also invited to attend the after party, held on campus at Club Escape from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Participants and audience members mingled and danced to music and footage of earlier drag shows.

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RENT: Living on campus boasts not having to do dishes, living in safety

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Chi, Delta Chi and Delta Upsilon, are leasing rooms to students for the summer. Rooms at the Delta Chi fraternity are open to both men and women and run at \$500 for the summer. No Greek affiliation is required.

"It's a different situation if you haven't done it before," said Kyle Waletich, a junior in liberal studies and member of Delta Chi. "It's like a dorm but nicer. You get a bigger room and meet new people you might not have otherwise met."

For those returning home for the vacation, the hunt for summer housing does not pose a problem. But for students who choose to remain, a large variety of options are available.

Decisions, decisions.

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ROPER: Interim dean will spend 70 percent of time with CLA, 30 with student affairs

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"Seventy percent of Larry's time will be spent with the college of liberal arts, and 30 percent with student affairs," Randhawa said.

"Student affairs has worked hard to develop a shared leadership model," Roper said regarding the student affairs organization.

"My role will be to talk with folks who are in the college of liberal arts and to figure out what they need," Roper said.

The interim dean's focus within the college will be on leadership and strategic issues. One major task awaiting Roper will be to bring the diverse groups of the College of Liberal Arts together.

"In the next few years we are going to focus more on the college's distinction and excellence," Randhawa said. He noted that previously the College of Liberal Arts has not been able to identify a unifying goal. In the future, Randhawa hopes to build additional faculty capacity,

further develop the college's graduate programs and recruit faculty that would really drive the process.

With such hopes, however, the question of funding comes to mind. The search for a permanent dean for the College of Liberal Arts was suspended by Randhawa as a result of the 2005-2006 budget reallocation decision. Roper's salary as an interim dean will be substantially less than that of a permanent dean. In addition, the college's capital campaign, set to launch in October 2007, hopes to bring in an additional \$15 to \$20 million in private funds to its

budget.

Some individuals in the college were surprised by the provost's decision to hire Roper. Michael Oriard, associate dean of the CLA, thought that Randhawa would hire someone within the college itself for the interim position.

"Randhawa believed that I had some of the leadership skills that they needed for this job," Roper said. "Our ultimate goal is to create a strong university."

After his service as an interim dean, Roper intends to return as the full-time vice provost of the student affairs. "That's the job I want," Roper said.

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Correction

Robert Lingle, a student who earn an award on Wednesday, May 23, was detained in Taiwan for two years. He spent no time in a Taiwan jail.

Incorrect information was printed in the Thursday, May 24 edition of The Daily Barometer.

The Barometer regrets this error.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to OSU baseball for making the NCAA tournament again this year, offering the Beavers a chance to repeat their national title. Not to jinx it or anything, but we've already booked nine suites at the Omaha Hilton.

Nay to bees, who in many parts of the country have mysteriously abandoned their honey-filled hives, leaving bee experts baffled. It's pretty obvious to us that the bees are planning some kind of invasion. Or possibly they're just holed up in some living room trying to figure out the plot to FOX's "24."

Yea to the Portland Trail Blazers, who beat the odds and won the No. 1 pick in the upcoming NBA draft. This leaves the Blazers with a truly difficult decision: should they pick 7-foot Ohio State center Greg Oden, or OSU's Tall Bike Guy?

Nay to war protestor Cindy Sheehan, who said she is "resigning" from her unofficial post as spokeswoman against the Iraq war. In an equally relevant story, 17-year-old Tucker Hamilton of Carson City, Nev., quit the Dairy Queen to "spend more time with his family."

Yea to the U.S. and Iran, which, after years of no official contact, held direct talks on the issue Iraq. Unfortunately, due to a mistaken translation, the diplomats ended up in a fist fight, the nations ended up in a state of war, and the pizza order was completely screwed up.

Nay to Facebook for opening up its clean design to a host of outside applications. Do they have one to make your profile look just like a MySpace page? Because that would be ironic.

Yea to Facebook. We were tired of simply using it to stalk people. Now we can stalk people with a built-in soundtrack. Sweet.

Nay to the crowd in Mexico at the Miss Universe pageant, which booted Miss USA. Be careful, Mexico — the U.S. has gone to war on shakier rationale.

Yea to Al Gore's new book, which takes on the Bush administration and the media. In a surprising twist seen by experts as a precursor to a presidential campaign, Gore also claims in the book that he fathered a baby with Monica Lewinski while vice president.

Nay to a pair of new books offering not-so-flattering portrayals of Sen. Hillary Clinton. Among the details revealed in the books? Clinton is a girl. Ewww, girl cooties!

Yea to Sen. Clinton, who would become the first female president. Unless you count Grover Cleveland, who, according to leading historians, totally threw like a girl.

Nay to the end of Memorial Day weekend, which granted us all a chance to get incredibly drunk and — er — granted us the chance to honor our veterans.

Yea to Memorial Day weekend and its intended purpose. But seriously, the keg-con-camping wasn't too bad either.

Editorials serve as a means for Barometer editors to offer commentary and opinions on issues both global and local, grand in scale and diminutive. The views expressed here are a reflection of the editorial board's majority.



Renée Roman Nose

Walk a Mile in my Moccasins

Campus insecurity

I am curious as to why a recent effort by students at the Longhouse to stop a vehicle — the GAP vehicle of two weeks ago, accompanied by horrific images that you would not be allowed to see in a theater unless you were over 17 — which was driving all over our campus, causing an impromptu, low-key protest that involved stopping the vehicle, not touching it any way, but stopping it — resulted in the use of force and a charge of disorderly conduct against one of our students, who complied with every order issued by campus security officer, Bob Brown.

Several students took part, but only one was charged (given a citation a week later), and only one was asked for identification. Several students and administrative members of OSU also witnessed this event. Why did it happen in the first place? Why was it important to some of the students at the Longhouse to send a message to the GAP vehicle?

Because the Longhouse, along with many other locations on campus, is recognized as a safe space to anyone and everyone. Because the Longhouse had children within it whose parents were uncomfortable coming outside as this truck kept passing by. And because there are often students from area schools visiting our campus.

If you didn't see the GAP vehicle, you won't know what I am talking about. It consists of huge, graphic images of aborted fetuses on all sides of the large truck. Is this something you would want children in your family to see? Would you want to explain it to them? Are the children you know equipped for such a conversation, for such graphic images? Are the adults? Are you? I know that I wasn't, and several other Native students weren't either.

Do we have to post an Indian scout outside to tell us when it is safe for the women and children to exit the Longhouse?

The safe space of the Longhouse was threatened by outsiders who don't care who they frighten. They don't consider age, race, if my family or your family have survived real genocide and still carry those memories and tragedies within us, nor do they care who they offend, even those women on campus who might have had to have abortions to save their own lives.

The students who took part, who walked out in front of the slow moving truck as it attempted to cross in front of our safe space, stood together in solidarity. All different Tribes, different Nations, stood (and also lay) in the street to express our discomfort over and disapproval of the actions of people who have invaded our cam-

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Introduction to ethical knowledge

Can we really know, with any degree of objective validity, what actions are right and wrong, ethical and unethical? Can we arrive at valid knowledge of right and wrong by utilizing rational principles anchored by empirical data (traditionally defined as data derived from "observation or experiment," according to the American Heritage 4th Edition Dictionary), rather than by appealing to subjective "values" based wholly on tradition and irrationality, or to the dictates of supernatural beings whose existence isn't provable? Is it possible to rationally bridge the infamous philosophical gap between "is" (meaning factual, empirical descriptions of the physical world) and "ought" (meaning ethical judgments about right and wrong)?

I'm going to argue that, to some degree, a certain kind of objective, rational knowledge of ethics is demonstrably possible. One immediate objection might be that, while we can sometimes empirically prove that someone's carried out a given action, nobody can ever empirically prove the "rightness" or "wrongness" of that action. Right?

Well, it depends. "Rightness" and "wrongness" have been, and are, assigned hugely broad and varied meanings, and whether we can prove or observe an action to be "right" or "wrong" depends on how we define the two words — that is, how we answer the question "right" or "wrong" for what

purpose, and for whom? For example, in physical science, hypotheses can eventually be labeled (with a substantial degree of apparent objective validity) as "right" or "wrong," to the extent that they're confirmed or disproved by a sufficient number of experiments. Moreover, in everyday life, we can prove empirically that certain means are relatively "wrong" or "right" for certain ends. If I want to go from Corvallis to Portland by car in an hour and a half or less, heading south from Corvallis is (observably) the "wrong" way to go in order to achieve my desired end. We can't observe "rightness" and "wrongness" as concrete physical objects, but we can observe that certain actions concretely interfere with, or promote, certain goals, thus making them "wrong" or "right" from the point of view of someone wanting to achieve those goals.

The ethical application of this soon becomes clear. Empirical knowledge about the brain's structure and function shows that all individuals with fully working brains are imbued with complex unconscious and conscious means of motivation, including instincts, emotions and rationality.

Callan Sullivan



Intellectual Self-Defense

(For example, the prefrontal cortex plays a large role in conscious decision making). These motivating factors (the conscious aspects of which can be called the "will") directly control what we do with our bodies, and each individual's will is compartmentalized within each individual's body, distinctly, with control and direct awareness only of that body. (That is, there's no evidence that anyone's will can directly control the actions of others' bodies in any substantial way.) Even lacking neurological evidence of compartmentalized individual wills, we could deduce their existence from individuals' behavior. Each individual's will, then, is provably, naturally "free" and distinct, relative to the wills of all other individuals (at least, all those we know of) — even if unconscious impulses or the physical universe's previous history are held to determine each individual's will (a point to which we'll return). Our individual wills include our goals as to how we'd like to direct our bodies (and ultimately, as much as possible, our lives). It's redundantly obvious that nobody wants his will thwarted, especially in matters directly affecting him. From any individual's perspective, then, actions are ethically "right" or "wrong" insofar as they interfere with the exercise of that person's will (when such interference isn't necessary to protect the same control of others over their bodies). If I suppress

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SULLIVAN: Emotion and rationality crucial to defining ethic

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someone else's will in such a way, I'm causing ethically unacceptable suffering from his or her perspective.

Why care about others' perspectives and not just our own? We can deduce from our knowledge of other people's existence and their reactions to stimuli that they have distinct consciousnesses and wills like ours, and that they experience similar suffering when their wills are violated. Given this fundamental similarity and equality, it's illogical to defend the exercise of our wills over our bodies (as we're bound to do) while interfering with others' abilities to exercise their wills over their bodies. Since we share the world with these others, doing so involves treating OUR wills and desires as somehow objectively more important than those of others. Ethical courses will equally respect everyone's exercise of their own will over themselves, thereby taking into account everyone's will equally and treating each person "as an end unto themselves," not a means to someone else's end, in Immanuel Kant's famous formulation. Knowledge of right and wrong, then, is knowledge about which actions violate the wills of others regarding their own bodies (again, when such violations don't involve defense against others' unnecessary interference with one's own will). One could ask why rationality should guide us — but in asking, one's presumably looking for a rational reason, thereby defeating the question's purpose. (Also, from the perspective of everyone combined, we obviously "should" be guided by rational fairness.)

What about the larger "free will" problem? Although it's been claimed that the uncertainty inherent in quantum physics undermines the idea that all events (including human decisions) are predestined by the physical universe's previous history, how can we ascribe moral responsibility to anyone if it's possible that each event could only happen as it did?

First, predestination hardly makes it less "wrong" to violate an individual's will — from the standpoint of that person's goal of having his will respected — any more than predestination reduces the "wrongness" of going south from Corvallis to get to Portland in 1.5 hours or less. Moreover, even if all decisions are predetermined, we can't know for certain in advance what decisions we or others will make, leaving us with the inescapable situation of apparently making choices and the eternal possibility that by caring about others, we'll be able to prevent or end suffering — which is still desirable, since predestination doesn't remove individuals' equal natures or capacities for suffering, nor our own empathy.

Speaking of empathy, aren't "rational" ethics nonsense when a growing body of research indicates the primacy of emotion in human decision making? Not necessarily. Emotion and rationality aren't mutually exclusive motivations for ethics, and they can work together — as when both empathy and logic help us to put ourselves in others' shoes.

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ROMAN NOSE: Peaceful protest turns sour with the use of force

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pus for long enough. While we did not engage the driver or his passenger in conversation, we did stop the truck momentarily to silently express our opinion of the messages they were conveying.

When a campus security worker arrived, he asked us to stand up. We did. He asked us to move out of the way, and we tried to do so. In spite of the facts that I was personally complying and the truck behind me was now moving and about 10 feet from the stop sign where it would be stopping anyway, the security officer made a use of force against me, a student who complied with each request. How was this justifiable?

When I asked him to ease up on my wrist (as he had my arm bent behind me and my fingers pulled) because I had broken that wrist, he replied in an angry voice, "I didn't break your wrist!" I said, "I didn't say you did; I said it has been broken before, and what you are doing is very painful." At that point, he eased up slightly, but I had to repeat my request three times, as he continued to tighten his hold each time! At no time did I resist. At no time did I raise my voice. At no time was I a threat to anyone there.

At what point does campus security have the right to use force against a student who is complying with everything they ask? At what point did the compliance we gave Bob Brown become worthy of a submission hold and a

citation? I asked him if we needed a permit to protest. I asked him how we could obtain such a permit. Was he threatened by my questions? I assured him that I realized that he was just doing his job.

When asked for my identification, which was inside the Longhouse, I told him I had none on me and twisted my body to the left and right to show that I had no purse or wallet. I then asked another student to bring me my wallet, which zips closed. When she brought it to me, Bob Brown continued to hold me in a submission hold while I struggled to hold it between my knees and unzip it with one hand while being held by a large white man with the other. Why, when my identification arrived, did Officer Brown continue to hold me in a submission hold and watch me struggle when he knew I wasn't a threat to begin with?

I finally gave up and said, "This would be a lot easier if you let me go." He did, then he took my driver's license, took down information and left without asking for anyone else's identification or statements.

Some things are worth standing up for. Sometimes you have to send a message against something that is hurting people you know and love. I will go to court on June 20, but at least other individuals and I stood up for something we believe in: protecting our community and the children within it. If we don't, who will?

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REGIONALS: Baseball polls rank Beavers in top 30 over weekend

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NCAA Regionals and NCAA Super Regionals at its own Goss Stadium at Coleman Field. Playing away from home hasn't been daunting to OSU this spring, as the Beavers are 23-10 in games played on opponents' diamonds or neutral fields.

"It's something different," Casey said of traveling for an NCAA Regional. "I think our guys are prepared to play on the road. You don't want to be on the road last weekend and go on the road again, but I really believe we'll have enough in our tank to go out and play the game the way we're supposed to."

The Beavers will practice in Corvallis late Tuesday afternoon, then spend Wednesday traveling to Virginia. OSU will practice at Davenport Field early Thursday afternoon and open the tournament Friday.

The winner of the NCAA Charlottesville Regional will advance to play in the NCAA Super Regionals against the winner of the NCAA Nashville Regional. The Nashville tournament includes No. 1 Vanderbilt, Michigan, Memphis and Austin Peay.

In other polls released Monday, OSU was ranked 29th in the Collegiate Baseball newspaper poll and 25th in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll. Virginia was ranked eighth by Baseball America magazine, fifth by Collegiate Baseball and seventh by the NCBWA; Rutgers was ranked 23rd by Baseball America, and 26th by Collegiate Baseball and received votes in the NCBWA poll but wasn't ranked in its top 30.

The bid makes it three straight postseason trips for the Beavers for the first time in school history; the Beavers had made back-to-back trips to the postseason (NCAA Regionals or Pacific Coast/Pacific-10 conference championship series) in 1951-52, 1962-63, 1982-83 and 1985-86.

This will be the first baseball meeting between OSU and Rutgers. Oregon State and Virginia have never played each other in baseball, but the Cavaliers have played on the Beavers' home diamond, having been sent to the 2005 NCAA Corvallis Regional but not meeting host OSU in the tournament. Oregon State and Lafayette met in the 1991 Riverside Baseball Invitational, with OSU taking an 11-5 victory.

SOFTBALL: Received many strong performances from freshman class; big wins over UCLA, Stanford

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"Definitely a great season," Longfellow said. "Memories made on the field and off were amazing. As far as the season went, we ended not where we wanted to be; but at the same time you look back at all of the great times there were."

Oregon State struggled on offense throughout the season, but as the season progressed so did the efficiency of their bats. Johnson posted the highest batting average for the team with a .329 average. Utility player Cambria Miranda proved to be a clutch power hitter with a final average of .328, adding 45 RBIs, and 11 home runs. McGowan also put force behind her bat, producing a .288 average, 48 RBIs and 10 home runs on the year.

The pitching circle witnessed performances from four players. McGowan made her impact this season, generating 165 strikeouts, while McElroy posted a favorable 105. The Beavers were also helped by relief pitchers Kelly Dyer and Stephanie Draper.

"We never got down," Longfellow said. "We always knew we were the comeback team, no matter how far we got down, or how many games we were losing, or how many records. It didn't matter, and we just wanted to keep fighting."

Other notable players on offense included first baseman DeAnn Young, left fielder Dani Chisholm, catcher Stefanie Ewing, and Dyer serving pinch hitting duties.

"As a freshman, I think it was a really good experience," Dyer said.

"The team grew a lot this year. We are going to have 14 underclassmen next year, so I think this year was a big year for us to grow and get a lot of experience with the upperclassmen."

The freshmen particularly proved their worth this season and did their part by honing their skills for seasons to come.

"They are growing and learning," Longfellow said. "You don't expect a lot out of freshmen. They came here with a lot of expectations, and I think they are learning everyday. To say that they are not going to continue learning and help this program would be an understatement."

Oregon State saw several enormous wins this season, shutting out Idaho State, Northern Colorado, UCLA, Cal, South Dakota State, Minnesota, Penn State, Kansas and Portland State. They also saw a tendency to go into extra innings against Arizona and Arizona State, and swept the Bay Area schools on the final weekend to give the team momentum heading into the postseason.

The Oregon State softball team does not dwell on past successes or failures; each season is thought of individually, and each game is taken one at a time, play by play. The Beavers anticipate a young, but successful team next year.

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LILJA: Did this project really take 15 years to figure out?

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They found that contact is a common cause of injury in NCAA sports.

Randall Dick, one of the authors, told Deanna Martin of the Associated Press, "They're not falling down and getting these concussions."

It's times like this when I don't even know where to start.

First off, no kidding. Second off, no kidding. Third off, who funded this study?

Pardon the sarcasm, but this might be the most duh-factor finding in the history of life. When someone is hit, it hurts, and sometimes it's even enough to warrant it being called an injury. Other similar findings in recent millennia include:

— Trees are the common cause of shade in their immediate vicinity.

— Airplanes are the common cause of commercial air travel of people with plane tickets.

— Soccer fans are the common cause of pointless rioting after a tied game.

Did it really take 15 years and who knows how many dollars to figure this out? Can't we help AIDS victims find a cure for cancer or at least buy the homeless a warm meal?

I could have told you this without a research grant and 15 years. No, Joe Paterno did not fall over and have a broken leg because his leg spontaneously combusted. No, Tyler Hansbrough's nose did not explode because he tried to make a lay-up. And no, regardless of what you think, Willis McGahee's leg did not just fold backwards by itself.

Seriously, who funded this study? My mother used to tell me not to leave lights on around the house because it was a waste of money, but this takes the cake. Who was the person who saw this idea on his desk,

said "Hey, that sounds like a good idea," and stamped the approval?

I would like to walk up to him and shake hands with a proposal. My idea for a study: "What is the common cause of winning in sports?" Who knows — maybe I'll get a grand or two to find out. I've even got a lead on the research: I think it has something to do with scoring more points than the opposition.

So what's the double meaning? It's obvious.

There were more pertinent topics to cover this week, but I didn't. Why? Because just like math and bisexuals, life goes both ways. If A is equal to B, then B is equal to A. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. For every study that prints an article wherein the answer is painfully obvious, I'm going to write an article that points out that it's painfully obvious.

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— Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss after being arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated



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No. 25 Oregon State overcame a rough stretch of baseball to take the series from UCLA in Pasadena over the weekend. The pair of wins was just enough to send the Beavers to the Charlottesville Regional on Friday in Charlottesville, Va., where they will take on Rutgers at 5 p.m.

Baseball overcomes odds, makes Regional

■ After beating UCLA two games out of three over weekend, No. 25 Oregon State qualifies for its third straight postseason appearance

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Oregon State, the defending national champion, was selected for an at-large berth in the NCAA Baseball Regionals, it was announced Monday morning. The Beavers (38-17 overall, 10-14 Pac-10) will play Rutgers on Friday at 5 p.m. PDT in the first round of the NCAA Charlottesville Regional. The other schools in the four-team, double-elimination tournament at Davenport Field, Virginia and Lafayette, will meet at 1 p.m. PDT.

OSU, which was ranked No. 25 in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll released Monday, is the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Charlottesville Regional. Virginia (43-14, 19-9 Atlantic Coast), which is ranked seventh in the coaches poll and received an at-large berth, is the No. 1 seed; Rutgers (41-19, 20-7 Big East), the Big East champion that received votes worth 35th place in the coaches poll, is the No. 2 seed; Lafayette

(33-18, 17-3), the Patriot League champion, is the No. 4 seed.

The Beavers are making their third straight postseason appearance, and they find themselves back in the NCAA Regionals after losing two starting pitchers, the closer and five standout position players from the team that won the 2006 College World Series.

“To think that this club is in the same position that we were last year (when OSU finished the regular season with a 39-14 record), with who we lost, is extremely impressive,” coach Pat Casey said. “I can’t tell you how many times, when you go through tough times during the season, you really stop and enjoy it and think about that. If you were to say that at the end of the year we’ll be 38-17, we’d say, ‘Come on, now. Don’t expect that.’ But they did, and with a tougher non-conference schedule.”

Oregon State gained its place in the 64-team field for the NCAA Regionals after taking two of three games at UCLA over the weekend. The Beavers finished in a tie for sixth place in the Pac-10, but had a Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) among the top 30 in

the nation.

“I was talking to Coach (John) Savage of UCLA before our game Sunday,” Casey said. “These guys follow RPIs and I don’t. The reality of it was, going into our game Sunday at UCLA, we were 38-16 on the year with an RPI of 28; last year we entered the tournament with an RPI of 30 and were 39-14. If you look at about a one-game difference and having only two guys (catcher Mitch Canham and shortstop Darwin Barney) who played every day coming back, that’s impressive what these guys have done.”

“Did we stagger down the stretch? Absolutely. But there has to be a reason they want us to play 56 games. Our RPI was higher than it was last year, and our non-conference schedule helped us tremendously. We had big wins over Missouri (ranked 13th in this week’s coaches poll), Arizona State (ranked sixth), Texas A&M (ranked 10th), Cal Poly, Georgia — and I think they rewarded us.”

Oregon State has advanced to the College World Series each of the past two seasons by playing the

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Nick Lilja



This Just In...

There were a lot of pertinent things I could write about this week. Oregon State baseball making it to the regional tournament, Duke asking for an extra year of eligibility for its players, three Pac-10 schools making it to the softball World Series, and there is even an ambidextrous pitcher at Creighton (talk about confusing a lineup).

Instead, I need to enlighten all of you to something far more important. A life lesson, really. Most people know physics well enough to know that for every action there is a reaction.

It’s more than a law of physics — it’s a law of economics, or even life. Be it people’s responses to gas prices, the watering of a dying plant, or — in this case — sports research, for every action there will be a response. Only under this particular circumstance, it has a double meaning. (See if you can find it.)

Last week, I read about a study that was conducted from the 1988-1989 NCAA sports year up until the 2003-2004 NCAA sports year for schools around the country in Divisions I, II and III. These schools have been sending injury information to the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) to tally. That information includes how athletes get hurt and what they hurt.

The information might have looked something like this: What did the QB hurt? How did he hurt it? When the gymnast tore her ACL, did she fall off the beam by herself, or was she pushed?

Hell, with that type of reporting, one could be a journalist for a college newspaper!

The NCAA and the NATA have been recording these injuries and how they happened in this 15-year-long study.

The best part is, this study came out recently in the Journal of Athletic Training, Vol. 42, No. 2. And after 15 years, researchers made an impeccable discovery. This very reputable journal and its numerous researchers — with Ph.D.s, no less — discovered a breakthrough. I recommend that everyone reading this go out and find the study online. It blew me away. I literally got up out of my chair and said to myself, “No way!”

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Denfeld concludes third track season

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EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon State’s Lauren Denfeld placed fourth in her section of the women’s 3,000-meter steeplechase Saturday at the NCAA West Regional Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field. Denfeld’s time of 10:47.71 was good for 19th place overall in the event after she entered the weekend seeded 26th.

“We’re really proud of Lauren,” coach Kelly Sullivan said. “It was a good way to end the season.”

Denfeld had set the OSU school record in the event earlier this season at 10:46.54; her time on Saturday was her second-fastest ever. Denfeld has nearly 20 seconds off her personal best in the event since last season.

Denfeld’s section had nine runners, with Tawny Bybee of Brigham Young taking first place in 10:36.41. The overall winner came from the second section, where Lindsey Anderson of Weber State crossed the finish line at 9:51.51.

Denfeld’s run concluded Oregon State’s track and field season. The Beavers now look ahead to the 2007 cross country season, when OSU will host the Pac-10 Championships.

Seniors highlight 2007 season

■ Strong upperclassmen helped Beavers perform well again in nation’s toughest conference

By Sami Redmond
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After a heartbreaking loss in the Ann Arbor Regional a week ago, the Oregon State softball team gets to hang up their uniforms for the off-season.

Oregon State did not fair well in its first game of the regional, losing 8-0 in five innings against Louisville. This season’s team was known for taking each game one at a time, and prevailed in its second game of the series in a huge 6-1 win over Eastern Michigan. Oregon State kept the momentum rolling in its third game, reclaiming its pride against Louisville in an 11-4 win.

The Ann Arbor Regional Championship unfortunately started with a Michigan grand slam. Despite two Beaver singles by center fielder Natalie Johnson and shortstop Mia Longfellow, OSU was not able to capitalize. Oregon State succumbed to three more unanswered runs to lose the championship, 7-0, ending their season.

“Their bats were on and ours weren’t,” Johnson said. “A problem we

had been having this season was consistency on offense, and that clearly showed this last game. Our bats were going the two games before, and why they didn’t continue, I don’t know.”

Although the season was cut short, it was one of the most successful seasons in Beaver softball history. While the Beavers did not accomplish a consecutive trip to the Women’s College World Series, the Beaver senior class proved to be one of the most effective classes in program history. With Longfellow and Johnson, pitchers Ta’Tyana McElroy and Brianne McGowan, and third baseman Sherina Galvan became the second class to achieve four successive 40-win seasons.

“As a whole, we started slow and we really turned it around,” Johnson said. “Come regular season, we stepped it up and started playing to our full potential, which showed a lot about our character. We really got up and played like we expected to play, and I am really proud of that effort.”

The Beavers ended their season with an overall record of 41-23. They produced a 13-7 record at home and 10-10 away. Oregon State also went 10-11 in Pac-10 play. At their peak, the Beavers were ranked sixth in the nation and 13th during regular season play.

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For the third straight season, pitcher Brianne McGowan was a force on the mound and will depart as one of the Beavers’ best softball players.