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A new way to vote for ASOSU

■ Potential instant-runoff voting system for elections could solve low voter turnout

By **Tori Hittner**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Associated Students of Oregon State University have seen a recent disparity between the number of students voting in primary and general elections.

ASOSU Assistant to the Advocate Jacob Vandever believes he has the solution.

According to Vandever, many students whose chosen candidates lose in the primary fail to cast a ballot two weeks later during the general election.

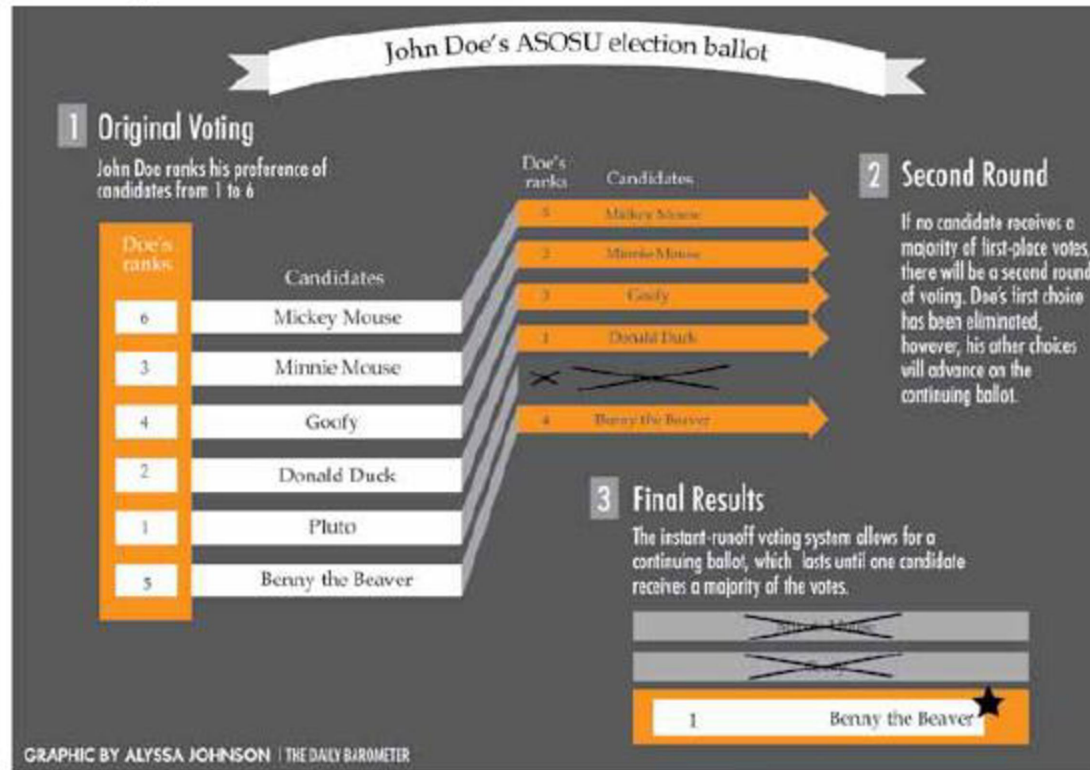
"ASOSU has to do a big push for two different elections, which is kind of a pain because everyone is trying so hard to get everyone out for the primaries, and then they have to do the exact same thing two weeks later," Vandever said.

One solution Vandever proposed to the ASOSU legislature was reforming the student government voting process.

Currently, the ASOSU by-laws call for a first-past-the-post election. In this system, voters choose only one candidate per ticket and votes are tallied once according to the initial choice of voters.

Within the instant-runoff voting system proposed by Vandever, voters assign candidates a number according to their preferences.

"If no candidate receives a majority of first choices, there shall be



a second round of counting," the bill proposal states. "The last-place candidate shall be eliminated, and all the continuing ballots shall be recounted. Each continuing ballot shall be counted as one vote for that ballot's highest ranked advancing candidate."

An "advancing candidate" is a candidate who has not been eliminated, while a "continuing ballot" is

a ballot that still contains "advancing candidates."

The system continues until one candidate has received a majority of the votes.

Voters are not required to rank all the candidates on their ballot, but once their choices have been eliminated, the ballot is considered "exhausted" and can no longer be tallied.

More than 60 American colleges and universities use the alternative voting system, according to the FairVote webpage. FairVote is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reforming democratic elections.

Prestigious institutions such as Harvard College, Columbia University and the Massachusetts

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'Pay it Forward' could destroy debt

■ House Bill 3472 will eliminate up-front tuition costs, help tackle student debt crisis

By **Sean Bassinger**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In two years, students attending public universities and colleges will have an opportunity to attend class without paying any up-front tuition costs.

Initially drafted from the Working Families Party and signed into place by the Oregon Senate in July, House Bill 3472 allows students to repay their tuition costs based on a future income amount. In addition, the funds also help cover future students who need assistance with paying for college.

According to the WFP website, the debt-free solution would require students at public universities to pay no tuition costs up-front while "paying it forward" to future generations upon receiving their first job.

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Fixating on issues until they're fixed

■ IFC president Brendan Sanders aims to make positive change for students in multiple areas

By **Courtney Gehring**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Interfraternity Council President Brendan Sanders was always told "to leave everything better than he found it."

As he took his first steps as an Oregon State University student, the ideology that was instilled in him at an early age fueled his motives on campus.

"When I came to OSU, I really wanted to jump right into basically everything," said Sanders, a senior double-majoring in pre-business and digital communication arts.

Upon entering the university in 2010

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Sanders

The Holy Grail of plants: A guide to identifying shrubs



DACOTAH-VICTORIA SPlichalova | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Ed Jensen uses his new guidebook to identify the berberis aquifolium shrub, which is the state flower, the Oregon Grape, at Peavy Hall on the Oregon State University campus.

■ Oregon State forestry professor Ed Jensen publishes new 145-page book after 5 years of extensive research on Pacific Northwest shrubs

By **Dacotah-Victoria Splichalova**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

If shrubs didn't exist in the Pacific Northwest, there wouldn't be any forests. Shrubs supply plant life with cover from the sun and can limit erosion along streams and steep slopes.

Most importantly, shrubs provide nitrogen, which is an essential nutrient for trees and other plant life.

"Shrubs are essential to understanding our relationship to the environment surrounding us and fundamentally learning how forests work," said Ed Jensen, a professor in the College of Forestry at Oregon State University. "Shrubs offer many values and perform lots of services throughout the ecosystem."

Jensen has just published a 145-page guide, "Shrubs to Know in the Pacific Northwest Forests."

Jensen also wrote the book, "Trees to Know in Oregon." Both books were published in collaboration with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

"Shrubs to Know" contains a carefully crafted step-by-step identification chart.

Jensen, a skilled nature photographer, trekked through vast

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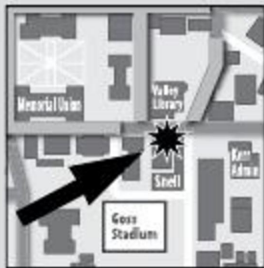
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Sunday, November 17

Less lawn gnomes, more tarps

David Baglien, 22, was allegedly seen opening mailboxes and knocking over lawn ornaments on the 2400 block of Highland Drive at 1:31 a.m. He then allegedly proceeded to open the tailgate of a truck, take a tarp out of the bed and lay it out on the victim's driveway. When Corvallis police arrived, they found an allegedly intoxicated Baglien who was taken to his parents' house after being arrested for Tampering with Property and Trespass II.

Tuesday, November 19

Shame on stealing medication

Someone contacted Corvallis Police Department about the theft of medical marijuana from his car. It was being serviced Tuesday at the Jiffy Lube on Circle Boulevard when he noticed 4.5 grams of his marijuana missing. A manager was contacted the day of, but nothing was found. Surveillance footage will also be



Compiled from the Department of Public Safety, Oregon State Police and Corvallis Police

looked at.

Friday, November 22

Need for speed: Corvallis drift

Benton County sheriffs were dispatched around 6 p.m. to Highway 99 near Old River Road for a multi-car crash. Tian Zhang, 24, and Jun Yao, 22, were driving a Maserati GT and Nissan GTR at high speeds and allegedly made a dangerous pass on a tractor-trailer. Zhang allegedly avoided a head-on collision with an oncoming vehicle, but swerved into a Dodge Neon in the correct lane. Both males were arrested for Reckless Driving.

Saturday, November 23

Maybe he should move out

A concerned mother called Corvallis police after she saw her son, Aaron Qualls, 20, allegedly acting very intoxicated at their residence on Ninth Street and Conifer Boulevard. Qualls was allegedly extremely mad about this and was eventually transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment. On the way home from the hospital, he allegedly kicked the passenger door several times and ripped the heater from the door. He was arrested for Criminal Mischief II and taken to Benton County Correctional Facility. Later in the night around 1:43 a.m., Corvallis police were called back to the family after they couldn't make it all the way home. As the family drove back from the jail, Qualls punched his mother in the shoulder, got out of the car and ran off, according to logs. Authorities picked him up at B Avenue and Third Street where they transported him back to the jail and further booked him for Harassment.

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Project Runway fashion show teaches style basics

Weatherford business class hosts fashion show, offers affordable fashion

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg
THE DAILY BAROMETER

"A class of phenomenal freshmen," is how instructor Sandy Neubaum, the director of the Austin Entrepreneurship Program, described her BA 160 class.

The class focuses on creating a foundation of entrepreneurial knowledge and a competitive edge for a select group of students. The class is available only to students housed in Weatherford Hall and requires additional departmental approval before admittance. Neubaum taught four sections of the class, with each section focusing on putting on a major campus event: Project Runway, Amazing Race, Hogwarts Thanksgiving and campus Laser Tag.

As a first-term freshman class, Neubaum was proud of her class, citing few difficulties in the coordination process.

"They're freshmen," Neubaum said. "I mean, the biggest challenge is that they don't realize yet what they're capable of doing until they actually do it."

The show was split into four distinct fashion genres: casual wear, business casual, professional and evening wear, which was additionally divided into general evening wear, cocktail party and black tie.

The casual wear segment focused on affordability. The emcee, freshman Sean Justus, described the cost and store each item was purchased in. The outfits wowed the audience and impressed friends, faculty and family members.

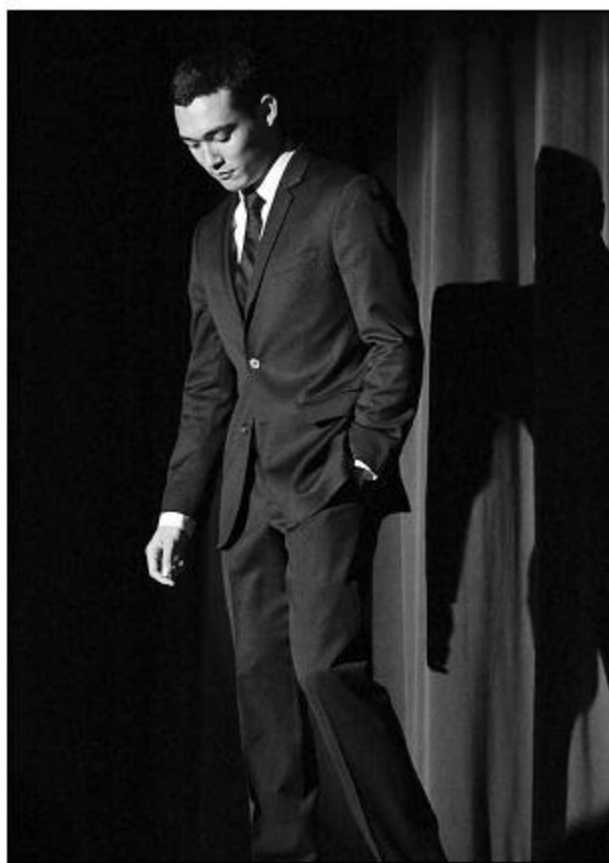
"I thought it was really awesome," said Kelsey Clemens, a senior in health management and policy. "I thought it was really well put-together. I thought they were really diverse in their looks and I thought it was really practical for college students."

Though the most expensive outfit of the casual wear segment cost \$60, most of the combinations modeled were between \$30 and \$35.

Neubaum left the bulk of the coordination decisions to her 30 students.

"Each team was responsible for going to get their own models," Neubaum said. "They had a small budget, in case they needed to buy extras but truthfully probably half came from

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JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Aaron Young stands in professional attire Monday night for the Project Runway fashion show.

Town hall to focus on tuition plateau

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students have an opportunity to voice their opinions before student government representatives at a town hall meeting Tuesday evening.

The meeting, the second of its kind this term, will take place in Memorial Union 211 from 6-7 p.m.

Unlike the first town hall meeting of fall term, this event will focus specifically on the tuition plateau and changing cost of credits.

All Oregon State students and faculty interested in sharing their opinion regarding tuition are invited to attend.

The Associated Students of Oregon State University sponsor town hall meetings for the purpose of "gathering student input" and "evaluat(ing) the ASOSU progress," according to the organization's constitution.

Upon conclusion of the term, ASOSU members will compile the entirety of the opinions shared between the two town hall meetings and use them to help create a legislative agenda for the rest of the year.

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Pot bill under discussion for 2014

By Anna Staver
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — State lawmakers are going to debate whether they should pass a bill asking voters if Oregon should legalize recreational marijuana.

That's because Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, announced plans Friday to introduce a referral bill on marijuana during the 2014 session.

"We should not at this point ask the voters to pass a detailed bill without it being fully vetted through this process," Prozanski said.

Oregon voters rejected a 2012 initiative that would have allowed residents to cultivate and use marijuana for non-medical purposes. In 2013, a House bill similar to the Oregon Cannabis Tax Act failed to get out of committee by the end of the session.

Despite these failures, legalization proponents and state lawmakers think 2014 could be the year. Especially since U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced in August that the Department of Justice won't challenge marijuana laws passed by voters in Colorado and Washington.

Prozanski hopes his referral bill will help Oregon avoid some of the pitfalls those states have encountered from their voter-written initiatives.

"I am not as optimistic as I once was that Washington did get it right," Hilary Bricken, a Washington attorney with the Canna Law Group, said during her testimony to lawmakers Friday.

She pointed to an enforcement ambiguity in Washington's law that has cities and counties banning the sale of marijuana — even though the law prohibits it.

"Be clear in whatever you do," Bricken said. "I warn you against creating an option to opt out."

Bricken also said the 25-percent tax people pay each time marijuana exchanges hands in Washington created barriers to entry for businesses and has allowed the black market to continue thriving.

Rep. Wally Hicks, R-Grants Pass, expressed concerns about competing against Oregon's black market, saying "it could get real ugly, real fast."

Bricken couldn't offer "a magic number" for taxing marijuana, but she did emphasize that some of those taxes need to go to local municipalities for increased enforcement if Oregon is serious about taking on illegal growers and sellers. She said that's another problem law enforcement agencies are struggling with in Washington.

"No matter what we try, the black market is going to be there," said Paul Schmidt, who was in charge of enforcing Colorado's marijuana law. "The black market of anything a regular business cannot compete. They don't pay fees, they don't pay taxes and they don't pay royalties."

Anthony Johnson, who runs the pro-legalization group New Approach Oregon, said he would be happy to work with lawmakers on these issues in the February session. His group is circulating signature petitions to put an initiative on the 2014 ballot.

New Approach Oregon's measure would allow adults 21 and older to possess up to eight ounces of dried marijuana and four plants. Sales would be regulated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

statesmanjournal.com

Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 26

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. ASOSU weekly Senate meeting.
OSU Sales Club, 7-8pm, Bexell 412. General meeting. For students interested in sales this is a great opportunity to meet like-minded individuals, grow your network, learn and practice sales skills and stand out to employees.
Socratic Club, 7-8pm, MU Talisman Room. Book Club studying C.S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity." We will discuss Book 3, chs. 3 and 4. Copies are available for those who need one.

Events
Pride Center, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Craftrooms. Experience a new crafting adventure each week as we litter the Pride Center with glitter!
Women's Center, 9am-5pm, Women's Center. Drop off or pick up gently worn clothing items and accessories.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. ASOSU weekly House meeting.
College Republicans, 7pm, StAg 106. Come by for friendly discussion of political events, club activities and educational debates. All are welcome.
Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 7-9pm, Upper Classroom at Dixon. General Meeting.
Good Vibrations, Aural Sensations, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Join in on our jam session in a safe and inclusive environment! Bring your instruments and sheet music.

Events
Women's Center, 9am-5pm, Women's Center. Drop off or pick up gently worn clothing items and accessories.

Thursday, Nov. 28

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

Friday, Nov. 29

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. ASOSU weekly Senate meeting.

Events
Pride Center, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Craftrooms. Experience a new crafting adventure each week as we litter the Pride Center with glitter!
Oregon State University Events, 9:30-11am, MU Lounge. President's Winter Coffee. OSU faculty, staff and students are invited to take a break before finals for holiday treats and gourmet coffee. Join President and Mrs. Edward J. Ray in celebration and conversation.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. ASOSU weekly House meeting.
College Republicans, 7pm, StAg 106. Come by for friendly discussion of political events, club activities and educational debates. All are welcome.
Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 7-9pm, Upper Classroom at Dixon. General Meeting.
Good Vibrations, Aural Sensations, 2-3pm, Pride Center. Join in on our jam session in a safe and inclusive environment! Bring your instruments and sheet music.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Speakers
Women's Center, Noon, Women's Center. Mental Wellness Series. Dr. Judy Neighbours will discuss "Managing depression and anxiety during stressful times."

Events
Pride Center, 1:30-2:30pm, Pride Center. Tea Sampling with Topics. Discuss, make friends. Queer your tea!

Friday, Dec. 6

Meetings
Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU Commons. Join us for games of chess and more. All skill levels are welcome.

Events
Pride Center, Noon-1pm, Pride Center. Stretch it Out. Use this time to de-stress, care for your body and improve your flexibility in both your mind and body, and meet new people.
OSU Music, Noon, First United Methodist Church, 1165 NW Monroe. Special Music à la Carte: Music for the season; University Chorale and the Corvallis Community Choir.

Gay Oregonians flock to Washington to marry

By Scott Hewitt
THE COLUMBIAN
columbian.com

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Portlanders Grant Edwards and Jim McPartland "waited and waited" to get married.

They'd been living together for seven years. They wanted the world to know about their solid commitment. The only obstacle was a maddeningly simple one: according to state law that's been affirmed by popular referendum, you can't get married in Oregon if you're gay.

In late October, Edwards and McPartland stopped waiting. Jim has suffered some health scares recently, and the couple want to be sure Grant has no problem holding his beloved's hand during any future hospital stay. So they went ahead and got their wedding license — in Clark County.

That's because Oregon recently doubled back on itself by deciding, as a matter of practicality, to recognize same-sex marriages performed elsewhere.

"Oregon agencies must recognize all out-of-state marriages for the purposes of administering state programs," chief operating officer Michael Jordon wrote in a memo, based on a legal opinion by the state Department of Justice. "That includes legal, same-sex marriages performed in other states and countries."

That means you still can't have a legal gay wedding in Oregon, but you can step over the border to Washington to get the job done and then step back again, truly as hitched as hitched can be. It's pretty tortured legal logic, the couple pointed out: the kind of tail-chasing that once inspired a Charles Dickens character to label the law "a ass."

"We just think it's crazy that we have to go to the state of Washington and legally get married, and now Oregon will recognize that marriage. And yet, gay Oregonians cannot get married in their own churches and have that recognized by the state. That is some bizarre law," McPartland said.

Bizarre or just businesslike, the new legal loophole amounts to a bistate bridge that's carrying loads of same-sex couples across the border hoping to get hitched. Clark County marriage license applications jumped by nearly 50 percent in the 12 business days after Oregon's Oct. 18 legal decision, according to a hand count by The Columbian. Two-thirds of all licenses after that day were for same-sex couples and 90 percent of those were from out of state — the vast majority from Oregon.

Many of those couples, like Edwards and McPartland, eventually tie the knot at a church that's made a name for itself as a same-sex wedding destination:



ZACH KAUFMAN | THE COLUMBIAN

Grant Edwards and Jim McPartland walk back down the aisle after being married at First Congregational Church by Rev. Sara Rosenau on Saturday.

the First Congregational United Church of Christ on Northeast 68th Street.

The moment the Oregon decision went public, church administrator Kate Woolley started fielding a steady stream of calls from same-sex Oregon couples. For the past few weeks, Woolley said, she's been taking wedding bookings for nothing but same-sex, out-of-state couples.

"Many of them are from UCC churches in Oregon who still can't get married there," said the Rev. Brooks Berndt. "But not all of them. A number don't have any particular religious affiliation but know they do want to get married in a Christian church."

Edwards and McPartland are a committed UCC couple. Edwards has been the organist at Portland's First Congregational United Church of Christ for 18 years, he said.

"We've both been heavily involved in Christian churches our entire lives," he said. "Jim grew up Catholic, and that's very important to him. I grew up in several religious backgrounds and found the UCC church because it was so welcoming."

They didn't like the idea of separate wedding ceremonies aimed at satisfying separate authorities — that is, the state of Oregon and the eyes of God. "We didn't want to have two events, and we didn't think just having it at the courthouse was very romantic," said Edwards. What was romantic, they decided, was having a real church wedding on their anniversary, Nov. 9.

Of course that means their anniversary will forever follow Election Day, the first Tuesday in November, and on Election Day 2014, the voters of Oregon will face the gay marriage question

again. The couple considered the nearness of the two dates, and whatever political statement they might or might not be making — and then decided to forget about all that.

"We were like, who cares what the state of Oregon says?" said Edwards. "We want to do this on our anniversary. Let's do it in Vancouver."

On Nov. 9, Edwards and McPartland were legally wed at the First Congregational United Church of Christ by the Rev. Sara Rosenau, of their Portland UCC church. What they intended to be a humble, simple, come-asyou-are affair eventually drew more than 50 guests, a few of whom stepped forward to read passages from the Old and New Testaments, "Cosmos" by Carl Sagan, poetry by e.e. cummings and a tiny verse by Lee Ann Brown called "After Sappho":

So many people advised me against you.
How glad I am we could not resist.

Those brief, apropos lines drew a burst of delighted laughter from the guests, and one call of "Praise the Lord!"

Fulfillment
Berndt has worked hard to boost his church's long-standing visibility as a gay-friendly institution. An activist by nature, he led his congregation on a march all the way from Vancouver to Olympia to demonstrate support in the run-up to the November 2012 popular vote that legalized same-sex marriage in Washington.

"We've been a welcoming church for 21 years," said Berndt, who was hired as pastor six years ago. "One of the primary roles we've had is as a place of refuge. But now we're not just a place of

refuge, we're a place of celebration. It is affirming and joyful to see the fruition of what we've been advocating for many years. It's a real sense of fulfillment."

Some Oregonians bring in their own pastors to perform their weddings, Berndt said. For others, he's happy to do the job. In preparation, he goes through the usual ritual of reaching out to the couple for a little prenuptial chat, but because many of these couples have been together for many years — if not decades — he is regularly humbled during these stabs at "pre-marriage counseling," he said.

"Some of them have been together for 40 years," he said. "It's more like they could teach me a thing or two about having a happy, healthy, married life. They are role models."

Some couples start out intent only upon a brief, businesslike ceremony that gets them over a legal hurdle, Berndt said — but as the reality approaches, "it does get more personal, more sacred. It gets to be a teary affair. They rewrite their vows. It is a real peak moment in people's lives."

The UCC church in Hazel Dell isn't the only one welcoming same-sex weddings. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver hosted five same-sex weddings from August through October, according to secretary and rental coordinator Donna Aase, and now has six more scheduled through the end of the year.

"Those are all same-sex couples, and starting with September, all are from Oregon," she said. More have inquired, she said, and most have mentioned the Oregon decision as a motivator to tie the knot now.

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Yesterday's Solution

State cracking down on city of Damascus

By Rob Manning
OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — Oregon land-use officials are cracking down on the city of Damascus. Damascus is facing possible enforcement actions, because the city doesn't have a state-required growth plan.

Damascus has been a city for nearly 10 years. Under Oregon's land-use laws, incorporated cities need to have long-term "comprehensive plans" approved at the state level. After years of effort and conflict, Damascus still doesn't have a plan.

Officials at Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Department have been aware of the problem, but delayed action until city voters could consider dis-incorporating, in the election earlier this month.

Not enough voters favored that move, so Damascus remains a city. Now, for the first time in decades, the state has scheduled what's called a "contested case" hearing.

The process largely boils down to two questions: "is Damascus out of compliance?" and "if so, what should be done about it?"

Damascus officials say their city could lose state money that's about 10 percent of the city budget. They say the state could also block development, until a plan is approved.

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Institute of Technology have all successfully implemented the system.

Galen Loram, former president of the Associated Students of the California Institute of Technology, espoused the system on FairVote.org, writing that "the choices do seem to mirror what the students at large wanted."

A former senator for the Arizona State University Honors College, Collin Phillips, agreed.

"Society would benefit from this increase in debate," Phillips wrote. "We owe it to our democracy to implement instant runoff voting to help third parties become viable, to help

craft policy and to improve society for all."

If officially sponsored and then passed, the alternative vote bill would change the way in which ASOSU presidents, vice presidents and speakers of the House are elected.

Vandever hopes the bill will move quickly through Congress so that candidates and voters alike may be prepared.

"This (system) makes it so that the other candidates actually have a stake in engaging (the expected victor)," Vandever said. "It really forces candidates to branch out and talk to people they otherwise wouldn't, instead of getting comfortable within their constituencies."

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SANDERS

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as a freshman, he became a student media representative under the Memorial Union board of directors and was a voting member for the university student media committee. On top of it all, he became vice president of his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi, a chapter he helped re-establish on campus with the help of an Alpha Sigma Phi national representative.

"I do love challenges and being able to build something that goes beyond one's self," Sanders said.

From there, he climbed the hierarchies of multiple student organizations. He currently sits on the Memorial Union advisory board, education activities committee, Interfraternity Council executive team and the Corvallis steering committee.

"I always want to change something," Sanders said. "I don't like just going into something and keeping the status quo, or just doing my time. I always come in with the intention to either make something more efficient, make something

better and (it is) always is the case that I want to make students' lives better."

With IFC, Sanders' goal is to make a stronger, more connected community by improving city and university relations and dealing with issues that haven't been dealt with in the past. He also plans to implement a more effective educational plan in the Greek system as a whole.

His role in the education activities committee is working to create a more efficient system for the student organizations that rely on the committee as a funding source for the organization itself or the events they host.

"In the past, it may not have been an effective or efficient system to get them the things that they need or hear what they need," Sanders said.

Using his role on the committee, he works to develop a more effective system for the organizations. Once the organizers have access to the resources they need, the student body can get what their student fees are paying for.

Sanders said he gets involved with things where he sees issues he wants to fix.

"I fixate on it until I can fix it," Sanders said.

Sanders has served three years on the student media committee, is in his fourth year on the Memorial Union advisory board and is now venturing into his second year as IFC president.

"I don't know what's next," Sanders said. "But like anything else, I'll try to do my best, give it my all and try to make some positive change for the students of OSU."

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"I'll try to do my best, give it my all and try to make a positive change."

Brendan Sanders

IFC president

RUNWAY

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JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Megan Holeman and Dustin Fernandes sport their evening wear Monday night.

Sean (Justus)' wardrobe."

Throughout the show, Justus offered style advice, reminding men to roll up their sleeves and unbutton the top button when wearing dress shirts without a tie.

"When in doubt, don't wear it," was Justus' advice for anyone debating what is and is not workplace or office friendly.

Fall 2013 is the first year Neubaum has had her students put on such big events.

"We will definitely do it again," Neubaum said. "I think we will set better milestones. Nature says you wait until the last possible moment and I think that, now that I've seen one rendition of it, I'll know better what (deadlines) to set. I think (students) would have been a little more comfortable if they had had something that made them be a little more prepared."

Freshman Grace Jenkins, a merchandising management major and student in Neubaum's class, took the role of coordinator for the event.

"No one gave us any foretell of what we were going to do," Jenkins said. "This is our first term, so I mean, I'm so proud of our teammates. It's great."

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SHRUBS

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terrains of the Pacific Northwest in order to capture every shrub within all of its stages of growth.

Even with help from OSU Extension Service staff, the guidebook took nearly five years to complete.

Jensen introduced his new identification key within the book to his tree and shrub class.

Carrie Black, post-baccalaureate student in forestry and a teaching assistant for Jensen's class, was recruited to go into the field to "key-out" the different shrubs to make sure the key worked for someone who was not an expert in shrub identification.

"When you know a lot of a subject, it's really hard to take an objective view on it," Black said. "This is where I was able to contribute the most. I knew some terminology, but not everything."

Student input proved to be helpful for the key's success.

The result was a successful field tool that allows a person to identify many species of shrubs, despite his or her shrub-identification level.

"I'll definitely take it along with me whenever I go out on my hikes," Black said.

Black said most people she interacts with on campus are not aware of the plants around them.

By pointing out a couple of common shrubs, Black said people find it easier to identify more with their surroundings.

"Pointing out a couple of shrubs really goes a long way," Black said.

Black is particularly taken with shrubs because there are so many and they vary drastically depending on where they are located. Particular species of shrubs can be indicative of exact locations in the state.

Plus, shrubs always have all the fun fruits, according to Black.

"Huckleberries are one of my favorites, along with the blackberries and salmon berries — they're delicious," Black said. "It's good to know which ones are edible and which ones are going to kill you."

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DEBT

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Legislatures made it so the amount of time students spend in school depends on the amount they pay back. For each year in school, the student will return 0.75 percent of what they earn each year. For instance, most students who attend four-year universities will pay 3 percent back into the program based on how much they make.

An OSU engineering graduate who earns between \$58,034 to \$120,000 a year could expect to pay \$1,741 to \$3,600 back annually based on their own income.

Compared to \$6,828, the yearly amount current undergraduate students taking at least 15 credits a term at OSU will pay, future students could expect to save thousands in the long run.

Doug Severs, director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at OSU, said students will see their overall school costs reduced by one-third. Regardless, many need additional aid to help with outside costs such as books, supplies and living expenses.

"It's a good chunk of a student's budget that they would still need to have help with," Severs said.

Severs also expressed the importance of the Oregon Opportunity Grant still being awarded to students who still need it. Though tuition costs would be slashed, individuals in need of additional support would still need this and similar incentives if they wanted to continue school.

"I still think we need the Oregon Opportunity Grant," Severs said.

The first stages of Oregon's "Pay it Forward" solution will take effect in the beginning of 2015.

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"my chemistry teacher just said
"see you all in a week" easily the
best thing I've heard her say in
nine weeks."

@nicole_turner12 Nicole Turner

OSU looks to maintain momentum Tuesday

■ Oregon State hosts Southern Illinois
Edwardsville Tuesday in annual N-7 game

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A road win against Maryland was a big statement for the men's basketball team.

Now, the Beavers look to back it up with their first convincing home victory.

Oregon State (2-1) will face Southern Illinois Edwardsville (1-5) in the first contest for the Beavers in Gill Coliseum since a six-point win against Portland on Nov. 13. It will also serve as OSU's annual "N-7" game.

The Cougars have lost three straight games dating back to their lone triumph of the season, a 100-93 win against Central Arkansas.

Those three losses, however, were by a combined nine points.

"I'm always looking for a dominant home victory, but this team is not going to be a pushover," said head coach Craig Robinson.

SIUE finished off their appearance in the Portland State Tournament with a 73-72 defeat to Loyola Marymount Sunday despite a season-high 22 points from Cougar guard Donivine Stewart.

"Before this tournament weekend, (Stewart) had not been hitting a lot of 3s," Robinson said. "Now he's hitting 3s."

The Cougars are guard-heavy, with Stewart and fellow backcourt players Tim Johnson and Michael Messer holding down the top three slots in points scored.

"They can shoot and they play hard," Robinson said. "We want to get off to a really fast start and make them have to keep up with our pace."

Stewart is the only player who has started all six games and averages 14.2 per contest along with a 40.2 percent clip from behind the arc.

SIUE hails from the Ohio Valley Conference, but has had a tough non-conference schedule, including a 24-point loss to St. Louis, a team that made the Sweet 16 last year.

The Beavers enjoyed an extended break following their 90-83 win over Maryland and are well-rested for Tuesday's game.

"There was a lot of weight on our shoulders that we got off," said junior guard Challe Barton. "Especially after the loss we experienced, it was great getting a road win against an ACC team. It shows we can play with anybody."

Robinson is anxious for his team to get back on the court.

"It was nice until you get into it, and then you want to play more games," Robinson said. "It would have been nice to have a game in between."

Robinson admitted that the makeshift bye week was productive for seniors Angus Brandt and Devon Collier, among others.

"With Angus coming back, he needed some practice, Devon needed some practice," Robinson said. "Challe's ankle was messed up, so it was good to have those days off so we could really heal up."

Oregon State is in the midst of a bounce-back winning streak. The Beavers followed up a loss to

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VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Freshman guard Malcolm Duvivier defends University of Portland's Alec Wintering in Gill Coliseum on Nov. 13.

Sean Mannion, Obum Gwacham, Grant Enger and Rashaad Reynolds walk to midfield for Saturday's coin toss against Washington.



VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State refusing hangover following loss

■ Despite falling to Washington 69-27 at Reser Stadium Saturday, OSU looks ahead to Civil War matchup

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Judging by Monday's practice, it's hard to imagine the team practicing was the same group that had been beaten so badly two days ago. The Beavers, who didn't bring any intensity to Saturday's 69-27 loss against Washington, were focused and energetic Monday morning. "Everybody's really anxious to play again," said wide receivers coach Brent Brennan. "Anytime you're a competitor and you have a bad day, all you want to do is play again. All you want to do is have another chance to prove yourself on the football field."

Oregon State (6-5, 4-4 Pac-12) has another opportunity to prove itself this Friday when it plays in the Civil War

against a talented Ducks team.

Despite Saturday's outcome, the Beavers say there's been no hangover.

"I thought we had a good day," said offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf. "We were all licking our wounds (Sunday), but our guys are back at it and ready to go."

Not everybody has forgotten about the Beavers' struggles, however. At one point in Monday's practice, junior tight end Connor Hamlett got into a fiery shoving match with a defender from the scout team. It was so heated it nearly escalated into a brawl.

"It's just a guy giving good effort, and probably a little frustration on his end," Langsdorf said.

With Saturday's loss, the Beavers have now dropped four straight games after a promising 6-1 start to the season. As the Civil War looms, Oregon State's coaches are preaching that they forget about what has transpired

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Athlete of the Week



Jamie Weisner

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sophomore guard Jamie Weisner is The Daily Barometer Athlete of the Week after her performance against Loyola Marymount in Oregon State's 92-54 win.

Weisner led the Beavers in scoring with 17 points, while adding six assists, four rebounds and only one turnover.

Weisner has averaged only 18.8 minutes thanks to Oregon State's penchant for blowout victories early this season. She's averaged nine points, three assists and 3.5 rebounds per game in the Beavers' 4-0 start to the season.

Last season, Weisner led Oregon State in scoring and was voted to the Pac-12 All-Freshman Team. She finished the year with averages of 12.5 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.7 assists per game.

She was the fourth freshman in OSU history to lead her team in points and the fifth freshman to amass 350 points and 150 rebounds.

Weisner got better with experience, averaging 14.1 points and 6.4 rebounds in Pac-12 contests as the year went on. She spent the majority of her time at point guard last season, but has played primarily shooting guard this year with the arrival of freshman Sydney Wiese.

The Beavers are off until Friday when they travel to Freeport, Jamaica, for the Junkanoo Jam. Oregon State will take on Penn State in its first tournament game and either Florida or Illinois State Saturday.

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VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

The OSU student section reacts against Washington Saturday. The majority of fans exited Reser Stadium before midway through the second half.



The Daily Barometer Fantasy Football

Week IX

WHAT IS THIS?
Most people reading this have probably played fantasy football at least once, and a lot of those people have played for many, many years. Here in Corvallis, students at OSU obviously have more interest in college football, and the Pac-12 specifically. So we here at the Barometer have invented the first ever Pac-12 fantasy football league.

Rosters consist of one quarterback, two running backs, two wide receivers, two flexes (RB/WR), one tight end, one kicker and one defense/special teams. The catch? Each team must have three Oregon State players on their roster at all times. The regular season last nine weeks, with each team playing each other three times. Championship will be Civil War week.



Obum Goes the Dynamite

8-1

Warner Strausbaugh: editor-in-chief, football columnist

- QB - Mannion: 13
- RB - Carey: 44
- RB - Gaffney: 15
- WR - Evans: 14
- WR - Richardson: 14
- FLEX - Madden: 0
- FLEX - Addison: 5
- TE - Clute: 0
- K - Gonzalez: 13
- D/ST - OSU: -7



There's a Storm Brewing

5-4

Andrew Kilstrom: sports editor, football, baseball, wrestling beat reporter; columnist

- QB - Mariota: 25
- RB - Thomas: 15
- RB - Ward: 4
- WR - Mullaney: 2
- WR - Lee: 0
- FLEX - Marshall: 0
- FLEX - Huff: 10
- TE - Smith: 0
- K - Oliver: 3
- D/ST - Stanford: 12

Vs

Total: 111

Ka'Deem Carey is absolutely, positively, undeniably the most underrated player in college football.

Like Tyler Gaffney, it takes beating Oregon to get on the national scene, I guess.

I was watching Lou Holtz put that helmet sticker on the Arithona Wildcats copper helmet, I knew the MVP of Obum Goes the Dynamite had finally made it.

Now, we enter the championship. With Andrew falling into mediocrity in his second season in the Pac-12 fantasy league, we have a matchup for the ages in the championship: the redshirt senior vs. the true freshman.

Josh, you've done admirably. You were a replacement owner who came in and gave it his all despite having a team you didn't draft.

I need to be careful about making my confidence public.

If this is like the Patriots-Giants Super Bowl in 2007, I can't pull a Tom Brady and laugh off my opponent's chance of winning the game.

The last week will be interesting because of the sheer amount of Oregon and Oregon State players in this league.

If Sean Mannion can get a couple garbage-time touchdowns, and the OSU defense can manage to not go negative, I like my chances.



Romaine for Heisman

6-3

Josh Worden: football, basketball beat reporter; KBVR radio announcer; TV anchor

- QB - Hundley: 18
- RB - Sankey: 35
- RB - Woods: 7
- WR - Cooks: 17
- WR - Strong: 15
- FLEX - Jack: 14
- FLEX - Poole: 1
- TE - Sefarian-Jenkins: 3
- K - Romaine: 3
- D/ST - USC: 11

Vs

Total: 124

I was kind of like Stanford coming into last week. No, I'm not referring to my undeniable intellect and strikingly profound intelligence, though I can obviously boast about those as well.

Rather, I needed to win on Saturday and have Andrew lose in order to get to the championship game, just like how the Cardinal needed the Ducks to lose in order to win the Pac-12 North. Stanford has clinched the division and I have all but won the championship — with just Warner standing in my way. Actually I can't be cocky there, he beat me two weeks ago (just barely).

Bishop Sankey had a beast of a game at the expense of Oregon State, and while I would have gladly sacrificed Sankey's points for a better game on Saturday night, I'll take the silver lining. I did, however, make a couple risky moves for the championship next week.

I'm dropping Bubba Poole (no surprise there) for Dres Anderson and I'm getting rid of Brett Hundley for BJ Denker, if nothing else just as a tribute to Denker's heroic performance Saturday against Oregon.

Actually, I take the Stanford metaphor back. I'm like Ed Orgeron, taking over a decent team partway through the year and only losing one game as the head coach afterwards. If only I had his voice.

WHAT IS HAPPENING? If I could write this whole thing in all-caps I would because I'm that angry about this situation.

You're telling me Byron Marshall and Marqise Lee combined for ZERO points? I scored less than Mitch, who I now have to face in the pathetic "Sacko Bowl."

And the worst part is his team is BETTER than mine right now. Oregon inexplicably pooped the bed and the Beavers aren't doing anything. I feel as bad as Oregon State probably did on Saturday night.

I'm angry yet utterly defeated at the same time. Where did I go wrong? It must have been when I sold my soul for what I thought was the unstoppable offense of the Ducks.

What if I lose to Mitch? My friends will stop hanging out with me in public and my parents probably won't invite me to Christmas if that happens.

You can call me last year's Lakers because I've completely fallen on my face. I'm an embarrassment. Now I need to change my column tag. There's no point in saying you started from the bottom if you're back at the bottom.

Sorry, LeBron. Sorry, Drake. I thought I was like both of you: the world's greatest.

Turns out I'm closer to flash-in-the-pan's Smush Parker and Soulja Boy. I don't even have the resolve to end with #HYFR. Just kidding. #HYFR



Cummings up Roses

0-9

Mitch Mahoney: football, women's basketball, men's/women's golf beat reporter

- QB - Kelly: 28
- RB - Grice: 16
- RB - Allen: 34
- WR - Agholor: 9
- WR - Hatfield: 9
- FLEX - Gilmore: 0
- FLEX - Mickens: 3
- TE - Hamlett: 0
- K - D'Amato: 7
- D/ST - Oregon: -7

Total: 113

It's official, Cummings Up Roses royally sucks. Which is unfortunate, because I thought this was my week, too. I finally dropped that dead-weight De'Anthony Thomas, who is a complete bust and who I will never forgive for as long as I live.

In his place I added USC's Javorius Allen, who ended up being my top scorer for the week with 34 points.

De'Anthony only had 15. So there, I done did good.

But even without De'Anthony dragging my team down, I still have to blame the Ducks for my loss.

This week, I would have been better off not playing a defense, because they cost me seven points. I would be mad, but the Ducks lost so it's all good.

Anyway, as the season has gone on I've had time to reflect on my crappy team, and I realize that I shot myself in the foot from day one.

On draft day, I didn't respect the rule that three OSU players must play at all times. As a result, my potentially awesome flex positions consistently contributed zero points, and I had no way of making up for it.

But hey, at least this nightmare will be over in a week.



Ka'Deem Carey (RB)

48 carries, 206 yards, 4 TDs (44 fantasy points)



Marcus Mariota (QB)

27-41, 308 yards, 2 TDs (25 fantasy points)



Bishop Sankey (RB)

23 carries, 179 yards, 3 TDs (35 fantasy points)



Javorius Allen (RB)

21 carries, 145 yards, 3 TDs (34 fantasy points)

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recently.

"This is the Civil War; it's the most important game we play every year," Brennan said. "What's happened the last four weeks, we're not worried about that. Every guy that comes to Oregon State dreams of playing in this game."

The Oregon State coaching staff made it clear Monday that everyone would need to be better to compete with Oregon. Not letting emotions affect the Beavers' play will be a point of emphasis.

"Things weren't working out the way we wanted them to," said defensive coordinator Mark Banker. "The only disappointing part from the players' standpoint is that they let that get to them."

Oregon State's fans were aware of this, too. At the beginning of the game there were 43,779 fans in attendance, but Saturday's frigid weather coupled with the Beavers' poor play sent a large majority of those fans to the exits even before the fourth quarter began. By the end of the game, the few Washington fans who had made the trip were significantly louder than the entirety of Oregon State's fans.

The Beavers are 2-4 at home this season and lost their last three games in Reser Stadium.

"If you're relying on fans to motivate you, you're going to always struggle on the road because they're all going to be against you," Langsdorf said. "If there's not many here, we've got to continue to play and get back into it."

The Beavers are 4-1 on the road. When they travel to Eugene for Friday's game, they will be met with an energetic crowd at Autzen Stadium.

"It's an awesome rivalry; we're going down to (Eugene) where it's a great environment, a hostile environment," Banker said. "It's loud and the fans are nasty."

Perhaps the change of scenery will instill in the Beavers the energy that was missing from Saturday's game.

"Now it's just a mental state of things," Banker said. "You've got to be able to handle it, but we're all big boys; we're all grown-ups and we've got to pick ourselves up."

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The Oregon State bench watches the action in Nov. 13's home victory against the University of Portland. The Beavers host Southern Illinois Edwardsville Tuesday at 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL

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Coppin State in the opener with two victories. With only one team with a winning record in OSU's next four games, the Beavers hope to continue to win games.

For OSU, senior guard Roberto Nelson has shown he can carry the team as the premier scorer.

Nelson leads the Beavers and the Pac-12 in points per game at 30.3, including a 31-point outburst against Maryland.

Nearly outdoing him, though, was senior forward Devon Collier, who posted 29 points along with 11 rebounds facing the Terrapins.

It was the second game of the season

for Collier, who now averages 20 points and 11 boards per contest.

Having two consistent scorers rather than just Nelson helped OSU tremendously against Maryland, as the duo combined for 60 points. Now the Beavers hope to continue the hot streak Tuesday.

Barton feels confident about the Beavers' chances against the Cougars.

"I'm not too worried, as long as we stick to the game plan," Barton said. "We've got momentum from the last game."

Tipoff is slated for 8 p.m. for Oregon State's annual N-7 game.

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Brandin Cooks announced as finalist for Biletnikoff Award

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Junior wide receiver Brandin Cooks was announced as one of three finalist for the 2013 Biletnikoff Award, given to the nation's most outstanding receiver, Monday.

Texas A&M's Mike Evans and Clemson's Sammy Watkins are the other two finalists.

Cooks has set Oregon State records this season for career receiving touchdowns (23), most touchdown receptions in a season (15), most receptions in a season (110) and most receiving yards in a season (1,560).

His 1,560 yards are already second-most for a season in the history of the Pac-12. USC's Marqise Lee set the record last season, finishing with 1,721 yards.

The Stockton, Calif., native leads the nation in receptions and receiving yards and is second in touchdowns.

Evans trails only Cooks in receiving yards with 1,314 and has pulled in 12 touchdowns this season, while Watkins has compiled 1,144 receiving yards to go with 10 touchdowns.

Cooks is the first Oregon State player to be a finalist since Mike Hass won the award in 2005. He gets a chance to add to his record-breaking numbers this weekend when Oregon State travels to Eugene for the Civil War against No. 12 Oregon.



Cooks

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Editorial

Thanksgiving's about more than turkey

Thanksgiving, as a holiday, has a seriously messed-up history that our society sweeps under the rug with the cooperation of its citizens. It's easy to be intentionally oblivious, and it makes us feel like better people with better ancestors.

It's easier to make the day all about turkey and family and being grateful, instead of celebrating Europe's first real success with biological warfare, accidental though it might of been — infecting the continent's indigenous people with smallpox and other "Western" diseases.

Elementary-school children are taught that we're celebrating the "Indians" sharing their food with the "Pilgrims," ignoring the guerilla warfare over the "ownership" of the continent that started not long after the first boat from across the Atlantic landed. Pro-tip: That boat wasn't from England or Spain. America's indigenous people held off the Vikings for centuries before Columbus ever "discovered" it.

Most of us choose to block the memory of our country's messed-up history as soon as we're done with the required high school and college courses in U.S. History. We do it too. What could we even do about it since it all happened so long ago?

Well, that adage about having to learn history so we won't repeat it isn't cliched because it's wrong.

But, as time's gone by, the holiday has evolved. In our minds, it's no longer a celebration of a PG fairy tale or the more-explicitly-rated historical account.

Now, it's essentially a type of fall break, just long enough to give us a well-needed break before finals. It's a breath of fresh — if below-freezing — air, one that will let us fight through until winter break, when we can all recover from the burnout we suffered fall term.

It's also a bittersweet holiday. Thanksgiving is a whole day dedicated to being thankful for all the things we take for granted the other 364 days of the year.

Why can't we be thankful for these things all the time?

Rather than encouraging us to be truly thankful for the blessings we have in our lives, the Thanksgiving season encourages sappy, fatuous and fake Facebook and Twitter posts about the ridiculous trivialities we're thankful for. Most times, these thanks can be read as backhanded insults to the people who are actually thankful, people whose problems can't be classified as "first-world."

If you're thankful for your 5S, for your MacBook Air, for your car or for anything that cost more than a month of rent, look up. Look down. Look around.

Be grateful you have a warm coat and ready access to food. Be grateful we're not in a flood zone. Be grateful you have a roof over your head. Be grateful for the friends who've stuck by you through the truly tough times. Be grateful for the family you have left.

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Do family gatherings trump class attendance? Skipping is not worth it

It's Thanksgiving week, a time where students face the ethical decision of skipping classes or sticking around to fulfill academic duties. You can have a self-designated week of vacation, skipping all or most of your classes for the week, or you can be a responsible adult and attend the classes you're paying for.

Avoiding traffic is a popular excuse for students who advocate skipping class. The argument is that traffic can be avoided by skipping class the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to travel. But this is just one of the fictitious worries we feed ourselves to make us feel better about being irresponsible.

Troy Green, AAA national spokesman, said in an interview with National Public Radio that Thanksgiving is not the busiest time of travel — for buses, flights or automobile transportation. He says that it's busier in the summer.

So if the roads on Thanksgiving Day are no busier than on Thanksgiving eve, there is no reason to skip classes. Let's face it: The main reason students skip is to have an extended time off school to spend with family — which is not a terrible thing.

But I'm sure your loving family would understand if you decided to be diligent and attend your pre-turkey-day classes.

Ultimately, though, the question of whether or not to travel on Thanksgiving Day depends on the distance between you and your loved ones. Obviously, you're probably not going to be flying home on Thanksgiving Day if your family lives more than a state or two away — not for a three-and-a-half day weekend. The stress of traveling may outweigh the familial rejuvenation.

There are also other options out there as far as having fun and engaging in enjoyable interactions on turkey day — which can be great alternatives to skipping class to go home. You can have a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and gather all your holiday-orphaned student friends together for a makeshift feast.

If you don't want to cook — or are a completely ham-fisted chef — you can go out to eat or attend one of OSU's various dinner events. Engineers Without Borders-USA is having a potluck-style feast in honor of all the students who don't get to go home. Their website has the details, if you're interested.

So be smart and don't skip your classes. College is only a small portion of your life, so you may as well devote as much time to it as you are on the funds you're spending to be here.

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No harm in skipping Wednesday class

As Thanksgiving looms on the horizon with its beautiful smells of crackly golden turkey and marshmallow-strewn candied yams, so does the concern of how you, as a college student, make it home in time to indulge.

Especially when classes are still scheduled for Wednesday, the day before the turkey. You know there will be a mass exodus from campus the night before or the day of the turkey.

The answer is simple: Steal away into the night and forget the responsibilities of class. Although this is doable, sometimes instructors will schedule mandatory reasons why a person should stay for their class the day before the holiday — including but not limited to 11th-hour midterms, papers and workshops.

Sadly, these will most definitely require your attention, and if they are present in your life, you need to stay.

Even if the class might not require your attention, it's a generally good idea to discuss the

idea with your instructors so that the two of you are on the same page.

Although it's a myth that Thanksgiving is one of the worst holidays to travel on, according to an interview National Public Radio conducted with AAA spokesman Troy Green, my experience has proved otherwise.

Anyone who's ever traveled on an OSU or U of O gameday knows that traffic doesn't necessarily get blocked up, but it does become exceptionally tense to drive in. That's just when you have a mass of sports fans all getting together.

Last Thanksgiving, my aunt traveled down to pick me up late the night before.

Upon exiting Corvallis and reaching the interstate, we observed an apocalyptic-like flood of headlights all crammed together and heading the same direction we were. It was stop-start from there on out and lasted that way for the hour and a half drive that quickly became three hours.

I should consider myself lucky. I live relatively close to Corvallis. Some of my fellow students are from across the country and might not get to go home for Thanksgiving.

That's not OK. In recent years, studies have been done on the importance of human interaction, using rats as a medium for such studies.

The Institute for Mind and Biology performed a social interaction test on rats, placing some in solitary confinement and keeping others in groups. The rats that were placed in groups lived 40 percent longer and recovered more quickly from illness than the rats kept in solitary.

These are early days, but the study's conclusions were simply that social interaction is a good thing.

Thanksgiving may have a main focus on turkey, but the Grinch taught us that in the end all holidays are supposed to center around love and family. And if having the time to see your family and socially interact with them is going to be good for your overall health and emotional happiness, then you should go home early to start interacting.

We're all perilously close to burned out, and the thing that could really help us all get through the next three weeks would be a scoop of snowy white mashed potatoes with golden, bubbly gravy drooling down the sides — just kidding. It's being able to see your family and take a short break. You owe it to yourself at this point.

College will still be here when you get back.

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At Random by Ryan Mason



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Letter to the Editor

Regarding "Biggest building on campus also most useless"

A good place to waste time

Scottaline's correct when she says the Internet is faster, but the library has something the Internet doesn't — physicality. For those times when I have an odd 20 minutes to kill, I wander through the library. With no specific book in mind, I peruse and explore the dusty shelves. If a book's title catches my eye, I pull it out. If there aren't enough pictures in said book, I put it back. This process continues until I realize I'm late for class. Once you stop valuing the library in terms of its utility, it becomes something more: a place where curiosity and patience are rewarded. It's like a thrift store or the dorm bathrooms: You never know what you'll find. Plus, the library is the only place on campus that houses fresh racial allegories, information on the effects of grasshopper vomit and manifestos published by "radical" librarians in the '60s.

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Regarding Rowe's letter to the editor
Chauvinism uninspiring

In his letter to the editor, published in the Barometer on Nov. 21, engineering student Justin Rowe stated that he often wonders where the female students on campus are.

While I do not claim to be any sort of expert on the preferences of women, I am willing to guess that Rowe's difficulty finding girls to

socialize with is a product of both his archaic views on gender roles and his chauvinistic demeanor.

Has it ever occurred to Rowe that the reason female students avoid fields like engineering is not because of their lack of interest in supporting a family, but because our society and educational system actively dissuade them from pursuing these professions?

To my understanding, there are nearly twice as many working male engineers as there are female. It takes considerable grit and determination for women to break into such a "boy's club," emotional resources that are already heavily taxed by life in a patriarchal society.

Women who have entered into male-dominated fields are worthy of admiration and respect, as they have shown far more perseverance than I could ever muster.

I also want to address a few additional statements made by Rowe in his letter. First, if you ever want to become "that successful guy (women) meet one day that sweeps you off your feet" you may want to take a break from advanced mathematics and try to develop a modicum of tact.

Frankly, I imagine that a well-educated and independent woman would not be terribly impressed by your salary if you blatantly espouse such an antiquated vision of what constitutes an ideal household.

Secondly, a degree in liberal arts does not condemn one to a life of poverty. Ever hear of law school?

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Former pop star brings his party to Corvallis

Do you remember the music and talent of Aaron Carter?

Didn't think so.

Neither did I, until he came to Corvallis to perform at Impulse. The show was part of Carter's first tour in eight years, "The After Party Tour."

Originally, Carter was contracted to perform at SubZero Nightclub, but with the recent closing, the party was moved to Impulse. Sad day for the regulars at Impulse's Taco Tuesday — it was cancelled for Carter.

The line for the show was surprisingly long and filled with somewhat excited fans. Throughout the delayed wait for the door to open, a common theme among fans was the remark, "You know, I was excited when I first heard about this concert, and now not so much."

At the front of the line was a group of overly excited concertgoers from the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

"There was an inter-sorority challenge for a meet-and-greet with Aaron Carter after the concert, and we won," said Lauren Thomas, senior in public health and member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

After a two-hour wait for the show to start, Carter finally got on stage. The show consisted of a lot of his newer music that no one really knew about. And apparently Carter can break dance now — but not very well.

I guess that part was added to go along with the long chain, backwards baseball hat and white-boy-hip-hop-wannabe music, but it wasn't really successful. I was a little worried he would hurt himself.

The whole act appeared to be eaten up by the giddy female audi-



BROOKLYN DI RAFFAELE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Aaron Carter's Corvallis concert, a part of "The After Party Tour," drew a crowd Nov. 19 at Impulse Bar & Grill.

Brooklyn Di Raffaele

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ence, since three bras were propped at the stage during the show.

When Carter played his famous song, "I Want Candy," the female audience lost their minds and all the smartphones came out to record the moment.

After the song, Carter threw out candy necklaces to the audience — a truly original idea.

Candy necklaces weren't the only things Carter threw into the audience that night — Carter apparently thought he could be

the next "Bachelor," and threw roses to the ladies in the crowd. This caused some catfights between fans because everyone wanted a Carter rose; one woman had the top of her rose torn off by another jealous woman at the show.

The show lasted for an hour. Afterwards Carter and his crew went to Shari's.

Carter Instagrammed his meal of biscuits and gravy, side of bacon and toast.

I'm sure it was the highlight for the Shari's customers that night because you know, it's Nick Carter's little brother. Once food was prop-

erly displayed on Instagram and eaten, the Carter Crew moved on to the festivities at the Theta House.

The Carter show was a small wave of excitement and confusion on a regular Tuesday night in Corvallis before everything quickly returned to normal. Carter's next show was Thursday in Eugene, and more happened that day than his scheduled show: He filed for bankruptcy.

Carter owes \$1.37 million to the IRS from when he was 16. It looks like "House of Carters" wasn't the low point of his life after all.

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'Hunger Games' catches fire in theaters

There is a vicious rumor going around that Suzanne Collins, writer of the "Hunger Games" trilogy, also penned the "Berenstain Bears." I'm sorry to break it to you, but a little couple — Stan and Jan Berenstain — west Philadelphia born and raised, was responsible for the grizzly family who've been having adventures since 1962. While they were out maxin', relaxin' and acting all cool, Suzanne was just being born.

So forget the bears. Her credentials are even more awesome than some illustrated kids' book. Suzanne was a writer on my favorite childhood show, "Clarissa Explains It All." This is the show I used to walk all the way to grandma and grandpa's house to watch because my parents refused to purchase cable. Barefoot in the snow. Uphill both ways.

Twenty years later, Collins has produced what I believe to be one the smartest young adult series on the market. For those who haven't read the "Hunger Games," the premise goes something like this:

In future America-like land, after a devastating uprising by the people against a repressive government, 12 — mostly poverty-ridden — districts were formed, while the Capitol, in the center of the country, flourished with abundance.

In order to keep the people under control, the Capitol holds an annual competition to highlight their power. A young boy and girl are randomly chosen from each district in a lottery, to fight to the death in an event called the Hunger Games.

The grueling game of survival of the most ruthless child is televised across the land so that parents, families and friends can watch their young kill each other.

It's some pretty deep and terrifying stuff. And I'm a huge fan. Rather than abusive vampire-fluff, Collins portrayed an encompassing political message.

The first "Hunger Games" is such a close adaptation to the book that I felt the filmmakers were in my head as I was reading. "Catching Fire" did it again. Writers Simon Beaufoy and Michael Arndt kept the integrity of the story alive, taking few liberties and leaving almost nothing out.

Adapting a book written in the first person into a film is difficult. The reader is privy to so much of the main character's thought process that translating it to the screen often makes it fall flat.

In her first film since her Oscar win for best actress, Jennifer Lawrence captures Katniss Everdeen's inner struggle perfectly. Though she fell on her face on the way to receive the highest award in acting, I don't know a single person who doesn't love that girl. If I could, I would be her very best friend in real life.

My favorite thing about the script for "Catching Fire" is that isn't overly explicit; the filmmakers don't assume that the audience has no background in the Panem world. For this reason, those who haven't read the books or seen the first film might be confused.

"Catching Fire" is teeming with intense and realistic action. The stakes are high and the characters are well drawn. The production is artistic and fresh. The story is moving.

Don't see this film if you can't stand tween girls gushing at each other as every male actor comes on the screen. See this film if you enjoy literary interpretation and strong female characters.

This series is worth buying and reading each book excitedly under the covers of your bed with a flashlight — the film series so far is also a worthy and worthwhile purchase, but it should definitely be seen in the theater if you can manage it.

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McDade serenades Bombs

When Rebecca McDade sits to perform, her torso is dwarfed by the body of her acoustic guitar. It would be cute, if I didn't hate to apply such a diminutive word to someone who, though shinningly vital as an Oregon State freshman, has the voice and soul of a woman who has seen beyond her years.

McDade played her debut show Wednesday in Corvallis at Bombs Away Cafe. She was billed on Bombs' website as an "uber-talented" singer-songwriter, and she did not disappoint. Her music, sweet and charming, floated through the crowd like an invisible spell, eliciting a strongly positive audience reaction throughout her set.

During one of her songs, "So-So," McDade strums a ukulele lined with shiny, pearlescent material. Her music evidences that she embraces the ukulele without any hipster irony; no matter what she uses, her strings fill out the strong melody that her voice provides.

The crowd favorite of the night was probably McDade's acoustic cover of Ke\$ha's "Your Love Is My Drug." While McDade's technique sounds more influenced by Ingrid Michaelson than by Ke\$ha, she said later in an interview that Ke\$ha incorporates "... lots of electronic elements, so it's really cool to take those songs down and make them acoustic."

It doesn't take a long time listening to McDade to notice a slight accent in her voice. She comes by her accent by way of living in Scotland for part of her childhood. She said she spent alternating years living in Scotland and Beaverton before finishing her high school education in Oregon and coming to study psychology at Oregon State.

If you are a fan of alternative folk, like The Head And The Heart and The Weepies, you'll likely enjoy Rebecca McDade's EP, "Unwritten Plans." I know I did.

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CORVALLIS PREVIEWS

THE FOLLOWING PREVIEWS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Civil War at the Majestic Theatre

Starting at 4 p.m. Friday, the Majestic Theatre will stream the Civil War game — OSU vs. U of O — live on the main stage.

This is a free community event, sponsored by Flat Tail Brewing.

Mother/Daughter art show

Photographer Lainey Dyer and artist/painter Ginny Morse will be in a combined Mother/Daughter Art Show at Good Samaritan Hospital. Lainey is a local photographer whose mother is an acrylic artist and has used Lainey's prints as inspiration for 10 new, one-of-a-kind paintings.

The show will begin Friday and lasts through Dec. 29.

Hoolyeh Israeli Dance

The Corvallis Folklore Society holds a Hoolyeh International Israeli Dance class Sundays at Gatton Hall in the First Congregational Church in Corvallis from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$3 at the door, \$2 for CFS members.

The Majestic presents Earl Thomas & the Blues Ambassadors

On Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m., Earl Thomas & The Blues Ambassadors will perform on the Majestic Theatre main stage.

Frontman Earl Thomas, a singer and songwriter known for his powerful, well-trained vocals, is accompanied by musicians whose backgrounds embody San Francisco's cultural diversity and the stylistic roots of the blues. African-American, East Indian, European and Asian musicians collaborate in performances that fuse contemporary styles with rich harmonies and compelling showmanship.

They blend the cadence of the Blue Ridge Mountains with Chicago's sharp city lights. Gospel, work songs, ballads, spirituals and European art music weave through an American national identity.

As the blues has evolved through the years, absorbing global musical styles, Earl Thomas & The Blues Ambassadors revitalize this tradition and its distinctively American origins. With their dynamic shows, soulful rhythms and elemental, unifying poetry, they are indeed ambassadors of the universal spirit and multifaceted heritage of the blues.

There will be a wine reception before the show at 6:30 p.m. in the Majestic's south lobby. Tickets are \$25 for premium admission, \$18 for regular admission and are available online at majestic.org/tickets or by phone at 541-738-7469.

The Majestic presents 'Christmas in Oregon'

The Majestic Theatre presents "Christmas in Oregon," on Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m., upstairs in the Majestic Lab Theatre.

Four storytellers will share a collection of stories recalling Christmas celebrations, including Lewis and Clark in 1805, Corvallis bachelors helping Santa in 1913 and memories of creative writing students at College Hill High School at the Harding Center. This musical holiday treat is suitable for children 8 and older, as well as their families.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students and seniors, and are available online at majestic.org/tickets or by phone at 541-738-7469.

'The Nutcracker' at LBCC

Legacy Ballet will perform "The Nutcracker" at Linn-Benton Community College's Russell Tripp Performance Center Dec. 12 and 13 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

An annual tradition, Legacy Ballet brings the magic of "The Nutcracker" to Linn and Benton counties for its second full-length production, in partnership with LBCC's Russell Tripp theater.

Legacy's performance will feature adult and children dancers from the community.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission. Purchase online for no addition fee at linn-benton.edu/go/tickets. Tickets are also available at the theater Box Office, by phone at 541-917-4531, or one hour prior to the performance. Box Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.