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3 burglaries on campus in 3 hours

Several items taken from different offices in Burt Hall, Pharmacy Building Monday

By Sean Wallstrom THE DAILY BAROMETER

Three burglaries were reported within a three-hour window on the Oregon State campus Monday morning...

According to police logs, two wallets were stolen out of different offices in Burt Hall between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A MacBook Pro laptop was also stolen out of an office on the third floor of the Pharmacy Building around 10:30 a.m.

One of the cards from the stolen wallets was used first to buy an Apple computer charger at the Staples in Corvallis...

The card then showed up at Rite Aid in Corvallis, where descriptions of the two suspects were retrieved from store video footage.

Several cards from the wallets

were later used at a Chevron in Albany and the Home Depot in Tigard.

Sgt. Eric Judah could not speculate if the thieves were the same people making the purchases.

"Someone might have stolen the information and given it to them," Judah said.

OSP currently working to track down the suspects. The first suspect is described as a tall, thin, clean-cut African American male with black hair. The second suspect is described as a female with black hair, a medium build and a height of 5-foot-6 or 5-foot-7.

OSP is encouraging members of campus to always keep items in a safe, secure place.

"OSU is a vulnerable community, in a sense that you can come to school or work and it comes across as a safe campus," Judah said. "People are rather comfortable leaving property unsecured. But the reality is there are a lot of predators that take advantage of that."

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COURTESY OF THERESA HOGUE

OSU President Ed Ray poses with Lilly Higgins and Josh Glardi at the president's winter coffee in the decorated lounge within the Memorial Union.

President's winter coffee offers chance to mingle

Winter event invites students, staff to relax by serving assorted treats, hot coffee

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg THE DAILY BAROMETER

Festive holiday lights, free coffee and lit fireplaces helped set the tone of the 11th annual president's winter

coffee in the Memorial Union lounge. President Ed Ray and his wife, Beth, hosted the event as an opportunity to relax and kick-start the holiday season with fall term coming to an end.

"One of the things we did some years ago was encourage students and the whole community to come," Ed Ray said. "It wasn't just for faculty

and staff; it really was meant to be a campus celebration for the holidays, and I think people are taking it to heart."

According to Ray, the goal of the event is to give thanks to the community as well as to welcome and show support to those on and around

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Graphic for Linn Benton Food Share Thanksgiving Holiday Food Drive. Includes statistics: Families served: More than 1,400; Pounds of food given: About 40,000; Estimated costs: More than \$30,000.

Record-breaking deliveries for holiday food drive

More than 1,400 Thanksgiving meal boxes delivered to Benton County residents

By Emma-Kate Schaaqe THE DAILY BAROMETER

The 33rd annual Community Holiday Food Drive commenced last week, providing hundreds of local

families with a full Thanksgiving meal. "It went great," said Holiday Food Drive coordinator Judy Gibson. "We gave out a record number of boxes, over 1,400."

Local Boy Scouts started the drive by collecting more than 25,000 pounds of food in door-to-door pickups. Those canned goods and nonperishables, in addition to the fresh produce and the

purchased meats, amounted to about 40,000 pounds.

"We did a lot; it was a great year," Gibson said.

The Monday before Thanksgiving was the designated pick-up day for the families who had already signed up to receive boxes, and the ware-

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Diamond in the rough: Karplus wins lifetime achievement award

Oregon State biochemistry and biophysics professor honored for work on protein structure

By Dacotah-Victoria Splichalova THE DAILY BAROMETER

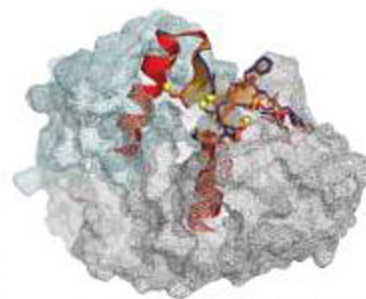
An Oregon State professor within the field of molecular biology plays soccer and square dances in his spare time, but it's his work on protein structure that won a lifetime achievement award in November.

The Medical Research Foundation of Oregon recognized Andrew Karplus' work. The organization gave the award to Karplus for his contributions throughout his entire career.

Karplus studies proteins, which are molecules that our body and all organisms make in order to carry out vital functions.

Karplus works in the department of biochemistry and biophysics with a team of graduate students.

Within this research group, researchers purify proteins and grow crystals of those proteins. Once these crystals have grown big enough, they shoot



COURTESY OF ANDREW KARPLUS

A 3-D image of Andrew Karplus' protein, which was created by graduate student Arden Perkins.

powerful X-rays at the protein crystals.

Researchers are able to piece together the exact atomic structure and construct a 3-D model of that protein by piecing together the individual atoms of the scattered crystals, according to Karplus.

Karplus began as a professor in 1988 at Cornell University and has conducted

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Thursday, November 21

Danny Ocean's petty heist

A man reported an opened safe located in the bushes near his church on 20th Street. When Corvallis police got to the scene, they attempted to take prints, but there was no evidence found. The safe allegedly smelled distinctly of marijuana.

Saturday, November 23

He didn't take the UW loss well

Oregon State troopers located a 53-year-old man who was allegedly having a hard time getting off the ground at 10:30 p.m. He was sitting down outside the Sports Performance Center and was intoxicated, according to logs. With the help of authorities, he was able to call members of his party to help him get home.



Monday, November 25

A job for the 'Pleasantville' Fire Department

Residents on the 600 block of 15th Street called Corvallis police to report they had found two lost kittens. They heard kitten sounds coming from their heater vents, so they called the fire department. The fire department couldn't locate the animals, but residents

heard the noises again later that night. A resident crawled under the house and rescued the two kittens, which were taken to the Heartland Humane Society.

Friday, November 29

The church DJ

At 1:30 a.m. Joshua Reith, 33, was arrested for allegedly stealing sound equipment from the First Presbyterian Church on Eighth Street. Benton County sheriffs saw Reith allegedly pushing a large cart full of audiovisual equipment, and the sheriffs stopped him at the intersection of Tyler Avenue and Fifth Street. He was charged with Aggravated Theft I, Burglary II, Criminal Mischief II and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamines. The equipment totaled approximately \$19,000.

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Dec. 2, 1912

Why did the chicken ... get in a canoe?

Two students were caught trying to steal chickens from the college poultry farm pens when a foreman found feathers in the basement of Cauthorn Hall. The two men said they were taking their "lady friends for a canoe trip and picnic dinner" and wanted to provide a special meal. Unfortunately, the chickens they chose were being used for an experiment and the empty pen was noticed immediately. A reward was placed for any information regarding the thieves, but the foreman declined to collect the money.



Dec. 5, 1912

Association alteration

Current students and alumni gathered to discuss the formation of a new student body system of representation. The group discussed a rejuvenation of the old Association of Oregon State College and declared intent to draft a new constitution. The majority of participants voted for a representation system that covered particular constituency groups.

Dec. 8, 1922

Making a football schedule

Oregon State College football coach R. B. Rutherford traveled to Seattle for a Pacific Coast Conference gathering, which was held to decide upon an arrangement of the 1923 football schedule for the Aggies (Oregon State College's mascot) and their conference opponents. The Aggies played teams like California, USC, Washington, Washington State and Oregon. Many teams would visit Corvallis to play that year, save for the Bruins who did "not like the kind of field the Aggies" had.

All information was gathered from old issues of the Barometer, found in the Library Archives.

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Donor gives \$200K for UO comics minor

By April Baer

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

EUGENE — The University of Oregon has announced a gift of \$200,000 to support a comics and cartoon study track.

The university started a minor in Comics and Cartoon Studies last year. Since then, 20 to 30 students have chosen the minor.

Ben Saunders is the English professor who directs the program. He says interest from the endowment will translate into \$6,000 to \$10,000 annually to be spent on course development, new exhibitions, and bringing professionals to campus to meet students.

"This is a field," Saunders says, "where it's absolutely vital that students meet people working in the industry. There are places where you can go to sort of learn how to make comics, but there are as many varieties of comics as varieties of novel or varieties of movie."

The instructors in the program are drawn from other disciplines, ranging from English to Art to Japanese Literature. The U of O calls the program "the first academic minor of its kind in the country."

Gallery dominates Senate conversation

■ Discussion focuses on Dixon renovation, more testimony on director's ending contract

By Tori Hittner

THE DAILY BAROMETER

More than 20 people packed into the gallery for the Associated Students of Oregon State University Senate meeting Tuesday night.

Dixon DREAM Project coordinator Christina Birkett presented her proposal to senators, along with a PowerPoint presentation. The Dixon DREAM Project is a proposal supported by Recreational Sports to expand and renovate Dixon Recreation Center.

Birkett pointed out that as the university's enrollment grows, so too do the unique needs of the student body. According to studies completed by Recreational Sports, the current layout of Dixon Recreation Center fails to properly meet these increasingly diverse student needs.

Accessibility, overcapacity and gender-related needs were among the issues addressed by Birkett.

After conducting a feasibility study,

Recreational Sports suggested a four-phase plan that would, among other things, add more work-out rooms, create gender-separated exercise space and introduce private changing areas.

Before fine-tuning the four-phase process, Recreational Sports plans on garnering student opinion and working with a professional survey team to discuss projections.

In addition to the Dixon DREAM presentation, senators heard more from students concerned about the impending end to Sandy Tsuneyoshi's contract.

Tsuneyoshi, the director of the Asian and Pacific Islander education office, is set to leave her position in December due to contractual arrangements. More than a dozen students attended Tuesday's meeting to voice their support of "Auntie Sandy" and implore the ASOSU Senate to lend any aid possible.

Students described Tsuneyoshi as vital to their educational and personal successes at Oregon State. Adviser to more than eight Asian and Pacific Islander student organizations, Tsuneyoshi provides advising

and emotional support to dozens of students each year.

Although ASOSU cannot directly deal with university contractual agreements, senators formed an external inquiry committee to look further into the ways students' needs and concerns can be addressed throughout the Intercultural Student Services restructuring process.

Senators also heard updates from seven task force directors: Bryan Williamson, accessibility affairs; Cassie Huber, community affairs; Briana Tanaka, academic affairs; Julissa Rachor, multicultural affairs; Sam Kelly-Quattrocchi, queer affairs; Emily van Bronkhorst, women's affairs; and Jin Yin, international student affairs.

Two special committees also gave reports. Senators additionally unanimously passed Senate Bill 05.01 concerning the payment of SafeRide employees.

The ASOSU Senate has now adjourned until the beginning of winter term.

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Scammer puts family out of home

By Phil Wright
EAST OREGONIAN

PENDLETON — A family of four in Pendleton is scrambling to find a place to stay after a man duped them into a bogus rental deal.

Jasmine Weems, 22, said she and her mother along with Jasmine's newborn daughter and 4-year-old niece had 24 hours to be out of a house as winter hits.

"We gave him all of our money," she said. "Now we're going to have to start all over next month."

The family is so broke, she said, it lacks money to buy minutes for a cellphone.

Weems said her sister, Laura Weems, placed an ad on the website Craigslist seeking a place to rent for her and the family. A man named Matt McCarty of Portland responded, Jasmine Weems said, and claimed he had a home available at 646 N.W. Ninth St. on Pendleton's North Hill.

Jasmine Weems said she lived in Portland for the past couple of years but moved back to be with her family. She said her sister and niece live in Pendleton, but recently Laura Weems had to go into a Portland hospital because she suffered complications in her 30th week of pregnancy and will need surgery. So Jasmine Weems said she and "McCarty" met Sunday at Taco Bell in Pendleton to discuss renting the home.

He had rental applications, Weems said, and knew water and electricity were working at the house. Though McCarty said he lived in Portland, he drove right to the residence and took her and her baby girl inside.

McCarty wanted \$1,600 for first and last months' rent, she said, but the family had a

total of \$1,400 cash. He agreed to that and gave her the key. Weems said she thought the deal was done.

Monday afternoon Weems said she answered the front door, and a woman asked her why she was in the home. Property manager Pam Lebsock of Pendleton said she works for the man buying the property and was there to show the home to a possible tenant. She said she was surprised to find it occupied.

"I could not even believe it because I had just shown the place a week before," Lebsock said. "I felt like I was getting punked or something."

Lebsock called real estate broker Vicki Dick, who confirmed the owner has not approved any rental agreements. Lebsock also called Pendleton police, and after a long discussion, the parties decided the Weems had to leave because they were legally trespassing and the new owner wants to rent out the home. The Weems then had one day to relocate.

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts said officers don't have much to go on and have not been able to verify any claims. He said if police can make a case, this could be theft by deception. The East Oregonian also wasn't able to verify who McCarty was.

Dick and Lebsock said the Weems are the victims in this, but there were red flags, such as renting the property without a signed agreement. Still, the con man was slick, they said — he even changed locks on the house. Dick said in 38 years in the business this was a first.

"What it seems like, is this is a really well-thought-out scam," Lebsock said. "It's unconscionable. I was shaking my head — how can somebody do that?"

Weems said her mother was searching Tuesday for a place for them to stay, but she did not have answers about what they would do or where they would go.

"We just have to leave," she said. Lebsock said she also is trying to find a place for the Weems, even on a short-term basis.

"It's sad, it's just horrible," Lebsock said. "They seem like really nice people that got taken advantage of and ended up in a really bad situation."

The Weems were not the only locals facing scams. Here are some other cons and frauds police heard about Monday:

- An employee of Sterling Savings Bank, 1701 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton, told police at 12:13 p.m. an older customer could be a scam victim. The caller said the man was withdrawing large sums of money and claimed he would meet with an IRS agent. An officer talked to the man, who already purchased \$1,000 in prepaid Visa cards, as well as \$1,000 on Friday. The officer also called the suspect "Jessica," and told her to cease and desist.

- The man returned the bulk of his cash to his account, and police sent information about the case to state social services because this was the third time the man was a fraud victim.

- Hermiston police at 2:56 p.m. received a report of a person using two fake \$50 bills to buy an item via the Hermiston Classified Facebook webpage.

- And a woman at 3:01 p.m. told Pendleton police a person her father knows may be scamming him out of money. An officer talked to the father about the situation.

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Potential pot industry takes shape

By Sue Vorenberg
THE COLUMBIAN

VANCOUVER, Wash. — So far there are fewer people aiming to open pot stores in Clark County than the maximum number allowed, but that could change before the window closes on Dec. 19.

The state Liquor Control Board last week released a list of 929 applications to produce, process and sell marijuana that it has received since Nov. 18, when the application window opened.

Clark County is approved for 15 retail marijuana licenses, which will be determined by a lottery if the board ends up with more applicants than are allotted. There are no caps on the number of grower or processor licenses.

Through Nov. 26 the board received 158 retail store applications, including 10 from Clark County. It will license up to 334 pot shops total statewide.

The most applications so far — 444 of them statewide — were for growers, with 20 of those in Clark County. And there have been 327 applications to process marijuana, with 14 in Clark County, including some filed by people who also applied for grower's licenses.

There are no other applica-

tion windows planned after the Dec. 19 deadline, and board officials said they were unsure if there ever will be another one.

But it's a brave new industry, and some people who are thinking about applying are carefully watching as the start of the application process plays out.

Mike Carpenter, a 64-year-old Vancouver resident, said he's still thinking about applying for a sales license, but monetary concerns are giving him pause.

Licenses, when approved, will cost about \$1,000. It costs a bit more than \$250 to apply for each license, and that fee is not refundable. Plus there are many other costs associated with opening a business.

"Right now I'm just more finding out that I might not be able to do it anyway," Carpenter said. "Beyond the \$250, it's \$2,500 a month to lease the site I'm looking at, and I won't be able to open until at least May or June, probably later if the city government blocks it. It's a lot of money and a lot of obstacles to jump through — and you can lose your tail."

Carpenter has kept in touch with others looking into sites. While some have applied, others are rethinking the idea and looking for middle-man sorts of opportunities such as creat-

ing marijuana cruises, festivals or investment opportunities, he said.

"I think we'll see a lot of associated little businesses that may open up alongside this," Carpenter said. "That may be a better way. I don't want to have my investors lose their shirts because there's too much uncertainty."

Marty, who asked that her last name not be used because she's worried about the stigma of the industry, said she's still planning to apply for a grower's license in Vancouver.

The board has said it will keep the names of the applicants confidential — and just release the site information — until the licenses are approved, but after approval the names become public, which is the law.

"I haven't started my application yet," Marty said last week. "But I just haven't had time. I'm going to start it this weekend."

After hearing the numbers of applicants so far, she said she thinks maybe half of them will survive as the young market opens and works out its kinks. But that hasn't deterred her, she said.

"I'm a little scared on the taxation of the industry," Marty said. "But other than that I think I can do it — it's pretty straightforward."

Immigration advocates in Bend join call for immediate House vote

By Jordana Gustafson
OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

BEND — Advocates in Bend joined a national push Tuesday to bring comprehensive immigration reform to a vote on the U.S. House floor.

Over the weekend, President Obama visited a group of four immigration advocates who've been fasting on the National Mall for three weeks.

That group has ended its fast -- and passed the torch to others on the mall, including Democratic representative, Joe Kennedy of Massachusetts, who pledged not to eat for 24 hours.

Several activists across the country have joined the 24-hour fast in solidarity.

That includes Ron Werner, Jr. He's a youth pastor in Bend, where he says he works with about twenty students who live in fear that their parents will be deported.

"So to me it's a moral issue and a pastoral issue: keeping families together."

Werner joined about fifteen fellow protesters to deliver a petition to Oregon Congressman Greg Walden's office.

They're asking for an immediate vote in the U.S. House on immigration reform.

A spokesman for Walden says his office appreciates the input from the people of Oregon.

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the Oregon State University campus.

"I know a lot of places, presidents and provosts put out letters of season's greetings and that's fine, but you know, who wants a letter?" Ray said. "I think most people would rather have a little coffee with some flavored sweetener and whipped cream. So we're going for the prize instead of the gesture."

People lined up to get nametags and enter the lounge. Kelley DeCristina, an event coordinator for the office of University Events, estimated that 200 to 300 people were in the MU lounge at any given point during the event.

"It's probably comparable to last year," DeCristina said. "Last year we had around 700 people come."

The majority of the crowd was staff and faculty, with students coming and going as class schedules allowed.

Many of the guests were annual attendees, looking forward to the event as an opportunity to see peers and coworkers they don't see on a regular basis.

"I love having the fire going," said OSU employee Betsy Schiller. "It feels very festive."

Some guests had not been previously aware of the event and were simply drawn to the offering of free food and drinks.

When asked why they were attending the event, Lauren Adkins, Gail Cole and Sharece Bunn all responded, "Coffee."

"I literally got a text saying 'Get over here there's free coffee,'" said Adkins, a graduate teaching assistant in the Student Success Center. "So I wasn't really sure what this was, but it's great, I like it."

Cole, a second-year graduate student, added that the event had potential benefit for all of campus.

"(It can) relieve some stress for students and staff and faculty towards the end of the term," Cole said. "Giving them a chance to relax and mingle and have some sweets. That's pretty cool."

A few of the attendees agreed, saying that more should be done to promote the event and encourage faculty and students to attend.

"I wish that there would be a good understanding from managers to support and encourage employees and students to come and be a part of it," said Kristin Rifai, who works in the Business and Engineering Business Center. "Some people don't feel like they can leave their desks."

Rifai and her coworker, Tracey O'Brien, have attended the winter coffee event for the past three years and said it is a great event for the OSU community.

"I just think it's so wonderful for the president to once a year do something really nice," Rifai said. "It's really nice to get together and see people you don't normally see."

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The 11th annual president's winter coffee hosted an estimated 200-300 staff, faculty and students in the MU lounge.

FOOD

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house at the Benton-County fairgrounds was packed.

"We gave out every box on Monday," Gibson said. "We had to make more."

Volunteers quickly assembled more boxes until they ran out of cardboard, switching to plastic bags to provide for additional families during drop-in hours

Tuesday.

Despite the extra demand, the drive had collected enough food to go around.

"Everyone that we know that needed it got a box and a turkey," Gibson said.

There was even some leftover food, which was donated to Vina Moses for their similar annual holiday food drive that takes place in December.

Vina Moses has been giving away holiday food baskets since 1917. In addition to

food, the program also provides toys and clothes for children 12 and younger. Like the Thanksgiving food boxes, certain pieces of the meal that are perishable are provided by an outside source.

"We give them a food voucher for meat, depending on the size of the family," said Vina Moses volunteer Carol Cochran.

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KARPLUS

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ed numerous research projects.

"Our research is considered to be all basic research, which means that we're learning important things about protein molecules, specifically what the basic mechanisms are of these proteins and not particularly trying to design a specific drug or combat a specific disease," Karplus said. "The idea is that the more we learn about these things, the more we'll be able to figure out how to combat diseases."

Jim White, emeritus professor in the department of chemistry, nominated Karplus for the lifetime achievement award.

"I consider (Karplus) to be one of the leading molecular biologists, certainly on this campus," White said. "The way that he's brought an understanding to the way that proteins work as a result of his crystallographic studies is really very impressive."

White can think of relatively few people who do what Karplus does in such a rigorous way that brings understanding to

the field.

Karplus is not just solving the mysteries of protein structure, but also showing what these proteins are actually doing in living systems, according to White.

"He's been sort of under the radar a little bit here at OSU," White said.

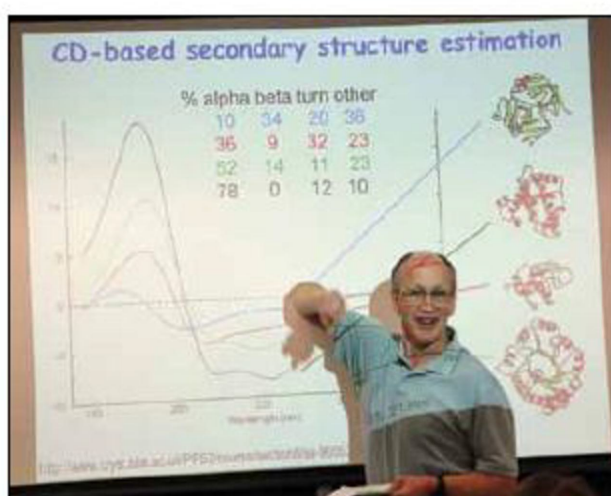
White felt that Karplus deserved recognition, and that this award was long overdue.

"Fortunately the selection committee agreed with me on this," White said.

The initial inspiration for Karplus' career goal started at the age of 6. His father was a physics professor at the University of California, Berkeley and Karplus wanted to be a professor just like him.

Karplus' uncle, Martin Karplus, received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry this year and as Nobel Prizes are being awarded this week, Karplus is currently en route to Stockholm.

"With this kind of prestige in the family, the expectations after winning his award ... are going to be very high now," White said. "He's someone with



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Professor Andrew Karplus has enjoyed sharing his passion for proteins and teaching with his students at Oregon State.

a very good future."

As an undergraduate student, Karplus had an organic chemistry professor who really made an impression on him and inspired him to think carefully about his major.

"I thought organic chemistry was so cool," Karplus said. "I loved it, but thought that it wasn't as relevant to life as I was wanting."

After Karplus realized that "biochemistry is all the cool science of organic chemistry and also has all the diversity and relevance of life," Karplus switched his major to biochemistry and transferred from UC Berkeley to the University of California, Davis.

It wasn't until his senior year that Karplus decided to begin his work on proteins and soon after fulfilled his desire to

become a professor.

"I became a professor because I love teaching, and research was a later edition to things that I enjoy," Karplus said.

The OSU lab Karplus works in is very collaborative.

"Karplus is a really great mentor with a lot of experience, which is in part of why I chose to join the lab," said Kelsey Kean, a member of the group and a Ph.D. student. "Karplus is very involved in outreach and in community service and not just involved in the sciences — he's very well-rounded."

The entire research group attended the recent award ceremony at Oregon Health Sciences University to honor Karplus' scientific lifetime achievements.

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Despite loss, Civil War revealed hope

Postgame interviews after Friday's Civil War began with a question about the success of the running game, which was directed at Oregon State junior quarterback Sean Mannion.

He had something else to say before getting into the details of the 36-35 loss to No. 12 Oregon.

"First of all," he began, "I'm just extremely, extremely proud of our team. Despite the loss, no one on our team quit the entire way. I couldn't be prouder to be a member of this team."

The Beavers played with heart. They played with determination. They played with a will to win that hadn't been there since the loss to Stanford at Reser Stadium on Oct. 26.

Mannion's statement was echoed by senior cornerback Rashaad Reynolds, junior running back Terron Ward and head coach Mike Riley.

Riley said to his players in the locker room after the game, "Now at least we can all look in the mirror and you can look at each other and be proud of your team."

The Beavers' 2013 season was a letdown. After a promising 6-1 start, they lost five in a row.

Sandwiched between the valiant, albeit losing, efforts against Stanford and Oregon were double-digit losses to USC, Arizona State and Washington.

The 69-27 loss to the Huskies (which was 48-0 through three quarters) was the wake-up call this team needed. It served as motivation for everyone to get back on track, reclaim their identity and play to their full capabilities.

"I was totally devastated by (the loss to Washington) — disappointed in myself, our staff, the team," Riley said. "It was absolutely essential we just come out and play good football, play hard. And I told them, 'Don't even look at the scoreboard until the end.'"

Friday's Civil War felt like one of those times when everything falls perfectly in place, against all odds.

The Ducks were 24-point favorites. They had been lapsing lately, with two losses in three games — something that hadn't happened since 2008. In spite of the losses, Oregon's biggest weakness was run defense; rushing offense was OSU's biggest weakness.

The Beavers hadn't been able to stop the run; running the ball has been the Ducks' bread and butter for the past few years.

Oregon won the previous five Civil Wars by an average of 20 points.

The facts didn't seem to matter because the Beavers didn't just come to compete. They came to win.

"I'm proud of my guys," Reynolds said. "We worked and we didn't give up. We got down early, 14-0, and I'm sure everybody else thought the game was over. But we kept pushing."

They outplayed the Ducks for four quarters. That is the true tragedy of the game. Oregon State was the better team, but Oregon's talent and ability to score quickly overpowered all that the Beavers brought.

The game-winning, 69-second drive to put the Ducks up by one point is a tough pill to swallow for OSU fans. The entire season is a tough pill to swallow.

But for a couple hours, that was all forgotten. For a couple hours, the

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Senior libero Becky Defoe readies for a dig against Stanford on Nov. 16. Defoe was the Beavers' only senior this season, and set the school record for career digs.

Defoe caps record-breaking career

Senior libero Becky Defoe finished her decorated career at Oregon State with the most digs in program history

By Sarah Kerrigan
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While the Oregon State women's volleyball team ended its season with a disappointing 0-20 record in Pac-12 play, the Beavers' lone senior Becky Defoe left the program on a positive note as one of the best liberos to play for the Beavers.

Defoe's road to Oregon State is an unusual one. A homegrown athlete from Bend, Defoe was homeschooled starting in seventh grade and never played club volleyball or on an organized team until her middle school years.

The vast majority of collegiate volleyball players, particularly those in the highly competitive Pac-12, started playing club volleyball at ages 12 to 13 at the latest.

"It is very unlikely to have someone who never played club volleyball," said head coach Terry Liskevych. "Not only are you playing collegiate volleyball at a (Division) I school, but to be successful like that in the Pac-12 ... is incredible."

Although Defoe never played club volleyball, she was always around the sport through her older sister Morgan.

"My sister played volleyball all through her life, club volleyball and everything," Defoe said. "She was my coach seventh grade year, so I grew

up around it, but I hadn't been on a team until seventh grade."

Despite being homeschooled, Defoe played for the local middle school, giving her just two years of experience before high school.

"It is interesting to have your sister teach you everything and then go to coaches who have no idea who you are," Defoe said.

Morgan Defoe was in the first generation of liberos — the sport didn't introduce the position until 1998. Morgan earned the starting spot at Summit High School and helped her sister do the same.

Becky Defoe impressed in her high school try-out, but coaches were concerned with her lack of knowledge of the game with only two years of middle school level play.

"My freshman year I almost didn't make the team because I hadn't played club volleyball, so none of the coaches knew me," Defoe said. "They gave me a shot and I made varsity the next year, so apparently it worked out."

Defoe played three sports in high school: volleyball, basketball and softball. She lettered in all three and originally was looking to pursue more than one of them at the collegiate level.

She thought she would have to play at a Division II or III school. It wasn't until Oregon State began recruiting her high school teammate and current OSU outside hitter Kelsey Zimmerman that Defoe considered Division I volleyball.

"We were looking at Kelsey Zimmerman and Becky was on the same team, so we were fortunate to find her that way," Liskevych said. "We were really impressed with Becky's athleticism, attitude and self-starter nature."

Her recruitment was a swift process, and Defoe ended up coming in the spring term of her senior year of high school.

"I didn't actually know for sure if I was coming here until a week before spring term started senior year of high school," Defoe said.

Once in Corvallis, she hit the ground running, competing head to head with sophomore Alyssa O'Neil for the spot of libero, the defensive specialist, for the coming fall season.

Defoe earned the position and only continued to learn and improve under the direction of then-volunteer coach Emily Hiza.

"Emily has really worked with Becky to get her to where she is," Liskevych said. "She took Becky under her wing and really spurred Becky to be the great libero she is today."

The hard work paid off, as Defoe broke the school record for most digs in a single season two different times.

In her sophomore year, Defoe broke the previous record of 484, tallying 555 in all. She then broke her own record the next year with 591 digs.

While Defoe didn't top her record for a third time this year, she did set the record for most digs

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Terron Ward

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While Oregon State narrowly lost to No. 12 Oregon, 36-35, Friday in Eugene, junior running back Terron Ward sparked a Beaver rushing attack that had been lacking all season.

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Athlete of the Week

The Antioch, Calif., native was able to pick up major yardage all game, including key moments in the fourth quarter.

Ward carried the ball 17 times for 145 yards total and racked up 21 receiving yards and a touchdown in what was his best game of the season.

Sophomore Storm Woods added 73 yards and a touchdown, and freshman Victor Bolden ran for 33 yards and another touchdown of his own to round out OSU's rushing attack.

The Beavers totaled 231 rushing yards in all, their highest total this year and 145 more than their season average of 86.

Ward leads Oregon State in rushing with 501 yards on the season and has also scored four touchdowns. His 145 yards Friday were the second most in his career, only one yard shy of his previous best of 146 against Arizona State last season.

The junior was announced an All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention on Monday.

With a record of 6-6, Oregon State is bowl eligible for the second straight season.

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The Daily Barometer Fantasy Football

Week X

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.



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Warner Strausbaugh: editor-in-chief, football columnist



The Fearsome Freshman CHAMPION 7-3

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



There's a Storm Brewing 6-4

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



Cummings up Roses 0-10

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

Mannion: 20
Carey: 21
Gaffney: 24
Evans: 1
Richardson: 5
York: 25
Addison: 4
Clute: 5
Gonzalez: 16
OSU: -1



QB - Denker: 21
RB - Sankey: 30
RB - Woods: 16
WR - Cooks: 11
WR - Strong: 20
FLEX - Jack: 6
FLEX - Anderson: 9
TE - Seferian-Jenkins: 11
K - Romaine: 11
D/ST - USC: -5

QB - Mariota: 28
RB - Thomas: 14
RB - Ward: 22
WR - Mullaney: 0
WR - Lee: 6
FLEX - Tyner: 20
FLEX - Huff: 36
TE - Smith: 8
K - Oliver: 5
D/ST - Stanford: 10



QB - Kelly: 20
RB - Grice: 0
RB - Allen: 21
WR - Agholor: 3
WR - Hatfield: 0
FLEX - Gilmore: 0
FLEX - Montgomery: 4
TE - Hamlett: 0
K - D'Amato: 0
D/ST - Oregon: 6

Total: 120

Total: 130

Total: 149

Total: 54

It was a good run.

I'm a little speechless right now about this most unfortunate of losses — especially knowing there is going to be a plethora of trash talk from my counterpart.

I compared this championship game to the 2007 Super Bowl between the Patriots and Giants. It looks like it was an apt comparison.

Many of my players gave it their all. More than 20 points from Sean Mannion, Tyler Gaffney and Ka'Deem Carey has been the status quo all year. Even late-season pickups Kelvin York and Zane Gonzalez came to play.

I didn't lose this championship. Josh just won it.

I don't think Bishop Sankey has stopped running since the first quarter of the game against OSU. Neither has Steve Sarkisian.

This concludes my career in the Barometer Pac-12 fantasy league. I guess it's fitting for Josh to win this year, as he is a part of the bright future of the Barometer for years to come.

Props to the young freshman for taking over this team midseason and leading it to the Promised Land.

I still maintain that my team has been the best on this two-year run, but you can't win 'em all.

Dun-Duuunnn-da-dun-dun-DUN-dun..... (celebratory and ceremonial-sounding music playing.)

I would like to convey two themes in my championship acceptance speech. And yes, that's right, I won the 'ship. No natty for Oregon, yes natty for Josh.

First off, I won. Everything. All of it. I now have all the glory of winning a four-member Pac-12 fantasy league with a team of players I didn't even draft myself. Beat that.

On the other hand, I would like to extend my condolences to Warner and Andrew, and to a lesser degree, Mitch.

They put as much effort into this fantasy league as is normal. So like, a little bit of effort.

And Mitch deserved at least one win this season. I mean, we couldn't even give him one win this year? Oh well.

To be fair, I only won by 10 points this week. In the Arizona-ASU game, Jaalen Strong had a 61-yard TD catch that gave me 12 points. Had that play not happened, I would be wallowing in shame right now with the prospects of having to listen to Warner gloat for the rest of the year.

Alas, all the gloating will be mine as I have now claimed the first of what I expect to be many championship rings. I do get a ring for this, right?

I see how it is. The week after I get eliminated I drop 149? Really?

I had given up on this league and vowed to give it no more thought. I had lost and was bitter.

But then that happened. I won by 95 points. NINETY-FIVE.

That might be the biggest win in Pac-12 fantasy football history. I hope Mitch is embarrassed because that was a pathetic showing: both this past week and all season.

Still, I'm kind of mad it played out this way. That 149-point outburst just shows me that I did in fact have the best team all season, they just decided to choke when I needed them most.

It's my own fault, I admit. You should never put any amount of faith into someone affiliated with the University of Oregon. I basically drafted their whole roster and paid the price.

No, I didn't win in my final season of Barometer Pac-12 fantasy football, but I didn't get last either.

I don't care what the results say or what the rest of the world thinks. I'm the best owner and had the best team.

I put no stake into Josh winning because he joined mid-season. I would have been in the championship game and slaughtered Warner.

This season has an asterisk. I'm the best of all time. #HYFR

I guess it's fitting that I lost by that much — it's a perfect representation of how my season has gone.

Absolutely nothing has gone right since draft day. When I originally drafted De'Anthony Thomas, he was supposed to be my number one scorer. But in our first week of play, he sprained his ankle in his game's opening kickoff and didn't score a single point for me until week five.

Even without him my team was still competitive, but every week I played against someone who had an amazing game. Whether it was Andrew, Warner or Josh, my opponent had the highest point total of the week for four consecutive weeks.

The losses started piling up, and so did injuries to my team. In addition to De'Anthony, Kevin Cummings, the titular receiver, broke his wrist more than a month ago, and Connor Hamlett was slowed by three separate knee injuries.

Add to all that my poor draft strategy and here we are.

I started off this year as a replacement for former Barometer sports reporter, Alex Crawford. Last year, Crawford led his team to a 0-9 record, so I figured I had a pretty good chance of doing better than he did.

Whoops. I had incredibly small shoes to fill, but I still couldn't fill them. Crawford at least won his consolation game last year.

Anyway, congratulations to Andrew for winning a meaningless game against a terrible team.

And good for you for playing the entire Ducks' offense on Civil War week.



Kelvin York (RB)

31 carries, 132 yards, 2 TDs (25 fantasy points)



Bishop Sankey (RB)

34 carries, 200 yards, 1 TD (30 fantasy points)



Josh Huff (WR)

9 receptions, 186 yards, 3 TDs (36 fantasy points)



Javorius Allen (RB)

20 carries, 123 yards, 1 TD (21 fantasy points)

DEFOE

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by a senior with 511.

In the process, Defoe became just the 10th player in conference history to accumulate 2,000 digs in her collegiate career.

She reached 2,000 in the third-to-last game of the season against Utah, eventually ending the season and her career with a grand total of 2,029.

"To be in that 2,000 club is amazing," Liskevych said. "She is certainly someone that is going to be missed next year — big shoes to fill for people vying for that position."

While replacing one of the most decorated athletes in program history is an issue for the future, the Beavers are happy to have had Defoe the past four years. Though she'll move on, her records will remain.

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Senior libero Becky Defoe (right) congratulates teammates after a point against Stanford in Gill Coliseum on Nov. 16.

STRAUSBAUGH

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Beavers were playing the best they've played all year and doing it in against one of the best teams in the nation — a team that OSU fans have wanted to see go down in the Civil War for six years.

I've often compared the Ducks-Beavers rivalry to the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry. The Yankees pulverized the Red Sox for years, especially when the two teams played each other.

In an eight-year span from 1996-2003, the Yankees won seven division titles, made six World Series appearances and won four of them. The Red Sox had not won a World Series since 1918.

Red Sox fans began to loathe the Yankees to an unhealthy point. They enjoyed when the Yankees lost more than when the Red Sox won.

In 2003, the Red Sox had a three-run lead in the eighth inning of the deciding Game Seven of the American League Championship Series. They blew that lead and lost the game on a walk-off home run in the 11th

inning.

Friday's Civil War felt like that 2003 game. The Beavers had the lead with less than two minutes on the clock and watched it slip away. It was just another win for the Ducks — another game beating the Beavers.

But it was a heartbreaking tragedy for the Beavers and their fans.

A year after that loss in New York, the Red Sox finally beat the Yankees in the ALCS and won their first World Series in 86 years. They won again in 2007 and this year.

Forget OSU's five consecutive losses and the disappointment of this season. The Beavers showed something special in Autzen Stadium.

The game didn't end with triumph, but it showed that the best is yet to come for this team.

The season is coming to a close, but a year from now, everyone may just be in shock and awe of what can change in 365 short days.

Hope is what the Beavers needed. They got it Friday.

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Editorial

Burglaries frustrating for many reasons

Some Oregon State University staff reported burglarized offices on campus Monday.

Not only did the thieves take a laptop, IDs, wallets and credit cards, they used the credit cards to run out and buy stuff.

First of all, rude. Offices are sacred territory in academia.

Mostly, though, this is a state university. No one here is making top dollar, at least not to our knowledge.

Stealing from staff is just cruel.

If there's anything we've learned from all the heist movies, crime capers and anti-hero noirs we watched during our formative years, it's to not dump where you eat.

Go after someone with enough to make it worth the jail time.

Not that we're encouraging illegal activities. We aren't.

But if your story won't make a good movie, or stand up to a critical literary discussion of a character's backstory, it might be a good idea to rethink your decision.

We got a timely warning Tuesday about the Monday thefts, though we feel the warnings not to approach suspects resembling the extremely vague descriptions of the alleged suspects may invoke more paranoia than caution.

All we have to go off of is essentially gender, skin color and height. Essentially, we're supposed to avoid a truckload of people.

We understand that the descriptions the Oregon State Police got were probably pretty vague.

We agree that the information should be shared with the public.

We just want to point out that even with the suspect descriptions, our justice system operates on the assumption that everyone is innocent until proven guilty.

So just because you know or see people who match the physical description doesn't mean they're guilty. Especially since the last-known use of the stolen credit cards was in Tigard, not Corvallis.

Even though it's dead week and the last thing we all want to do is learn, there's a lesson in this. OSU isn't a scary campus, but that doesn't mean that if you leave your stuff lying around someone won't take advantage of it.

People aren't angels. College students maybe less so than most.

Trusting in someone's inherent goodness when it comes to committing violence against others or stepping up to save lives is one thing. Trusting broke, debt-ridden college students to resist apparently golden opportunities is a whole other situation, as much as we would like to pretend otherwise.

We're going to college to learn, to get smarter, to gain real-life experience. That doesn't mean we're all there yet. It also doesn't mean we're all awesome, trustworthy people.

As much as it sucks, we can't always trust other people. Lock your doors, protect your stuff and keep your wallets safe if you want them to still be there when you get back.

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Dead week causes brain death for this OSU student

Dead week seems to have digressed drastically from its original objective — giving students time to prepare for finals week.

Now, it seems like finals threaten to impede our precious pre-finals study time, which is not OK.

In the article "Dead Week a killer for students studying for finals," Dan Reimold writes that dead week's designated purpose — to give students time to study and prepare for finals — is mostly a myth.

Apparently, dead week has always been plagued with due dates for projects, papers and make-up assignments.

This makes little to no sense. If you should happen upon Oregon State University's Final Examination



Gabi Scottaline

Policy, you'd see that it clearly states any "final examination shall not be given during 'dead week.'"

I don't know if I've ever experienced a dead week without some sort of final exam disguised as a project, portfolio or essay. This aspect of the week before finals has reversed my understanding of it. To me, dead week has never meant, "take a break and study up."

I've always understood its moniker held a zombie-like spin, forcing

good stress to turn into bad stress, ultimately turning the entire week into a hell on earth.

Dramatic? I think not.

But take comfort in the fact that sometimes faculty takes a little break before finals. However, this break is often at the expense of their students, whether they realize it or not. Some professors take it as an opportunity to sit back and make us do presentations.

But the last — and I mean last — thing I want to do is prepare and be nervous for a presentation the week before I have finals to take.

Maybe professors think they're doing us a huge favor by assigning us big projects on dead week so that we can have finals week free and clear. But perhaps they forget that we still

have other classes during dead week, and turning in assignments and participating is expected in those classes too.

If my professors decide to do me the same favors next term, I may not have the brainpower to graduate.

Maybe we can pick a strategy and stick to it. Finals week should be dedicated to taking exams and turning in projects, essays, exams and portfolios. In turn, dead week should be a time to prepare for those things. This way, perhaps a little order could be restored to the seething madness of dead week.

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Healthy tips to help you survive dead week with sanity intact

You feel that? The general numbness in the limbs, the subtle-yet-constant pounding in your cranium of a million and one things to do, the urge to start laughing hysterically and pull out clumps of hair, the desire to eat all the Cheetos in the world and cravings for anything with a hint of caffeine in it, the wafting scent of fried brains moving through the library?

Welcome to dead week, folks.

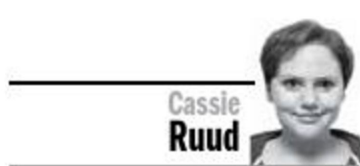
Although it comes only once a term, with an appetizer course of midterms to give you a good taste

for it, dead week seems to have this general air of desperation about it because you can see the light at the end of the pitch-black term tunnel — but you can also see all the things you need to do to get to the end of the tunnel.

And they are myriad. At this point, it would be easy to start putting faith in the old adage, "Some quit, some turn to drugs and alcohol."

But this doesn't need to be a solution.

Listed below are a few common sense and healthy options to pursue



Cassie Ruud

in these two weeks to avoid burnout. Through trial and error over the years, these are the ones that have helped me survive the end of each term.

Step one: sleep.

During dead week it can be incredibly easy to take sleep for granted and try to fit 25 hours of school work in a 24-hour day by forgoing it.

This will burn you out. Think of it like going on a road trip — just because your car can reach 200 mph in 60 seconds doesn't mean that you should drive your car like that all the way to the end point. You'd run out of gas, and it would be hard on the engine if it doesn't kill it completely.

This may be an oversimplification — but the American Psychological Association suggests that folks get at least six to eight hours of sleep a night. It helps if you don't drink caffeinated beverages in the afternoon or evening and try to develop a regular ritual to help the Sandman along, though setting routines that last through dead week is understandably difficult.

Step two: eat good things for your body.

Good food has essential nutrients your body needs. Although a brief sugar rush might work as rocket fuel to get you through a study session, it won't be enough to sustain you.

You will crash and it will hurt.

Stress also lowers your body's immunity, and this can leave you vulnerable to illness. Being sick during dead week is no good for you, your classmates or your grades.

A suggestion from Health Topics from the University of Rochester says that packing snacks to nom on throughout the day — especially healthy ones — will help prevent feelings of sluggishness, the inability to concentrate, headaches and decreased hand-eye coordination. These symptoms are your body telling you that it needs energy. It's easy to put your body's needs on the back burner, but it's smarter and healthier to put some chicken noodle soup on the back burner instead.

Step three: take a break.

Dr. Neville Owen of the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute in Melbourne, Australia, estimates that people are sitting 15.5 hours per day on average. That's a long time to not move the big muscles in the lower half of your body, and it can also wreak havoc on your wrists.

So when you start feeling like your gray matter is going to catapult right out of your ears, stand up and go for a stroll around the block. Go get a coffee (if it's not too late in the day). Text a friend.

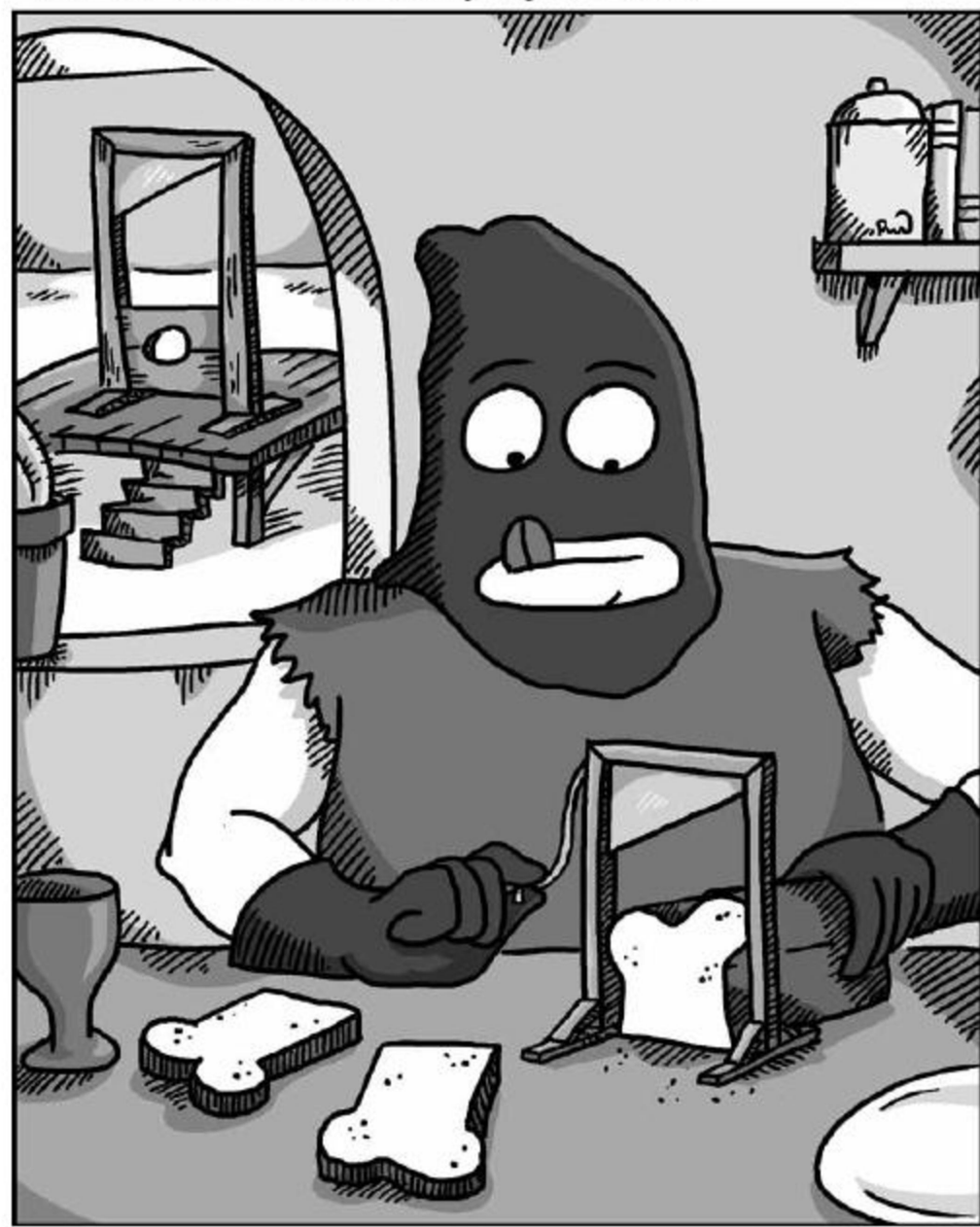
Just do something to remind your brain and your body that you are an evolutionary miracle, a bipedal creature designed to marathon after water buffalo. Keep that up for about five to 10 minutes and try to do it once every hour to half hour.

Dead week can be your own personal hell or it can be a victory over stress and the frazzled-college-student stereotype.

Basically, it boils down to taking care of yourself.

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A hands-on education for hands-on students

By Rob Manning

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PORTLAND — It's not often that Oregon legislators approve spending millions on something without a single "no" vote. But that happened earlier this year, when lawmakers created a \$9 million fund to expand career-technical programs in Oregon schools.

The goal was to put more students to work, like 19-year-old Kacy Robinson, who went from being a summer intern at a North Portland shipyard to working there full time. Robinson says his new status allows him freer reign in the workspaces of his company, Vigor Industrial.

"When it came to cutting any of the metal, I wasn't allowed to just because of the fear of anything happening, really," Robinson said.

Officials at Vigor say union rules dictate what interns can and can't do. Robinson and two other summer interns who were hired full-time are now with the Boilermakers Local 104.

Robinson landed at Vigor through a program called "Pathways to Manufacturing." It takes students who've gotten hands-on skills in shop classes and helps them get ready for the job market, with lessons about interviews, resumes, and so on.

Last summer, Pathways had its first cohort of industrial interns.

As summer turned to fall, several interns became employees — earning as much as \$800 a week.

Eighteen-year-old Jonathan Suarez says he enjoys getting up before dawn for work.

"You get to stand on one of the ships, and watch the sun rise, and the clouds are turning red and everything. It's amazing. It's great," he explained.



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Centennial High School junior, Leon Artemenko, stands next to a row of lathes and machines in the school metal shop.

Suarez says he didn't know about the North Portland shipyards a year ago. Executives at Vigor are grateful to have him.

"Not only is there a lack of people that are out there that are skilled enough, but our average age is roughly 50," said Sue Haley, who directs human resources at Vigor. "Lots of people retiring, lots of people with loads of skills," Haley said.

The skills Haley is talking about came from places like Centennial High School's metal shop, the kind of facility that is becoming a rarity among Oregon schools.

The Oregon Department of Education counts 40 percent fewer career-technical programs since 2000.

State-level observers say the decline in career education mirrors the increased focus on standardized tests and core academics.

Mark Watts says those priorities are not what attracts students to his shop classes.

"I've never heard a kid ever say to me 'I love coming to school because I can't wait to come to English,' now that's not a slam on English or math, because it's important, but this is the carrot," Watts said.

Oregon graduates about 66 percent of its high school students. Education researchers say that falling behind on credits can lead students to give up and drop out.

That was almost the path for junior Leon Artemenko.

"My freshman year, I got bad grades and stuff. Then, when I started going to metals, my sophomore year, it motivated me to start going to school more and stuff," he said.

Vice Principal Zach Ramberg says he sees a broader pattern from students like Artemenko.

"I don't care if you're into choir, if you're into drama, if you're into metal shop, if you're into speech — whatever that connection is, whatever that involvement is, we see those same correlations," Ramberg said.

Students who come through metal shop tend to agree on one point: they want to work with their hands.

Centennial senior Jordan Johnson has wired motors and welded together a small catapult. He's hoping to land an internship through Pathways, or apprenticeship with electricians.

He's intent on being the first in his family to graduate high school. But college?

No thanks.

Johnson said, "I'd like to not have to pay student loans, and I would like to not have to do as much of the schooling, especially since I'm not as good at the other parts, like English and math, well, I'm pretty good at math, but, like, English and the other classes that I'd have to take."

Eventually, Pathways officials want to place several dozen interns a year. But there are obstacles to a bigger pipeline.

Aaron Bouchane is with Impact Northwest, a non-profit that's acted as the bridge between schools and industry. Bouchane says big companies like Vigor, Daimler, Gunderson, and Columbia Steel are on board. But he also wants the Portland area's smaller builders.

"Some of the outreach that we've done has proven to illustrate that they also have some of the same workforce issues as some of the larger companies," Bouchane said.

The school side has its limits, too. Shop programs — and teachers — are in short supply. Business and school officials say they need to work together to update shop programs, partly to balance technical instruction and hands-on experience.

Police continue to investigate West Linn High School pot case

By Kristian Foden-Vencil

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WEST LINN — Police have arrested three men in an alleged pot ring at West Linn High School, and more arrests may follow.

Investigators say two former West Linn High School students, 20 and 21 years old, respectively, were allegedly supplying in excess of a pound of marijuana a week to the school, with deals being done during school hours.

Police say the third suspect, who is 51, hired students to tend his marijuana growing operation and paid them in pot.

"We identified numerous high school students in the West Linn High School that have either possessed, been given or purchase marijuana from these three individuals who were recently arrested," said Chief of Police Terry Timeus.

Current high school students were involved in the operation, Timeus said.

The principal of West Linn High School said he can't comment on an on-going police investigation.

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