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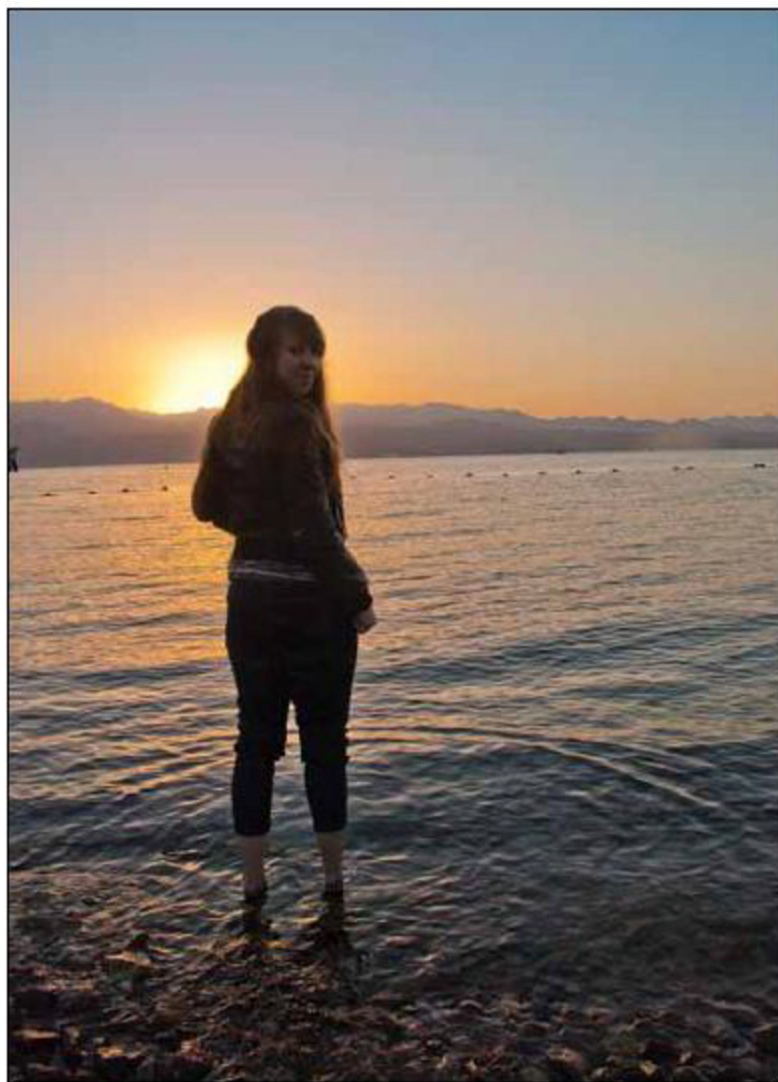
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Water: The bridge to peace



COURTESY OF JULIE WATSON

Julie Watson, a Ph.D. candidate in the department of geography, stands in the Red Sea to watch sunrise after visiting the Arava Institute in southern Israel.

■ Oregon State students, researcher travel around the world to study water resources, conflict resolution

By **Dacotah-Victoria Splichalova**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The water resources graduate program at Oregon State University offers a fresh approach to communication, negotiation and conflict resolution of heated global disputes over seemingly murky waters.

"Water. It's that one thing (that) connects everybody together," said Julie Watson, a Ph.D. candidate with an emphasis on water resources and environmental justice in the department of geography. "If we learn everything we can about water, we can be problem solvers, conflict resolvers and work toward bettering human rights and achieving the end of suffering."

Watson, who has always had a strong interest in international politics and problem solving, strives to make a difference in the world.

She came to OSU to earn a master's degree in the water resources policy management program, which is housed in the water resources graduate program.

Aaron Wolf, a professor professor of geography in the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences and an internationally recognized tour-de-force on global water negotiations, is Watson's graduate adviser.

Wolf's research focuses on assessing conflict and cooperation in water resources. This work takes him all over the world. Throughout recent years, Wolf has carried out extensive negotiations in Israel, Palestine and Jordan.

Wolf has measured all the trans-boundary basins of the world (water sources that cross borders). He found that two-thirds of the interactions over water are cooperative rather than conflict-riddled.

According to Watson, this was a big deal. Former UN Secretary General Kofi Anan made a statement back in 2000 that "there would be wars over water in the future."

"Are there going to be water wars?" was the question Wolf sought to answer.

Wolf's findings revealed that, in fact, people tend to cooperate more than not on issues surrounding water.

Water acts as a bridge for dialogues to commence on alternate issues such as human rights, agricultural practices and creating sustainable peacebuilding methods.

Teaming with Wolf's ground-breaking conclusions, Watson's current Ph. D. research addresses the questions, "If people are

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EMMA-KATE SCHAAAKE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Corvallis Mayor Julie Manning poses outside of Samaritan Health Services.

Mayor will not seek re-election

■ Julie Manning to end run as Corvallis mayor in December, will continue to work on numerous local projects

By **Emma-Kate Schaaake**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Corvallis Mayor Julie Manning announced Monday that she will not run for re-election after her four-year term ends this coming December.

In addition to acting as mayor, a volunteer position, Manning is the vice president for marketing, public relations and development at Samaritan Health Services. When she became mayor, she reduced her hours with Samaritan Health. Once she has finished with her mayoral term, she plans to increase back to full time in her position at the Samaritan Health.

While she has enjoyed her term, participating fully in both positions is no small task and the balance became a major reason Manning decided not to run again next fall.

Manning said she had much to learn over the course of the term and has gained from her service as mayor.

"It is a tremendously interesting and rewarding job in many ways," Manning said. "I'm continuing to learn new things every day."

Manning plans to move full-speed ahead in the following year, still continuing to serve on the board for League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments. This year she will also serve as the Finance and Taxation Policy Committee for the League of Oregon Cities, as well as keeping up with her other duties as mayor.

Manning said she has enjoyed her term so far and is proud of the progress that she and the City Council have made on significant issues.

One of the City Council goals was to increase participation between Oregon

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Undeclared students find guidance in exploratory studies

■ UESP helps students explore interests, stay on track for graduation

By **Kaitlyn Kohlenberg**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Heading into his freshman year at Oregon State University, Jason Kohler had a strong passion for music. Having been a disc jockey since high school, Kohler enrolled in OSU's music department.

Within the first few days of classes, though, Kohler realized that the classical music training mandated by the music program would not take him in the direction he wanted.

"Immediately, like the first day of class, they were going over notes of music and sheet music,"

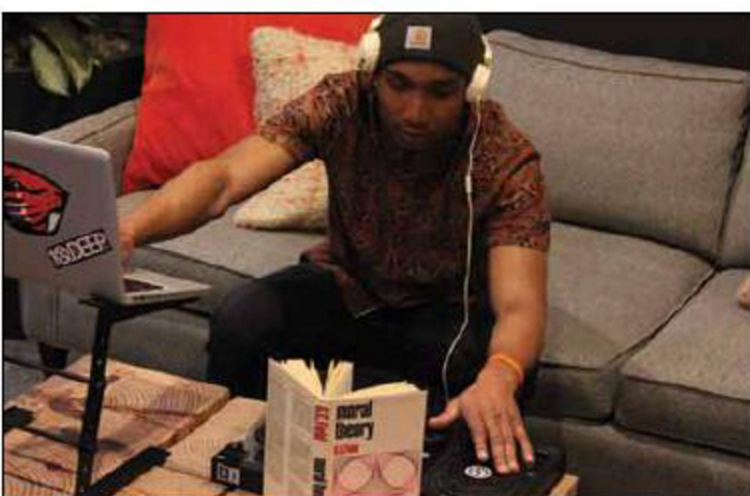
Kohler said. "As a person that creates music on a computer and then plays other people's music, reading sheet music isn't going to help me. I can still make a song, I just don't know that the sound I made was an E flat."

Kohler said the transition to UESP went smoothly and the advisers quickly jumped in to help him set goals and course schedules based on his interests.

One year later, Kohler is getting ready to declare as a new media communications major.

"Anything with music and stuff like that has a great deal of media involved," Kohler said. "NMC would not only give me ideas of how to get (my music) out there through the different forms of media, but also ways

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JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University student Jason Kohler pairs his interest for music and media. He plans to declare a degree in new media communications.

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Sunday, December 22

Creative ways to make money

A woman at the Good Samaritan Hospital claimed to be pregnant with twins and going into labor. After several tests, doctors at the hospital determined she was not pregnant. However, the hospital started receiving phone calls and flowers directed to the woman. Corvallis police are looking into a fraudulent case.

Monday, December 30

Worst. Cat-sitter. Ever.

A concerned man called Corvallis police about a disturbance with his pet cat. The man was gone for two weeks on vacation while a friend looked after his cats. When he returned home, one feline continued to hiss and claw at the man and his family. The family felt the situation was too uncomfortable and had the cat transported to the Heartland Humane Society by officers.

Wednesday, January 1

Peacock: The dream New Year's



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

Around 1:16 a.m. employees of the Peacock Bar and Grill called Corvallis police to settle a dispute. Police took Devlin Junker, 22, into custody after allegedly fighting with the security staff for an unknown reason. Officers transported him to Benton County Jail where he was booked for disorderly conduct II.

Thursday, January 2

The public fight club

A bystander witnessed two males allegedly fighting in the middle of the street, stopping traffic, near the 900 block of Ninth Street. Upon arrival, Corvallis police cited the aggressor, a 26-year-old

male, for disorderly conduct II after he started the fight and tried to enter a vehicle that drove by.

Friday, January 3

Alternative entry

Corvallis police witnessed David Wheaton, 31, allegedly forcing his way into a residence through a window on the 2000 block of Garfield Avenue at 10:16 p.m. Four people inside the building said he was very argumentative. Residents kicked Wheaton out after he tried to fight them. He was arrested for disorderly conduct I and criminal mischief II.

Saturday, January 4

Driver's education

A man was trying to teach his 26-year-old wife how to drive when she accidentally pushed the gas and crashed into Greg's Auto Repair on Wake Robin Avenue. Medical staff then had to transport her to Good Samaritan Hospital due to minor injuries.

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A smokin' good time

Male students gathered together to share "first-eats and drinks" and good conversation at the annual "smoker" held in the Oregon National Guard Armory. Students studying engineering and forestry smoked cigars while listening to speeches, quartet performances and readings from prominent college administrators and officials. The "big event of the year" also included "the usual stunts necessary for a good smoker:" boxing and wrestling.

— Jan. 8, 1913

Battle of the Beavers

The basketball season kicked off with a rousing game between the young Oregon Agricultural College varsity squad and a team made up of alumni. The former star players lost the game 58-12 due to "lack of condition and old age." The game was the first of its kind at OAC and was officiated by both a referee and an umpire. Admission to the matchup cost spectators 25 cents.

— Jan. 9, 1914

From bachelor to bronze medals

OSU student Jean Saubert represented America in the giant slalom event in Grindelwald, Switzerland, during the pre-Olympic tryouts. Saubert finished the 1,100 meter run in 1:37, beating the favored Marielle Goitschel of France by four seconds. Saubert went on to win both a bronze and a silver medal in the 1964 Winter Olympics, held in Innsbruck, Austria.

— Jan. 10, 1964

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Senate ponders plans for term, available seats

Senators offer ideas, plans for action, discuss open position after starting the meeting 15 minutes late due to difficulty meeting quorum

By **Tori Hitner**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Associated Students of Oregon State University Senate met Tuesday night to discuss potential plans and ideas for the remainder of the term.

Five senators attended the meeting, which was called to order at 7:15 p.m. after a delay in meeting quorum.

Senate president Victoria Redman announced the need for fulfillment of several open positions. A legislative liaison with the Student and Incidental Fees Committee is required, particularly during the upcoming budget season, which begins in February. The ASOSU liaison has no voting rights on the committee but exists to provide open communication between the two organizations and protect the system of checks and balances.

In addition, Redman asked senators to recruit students interested in serving on the Student Conduct Hearing Committee. Redman said the position requires "mature students who are willing to take on the responsibility" of serving as an occasional unbiased student jury of sorts.

Senators also discussed potential goals and plans for the remainder of the term, several of which involve the completion of actions instigated in fall term.

Several senators mentioned the need for wrapping up actions regarding a Student Bill of Rights and the OSU Divest resolution, which calls for the OSU Foundation's divestment from fossil fuels.

In addition, senators mentioned the implementation of clicker question surveys and a desire to increase awareness of the ongoing tuition plateau.

Standing committee chairs from the student outreach committee and OSU Divest special committee provided reports and updates since last term.

Senate will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union 211. All students are welcome to attend and sit in the gallery.

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Less than 100 cite PTSD for marijuana application

By **Anna Staver**
STATESMAN JOURNAL
statesmanjournal.com

SALEM — Despite some lawmakers' fears of widespread abuse, less than 100 people have applied for medical marijuana cards citing post traumatic stress disorder as the reason.

"We can't provide an exact number because it's low enough to where we risk identifying people," said Jonathan Modie, Oregon Health Authority spokesman.

The Legislature passed a bipartisan bill during the 2013 session that added PTSD, an anxiety disorder that occurs in people who have experienced a traumatic event, as the 10th qualifying condition for the use of medical marijuana.

Critics of the bill, including Sen. Fred Girod, R-Stayton, warned that adding PTSD would lead to false claims of trauma and abuse of the

system.

But the limited number of applicants seems to support beliefs held by Sen. Brian Boquist, R-Dallas, a co-sponsor of the bill.

"Several veteran constituents requested the bill, but at no point did I think it would be very widespread," Boquist said.

Oregon allows medical marijuana use for patients with certain debilitating medical conditions such as cancer, glaucoma, Alzheimer's disease, HIV and AIDS. Senate Bill 281 made Oregon the fourth state in the nation behind New Mexico, Delaware and Connecticut to approve cannabis as a treatment for PTSD.

Boquist said he supported medical marijuana for PTSD because he sees it as a temporary bridge that could alleviate symptoms in the short term, while long-term treatments are developed.

"The federal VA has been struggling for years with its depression and mental health procedures ... They have, or had, simply placed veterans on a variety of drugs as it was a cheap answer," Boquist said. "As they move away from this type of policy to a treatment policy, the number of veterans requiring drugs will decrease, hopefully."

The federal government classifies marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance, which means it doesn't recognize any medical uses. However, the Department of Veterans Affairs allows patients to use medical marijuana in states where it's legal.

People with PTSD had 90 days before the law took effect Jan. 1 to submit applications to the Health Authority because the agency can take up to 14 business days to process an application. Modie said this allowed people to begin using

medical marijuana Jan. 1.

"Applications are slow," Modie said. "There hasn't been a rush."

Oregon medical marijuana cards issued

These are the numbers of medical marijuana cards issued by condition in Oregon as of Jan. 1, 2014:

- 60,915 issued for severe pain
 - 16,265 issued for persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to those caused by multiple sclerosis
 - 9,322 issued for nausea
 - 2,889 issued for cancer
 - 1,540 issued for seizures, including but not limited to epilepsy
 - 1,156 issued for cachexia
 - 1,031 issued for glaucoma
 - 752 issued for HIV+/AIDS
 - 78 issued for agitation related to Alzheimer's disease
- Source: Oregon Health Authority

Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Meetings
Recreational Sports, 9-10am, Dixon Recreation Center Conference Room. Board of Recreational Sports meeting. Budget review.

Events
School of Biological & Population Sciences, 4pm, 11B Women's Building. Intermediate and advanced dancers with modern, ballet and/or jazz experience are invited to audition for a one-credit Jazz III course in preparation for the 35th annual Oregon Dance Concert on April 18-19.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Meetings
Recreational Sports, 1-2pm, Dixon Recreation Center Conference Room. Board of Recreational Sports meeting. Budget review.

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Modification of Species - A discussion.

Monday, Jan. 13

Speakers
Science Pub Corvallis, 6-8pm, Old World Deli, 341 SW 2nd St. Living with HIV/AIDS: A Medical Success Story. Dr. Sugat Patel, Good Samaritan Infectious Disease Clinic, will discuss trends in HIV/AIDS and how he and his colleagues treat people in the mid-Willamette Valley.

Events
International Students of OSU, 4:30-6pm, MU Lounge. Coffee Hour. Come enjoy international food, mingle with other OSU and international students and become culturally aware.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Prayer and Healing - A discussion.

Events
International Students of OSU, 5pm, International Resource Center in the MU. The Danger of a Single Perspective - Developing Your Global Lens. Interact with international and globally-minded, local students in a roundtable discussion about individual global norms, traditions and differences happening and concerning OSU students.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Events
Center for Civic Engagement, all day, varying locations. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Pre-registration required.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Meetings
Recreational Sports, Noon-1:30pm, MU 212. 2014-15 Recreational Sports Budget Open Hearing.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Events
International Students of OSU, 4pm, International Resource Center in the MU. Cultural Heritage. An informative, educational event led by a panel of students and teachers who will answer questions having a cultural background and cultural knowledge.

Monday, Jan. 27

Events
International Students of OSU, 4:30-6pm, MU Lounge. Coffee Hour. Come enjoy international food, mingle with other OSU and international students and become culturally aware.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Reincarnation? - A discussion.

Events
International Students of OSU, 5pm, International Resource Center in the MU. Cultural Exposition. An exposition of culture through songs, poems, cultural stories and presentation of cultural items.

Thursday, Feb. 6

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Nonexistence of Evil - A discussion.

Monday, Feb. 10

Events
International Students of OSU, 4:30-6pm, MU Lounge. Coffee Hour. Come enjoy international food, mingle with other OSU and international students and become culturally aware.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Treatment of Criminals - A discussion.

Events
International Students of OSU, 5pm, International Resource Center in the MU. The Danger of a Single Perspective - Developing Your Global Lens. Interact with international and globally-minded, local students in a roundtable discussion about individual global norms, traditions and differences happening and concerning OSU students.

PPS, teachers take a break after marathon bargaining sessions

By Jennifer Anderson
PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP

PORTLAND — After a marathon 21-hour bargaining session on Monday, Portland Public School teachers and district officials have yet to come to a resolution on the teachers' contract — but they're still trying.

"We put in a lot of hard work, but we weren't able to get there yet," says Gwen Sullivan, president of the Portland Association of Teachers. "From the begin-

ning of this contract bargain — and every day in school buildings across this city — Portland teachers have been fighting for the schools our students deserve. We won't give up."

In recent weeks both sides have met for more than 100 hours negotiations.

Says Superintendent Carole Smith: "Both sides have had open, honest and productive discussions about the key issues that we all care about: adding more teachers in schools to lower class sizes, adding school

days, hiring the best teachers for our schools and providing Portland's teachers with competitive pay and benefits."

Negotiations have been underway for nine months.

A state mediator has been assisting since October; the district declared impasse in November; the union filed an unfair labor practice against the district in December; parents and teachers have rallied.

The two sides agreed to take a break and reconnect later this week.

Eugene festival luring truffle lovers since 2006

By Ilene Aleshire
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — Planning to attend the Oregon Truffle Festival at the end of the month? Forget it.

"The Epicurious Experience" package (\$625 per person) is sold out. So is the "Epicurious Gourmand" (\$695), the "Gourmand at the Villa" (\$750) and even the "Epicurious Grower" (\$1,050). And the waiting list is hundreds of names long.

Founders Charles Lefevre and Leslie Scott started the Eugene festival in 2006 to celebrate, promote and educate people about wild Oregon truffles.

Since then, the festival has become a perennial sellout, drawing truffle lovers from across the United States, Europe and Asia. It has drawn plaudits from food and travel writers. Fodor's recently listed Eugene as one of the five best destinations in the world for truffle lovers, based on the festival.

And it is beloved by the local tourism industry because the fungi — which sell for about \$300 a pound for the white and close to \$400 a pound for the black — are at their peak at a time when tourism isn't. The festival brings hundreds of well-heeled visitors — about 75 percent are from out of state — to Lane County in the dead of winter, when the truffles are ripe.

Lefevre, Scott and their third

partner, Charles Ruff, who also is culinary director of the three-day festival, expanded it this year from 140 to 200 paid attendees for the weekend packages, plus about 50 sponsors, media representatives, speakers and others.

But that's about as far as they can stretch to accommodate truffle lovers, Scott said. The limiting factor is the Grand Truffle Dinner, which is part of all of the packages sold (\$200 for the dinner only), she said.

The chefs preparing the food at the festival, which is based at the Hilton Eugene, declared that 300 people is the maximum who can be served and fed without sacrificing quality, Scott said.

So, she said, "We are going to expand (outside Lane County) next year ... because the demand has grown and grown and grown."

Lefevre and Scott have been talking to restaurants, tourism agencies, chefs, wineries and others up and down the Willamette Valley, with the goal of growing the festival. They envision grand dinners, truffle hunts, truffle seminars and other events in cities and towns from Portland to Eugene, organized and run by people in those areas, Scott said.

"We want to grow into it carefully," she said. "We're in the planning phases for 2015 for different locations."

She and Lefevre, who is her husband, saw similarities

between the slow and careful growth of the Oregon wine industry into a premium brand and what they want to do for Oregon truffles. Their advisers, who include Jim Bernau, founder and president of Willamette Valley Vineyards, saw the same thing, Scott said.

"He would love to host events at the winery," she said. "He's done incredible things for the wine industry, and he immediately saw parallels for the truffle industry."

Scott and Lefevre don't see the truffle industry as ever approaching the Oregon wine industry in size, but they are hoping for that same sort of regional growth and increased awareness of all that Oregon has to offer.

Scott is aware that the price of the festival packages — which she points out are cheap compared to a truffle pilgrimage to Europe — may elicit some gulps. But, she said, it's a labor of love for the three partners, not a moneymaker.

"We make almost zero money as far as profits," she said, "(and) what we make flows back into the festival."

Also, part of the proceeds go for scholarships to culinary institutes, she noted.

Not all of the festival events require a gold card.

The three-day event, which begins Jan. 24, ends with a Truffle Marketplace, priced at \$15 per person. It includes truffle tastings, artisan foods, fresh truffles, a truffle dog demonstration and lecture series. That event remains open to the public.

From the beginning, the festival has had an educational component. That includes teaching people about Oregon truffles and how to use them, the proper way to harvest them, and how to cultivate them.

Lefevre, a mycologist, has been working for several years on cultivating European truffles in orchards in the Willamette Valley.

"Nothing is producing in any quantity yet," Scott said. "But it won't be long, and this is the proof of the concept. It's very exciting."

The festival founders are proud that the event showcases not just truffles but Oregon in general, and a variety of Oregon products.

"It's the whole food culture that benefits — enriched, enlivened and engaged in a whole new way," Scott said. "There are so many wonderful things here, with truffles at the top of that glorious pyramid."

Oregon career education programs rewarded \$9M

By Rob Manning

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Oregon agencies are doling out nearly \$9 million in grants to 23 school systems.

Lawmakers approved more money for career education and the result was more than 60 grant applications from across Oregon.

Winners include homebuilding hubs in Hermiston and Grant County, energy and manufacturing programs in Bend and Redmond, and two efforts in Salem geared toward the hospitality industry.

The small Wallowa School District received nearly \$500,000 — one of the biggest grants. Wallow High agriculture science teacher Jeremy McCullouch says shop facilities and classrooms will get a technology overhaul, and internships will expand, thanks to the grant.

McCullouch explained, "I think it'll be immense. The grants asked you to 'think big' and we asked for exactly what we needed to make the ag mechanics and shop portion of our program, a model program, and luckily we were successful."

Grant applicants were asked to demonstrate alliances with industry and higher education.

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of communicating that. So I feel like it's kind of just a way to get everything out there — the best way."

For some students, especially those experiencing an interest change later in their academic career, changing majors or being an undeclared student can be stressful. Social and financial pressures place students in a position in which they have limited time for exploration without focus.

Kerry Kincaon, the head adviser of the University Exploratory Studies Program at OSU, said that one of the first steps for students coming into the program is a worksheet requiring them to write down interests, areas where they excel and areas where they think they need more work.

"We sort of prioritize interests," Kincaon said. "Very often we're going to start that exploration path first. ... We're going to try and get some experiences that will let the student rule the major in or rule the major out."

This sort of prioritizing helps students stay on track for a four- or five-year degree. Kincaon added that the baccalaure-

ate core requirements also give students plenty of room for exploration that will still effectively apply to whichever degree they may choose.

As a result, students can explore their interests and continue progress on a university degree.

Kincaon said in addition to required termly advising sessions, UESP students are encouraged to meet with professionals, on- or off-campus, in their field of interest.

"I always talk to students about getting lots of voices in the conversation," Kincaon said. "You want to talk to people who are involved with your different interest areas and that means maybe faculty members or maybe advisers or people who are working in professions that are of interest to you to get input and feedback and help inform the decision-making process."

The advisors at UESP also encourage all students to check out resources on OSU's campus, including the writing center, tutoring services, career services and department-specific offerings.

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MANNING

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State and the City of Corvallis in order to gain greater quality of life for all residents. Through Collaboration Corvallis, Manning believes they succeeded.

The Collaboration Corvallis project, an ongoing partnership with OSU and community members, was one of the projects through which she saw significant progress in this area. The partnership established workgroups in livability, parking and traffic and neighborhood planning. Each workgroup consisted of OSU faculty and students, as well as council members and other Corvallis residents and acted as a forum for collaborative progress for the community as a whole.

"I feel like we really made significant progress in major areas," Manning said.

Another area in which Manning saw significant progress was economic development. Manning is a founding board member of RAIN, or Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network, an upcoming partnership between Corvallis and Eugene and their respective universities. The project aims to utilize the resources these universities provide to foster entrepreneur success and job growth in the South Willamette Valley. Manning plans to continue her position on this project.

"It's a positive development for job creation, and it supports local businesses," Manning said.

Aside from measurable goal achievements and community improvement, Manning has enjoyed serving as mayor for the connections she has been able to make with her constituents.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity to talk to community members, especially students at all levels," Manning said. "I like to

share what the city government does and encourage them to serve and help make your community a better place."

Manning met many other residents who share her passion for improving the community. In September 2013, Manning had the opportunity to visit Corvallis' sister city of Uzhhorod, Ukraine with 20 other delegates from Corvallis who have been providing support and partnership with Uzhhorod for 20 years.

Manning enjoyed meeting with the mayor and city government there, citing the opportunity as a highlight of her term.

The election for the new mayor will occur this November. Manning hopes to facilitate a smooth transition for the future Mayor and the next session of city council.

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COURTESY OF JULIE WATSON

Brett Watson, Julie Watson, Mariya Pak, Lucia de Stefano, Mousa Diabat and Dan Feuer stand in front of the Sea of Galilee, the largest freshwater lake in Israel.

WATER

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cooperating over water, why haven't we attained all the millennium development goals, why are there still millions of people who do not have access to safe drinking water, why are there still environmental justice problems all over the world?"

Watson is currently developing a scale to capture justice-related issues and human rights issues revolving around water resource conflicts.

The idea of this research is that it could be implemented everywhere.

Watson will use a case study from her work with Wolf in Southeast Asia on the Mekong River Basin in China. Watson hopes to travel to China for her research sometime during winter term.

Watson's interest in environmental justice and water was initially sparked by a global academic group conference trip with Wolf based in Israel in December 2012. The focus was on water securitization.

At the conference, Israelis and Palestinians discussed the different ways that they see water.

According to Watson, Israel sees water as a national defense, a high-level issue that you have to protect and secure, whereas Palestinians are thinking about water from a human rights perspective.

In Watson's travels around Israel, she came across



COURTESY OF BRETT WATSON

Julie Watson sits at Qasr el Yahud, the traditional location for the baptism of Jesus. Baptisms are still performed here, though the water is soup-like, muddy and unpleasant smelling.

things that shocked her.

Within a local Bedouin settlement, she recalls seeing the people's water supply foaming and with dead animals resting within it.

"I can't believe I'm seeing this ... the experience was totally shocking for me coming from the United States, where of course everything just comes out of the tap clean," Watson said. "Seeing that there were people living like this, and I didn't even know what was going on — it made an impact."

Watson said that working closely with Wolf, a rock star figure in the global water scene, gives Watson the opportunity to make some really cool contributions toward resolving global water conflicts.

Even though Wolf is the OSU researcher out there in the world actually solving all the

problems, just being on the periphery has given Watson some great opportunities.

Career prospects for Watson following the completion of her Ph.D. are looking quite good. Water is considered a global issue, more vital than oil according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Watson envisions using her water resource graduate degrees to work with non-governmental agencies within an environment where everyone is being creative and working collaboratively together to come up with innovative solutions for the important problems on water, environmental justice and human rights that our world faces today.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day



"Time to start operation find a potential spouse before I graduate and become a nerd full-time."

@mAAAdSmitty Josh Smith

Oregon State looking for consistency

■ Oregon State's starting unit struggled in first 2 conference games, expects improvement

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Explaining two losses to start conference play is a tough task for a head coach.

Oregon State men's basketball coach Craig Robinson questioned his players' preparedness after the two losses, but was less critical in Tuesday's press conference.

"I probably said that in the heat of the moment, but when I looked at the film, I think our guys were playing hard," he said. "We just have to shore up a couple of things. We made way too many turnovers this weekend, and I think if you cut down those turnovers, we might win those games."

The Beavers committed 32 turnovers in the first two Pac-12 games, compared to a combined 15 by Colorado and Utah.

Robinson is hoping for a more efficient game when the Beavers take on Stanford in Gill Coliseum Thursday night.

"Playing well consistently throughout the whole game is what we're going to look for," Robinson said.

The Beavers had an up-and-down affair in Salt Lake City against Utah, building an 11-2 run late in the game to draw within three points. That span, however, was sandwiched between a seven-point burst and an 18-0 streak by Utah in the first half.

Oregon State also had a 7:11 stretch

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Seniors Devon Collier, Roberto Nelson and Angus Brandt huddle up during the N7 game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville on Nov. 26, 2013, in Gill Coliseum.



Roberto Nelson

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior guard Roberto Nelson is The Daily Barometer Athlete of the Week after averaging 19.5 points per game in close losses to Pac-12 opponents No. 20 Colorado and Utah over the weekend.

He added five rebounds and three assists while playing heavy minutes for

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Athlete of the Week

head coach Craig Robinson.

Nelson won Pac-12 Player of the Week the week prior, on Dec. 30, 2013, after averaging 20 points per game, 4.7 rebounds per game and 3.3 assists per game while leading OSU to a 2-1 record.

He went 26-of-28 from the line during that span, which included wins against George Mason and Quinnipiac. Nelson went 10-for-10 at the line against George Mason.

The Santa Barbara, Calif., native leads Oregon State and the entire Pac-12 conference in scoring at 21.1 points per

game this season.

It was Nelson's second time earning Pac-12 Player of the Week honors this season, after receiving the honor Nov. 18 as well.

Nelson and the Beavers are back in action Thursday at 7 p.m. in Gill Coliseum as they take on another conference opponent in Stanford. The Beavers have lost two straight but have yet to play a conference game at home this season.

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British Athletics to train at OSU

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British Athletics announced Tuesday that Oregon State University will play host to its training camp for the 2014 IAAF World Junior Championships.

The six-day meet will be held July 22-27 and is coming to the United States for the first time.

The actual meet will take place at Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus, and will feature the world's best track and field athletes under the age of 20.

The training camp portion, which will take place at Oregon State's Whyte Track and Field Center in Corvallis will be held July 14-20. Athletes will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn and will use additional services from Dixon Recreation Center and OSU Housing and Dining.

The second phase of Oregon State's Whyte Track and Field Center is expected to be completed by the time of the world junior championships. The first phase was completed last year.

TrackTown USA, Inc., in conjunction with USA Track & Field, are hosts of the event.

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Cooke, Morris-Walker's play in recent games positive for OSU

Three months ago, sophomore guard Langston Morris-Walker was the only scholarship player Craig Robinson didn't specifically mention during a 35-minute session with reporters on the team's official media day.

Hallice Cooke was a little-known freshman guard from New Jersey whom Robinson didn't want to burden with expectations.

Yet on Tuesday, Morris-Walker and Cooke sat together at a makeshift podium reserved for the two OSU players whose recent performances most warranted an appearance at the team's weekly press conference.

In other words, reserved for the likes of seniors Roberto Nelson, Devon Collier and Angus Brandt.

Morris-Walker, who played seven minutes total in the Beavers' first seven games, posted career-highs in minutes played (29) and points scored



Grady Garrett

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(11) Saturday at Utah.

Over the past five games, the sophomore guard has been an integral part of the rotation.

"It's been a long road for Langston," said head coach Craig Robinson. "Last year, he was probably ahead of all the other guys in his class. As guys develop or not develop, he sort of lost his way a little bit."

"But he never stopped working. ... He's got himself more playing time based on defense, rebounding and helping us get extra shots."

Cooke's rise to prominence, meanwhile, is arguably the team's most surprising development.

Originally expected to fight for minutes behind starting point guard Challe Barton, Cooke emerged as the team's primary ball-handler in last week's losses to Colorado and Utah.

Against the Utes, Cooke logged a season-high 28 minutes and was the Beavers' second-leading scorer with 14 points on 5-of-10 shooting.

"I'm sort of conservative when it comes to predicting what guys can do," Robinson said. "When we saw (Cooke) in high school, we thought he could do what he's doing now, but we didn't know when it was going to happen. I'm happy to see it sooner rather than later."

A few other positives...
• Junior forward Eric Moreland's return

The Beavers rank last in the Pac-12 in rebounding margin. But they opened conference play by out-rebounding

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Freshman guard Hallice Cooke awaits a free throw attempt against Quinnipiac on Dec. 29, 2013, in Gill Coliseum.

Reynolds to play in East-West Shrine Game

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Senior cornerback Rashaad Reynolds accepted an invitation to play in the 89th East-West Shrine Game Tuesday. The game is set to take place Jan. 18 in St. Petersburg, Fla. Reynolds, a co-captain for Oregon State in 2013, is the 98th player from OSU to play in the game and the first since Brandin Hardin in 2011.

Reynolds also tweeted Tuesday evening that he had received an invitation to the 2014 NFL Scouting Combine. The Combine is a series of physical and mental tests for prospects to showcase their abilities in front of NFL scouts, coaches and general managers. It takes place from Feb. 22-25 in Indianapolis.

In his final game as a member of the Oregon State football team, Reynolds made sure to end his collegiate career on a positive note.

In the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl on Dec. 24, 2013, Reynolds

returned two fumbles for touchdowns and recorded 10 total tackles.

Reynolds' performance earned him the game's Most Valuable Player award as Oregon State knocked off Boise State, 38-23.

Reynolds finished the season with six interceptions, tied for most on the team, as well as 3.5 tackles for loss and a sack. He was named to the All-Pac-12 Second Team in 2013 and was an All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention in 2012. He was named to the preseason Jim Thorpe Award entering the season and started the final 38 games of his career.

The Pacoima, Calif., native snagged 10 interceptions and finished with 218 total tackles in his career at Oregon State.

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Ducks, Beavers, Pilots, Vikings all must regroup

PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — Starting over is the theme of the week for the state's Division I basketball men's and women's teams.

A breakdown of Oregon, Oregon State, Portland and Portland State:

MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Oregon men are coming off a loss for the first time this season. Oregon fell 100-91 Sunday at Colorado.

The Ducks (13-1) were denied the first 14-0 start since 1937-38.

Oregon must regroup for two home games this week: 8 p.m. Thursday vs. Cal (FOX Sports1) and 2 p.m. Sunday against Stanford (FS1).

The key Pac-12 game is 6 p.m. Thursday — Arizona at UCLA (ESPN). Arizona (15-0 overall) and Colorado (13-2) lead the conference after 2-0 starts. UCLA (12-2) and Cal (10-4) are 1-1 in the Pac-12.

The Ducks, meanwhile, will have to go back to work on their defense, which has been a nagging problem despite their winning start.

Mike Moser, the transfer forward who prepped at Grant High, led the offense Sunday with 24 points, making 9 of 15 field-goal attempts.

Oregon State fell to 8-6 overall with losses at Colorado and Utah to open its

Pac-12 season.

The Beavers play host to Stanford at 7 p.m. Thursday (Pac-12 Networks) and Cal at 5 p.m. Saturday (ESPNU).

"The thing that is most troubling is that our second team was playing harder than our first team," OSU coach Craig Robinson said after Saturday's 80-69 setback against the Utes.

The Portland Pilots have failed to hold serve at home to begin West Coast Conference play.

UP has played its first four WCC games at Chiles Center, and has a 1-3 record to show for it.

Next up is No. 18 Gonzaga (4-0 WCC, 14-2). The Zags visit UP at 8 p.m. Thursday to complete a five-game league homestand for the Pilots.

The visiting Bulldogs have won 22 consecutive WCC games spanning three seasons.

Portland State returns home, thankfully, after going 0-2 on the road to open Big Sky play.

PSU, which has lost 20 in a row on the road, will play host to Montana State at 7 p.m. Thursday and Montana at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Montana State shares the Big Sky lead at 2-0 (7-6 overall) and owns a pre-season, three-point win over Portland, which beat the Vikings.

Montana is 1-1 (6-5 overall).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Oregon and Oregon State, both 0-2 after a tough road swing to the Bay Area, will have their two Civil War matchups in a three-day span during the next week.

The first meeting is 6 p.m. Saturday at Oregon (Pac-12 Networks). Game two is at OSU at 7 p.m. Monday.

Oregon State has won the last five meetings. The Beavers beat the Ducks 63-53 and 68-49 last season.

Both teams are coming off tight losses at Cal and mid-size defeats at No. 4 Stanford. Oregon rallied from a nine-point deficit in the final 2:48 of regulation to force Cal to overtime; OSU stayed with Cal until the final minute or two in a 72-63 loss on Friday.

Oregon continues to lead the nation in points per game (101.7). Jillian Alleyne is first in rebounds (14.0 per game), and Chrisae Rowe is ninth in scoring (23.5 points).

Oregon State is tied for fourth in blocks per game (6.3), though, and has about as good a point-differential as the Ducks (plus-9.8 to Oregon's plus-11.6).

Portland, coming off its lowest point-production in program history, faces the top two teams in the early WCC standings this week.



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Junior forward Eric Moreland holds the ball against Washington on Jan. 23, 2013.

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without a field goal on the offensive side during the Utes' 18-0 run.

Sophomore guard Langston Morris-Walker said the defensive effort wavered between the first and second teams for OSU.

"The second team is really chaos out there — we have pride on the defensive end and we also score," Morris-Walker said. "Our defense is the reason why we do well on offense. I feel that once the first team figures that out, we'll be able to finish out games."

Robinson made a similar point about the younger players' efforts.

"My frustration level has been with the older guys," Robinson said. "We rely (on them) all non-conference season to be productive, and to have our bench be a little more productive than them in the conference play is a little bit disappointing."

Every starter for Utah reached double digits in scoring in a game in which the OSU bench players totaled more minutes than the starting five.

"Utah shot the ball really well," Robinson said. "I thought we expended a lot of energy at Colorado trying to win that game. It showed in the entirety of our play, let alone the defensive end."

The Beavers cleaned up the defensive glass and allowed only six offensive boards while winning the overall rebounding battle, 27-24.

"Our rebounding is getting better with Eric (Moreland) in there, although

he only had one (rebound) in the Utah game," Robinson said. "I think having Eric in there makes everybody more aware about rebounding."

Moreland had 10 boards in his first game against Colorado in addition to six points between the pair of matchups.

Robinson isn't too surprised that Moreland hasn't put up more points, though he knows the 6-foot-10 forward is a capable scorer.

"Eric has always been sort of an opportunistic offensive player," he said. "He's a little better shooter than last year. ... We're going to need him to take advantage of any kind of matchups he can get."

OSU has not struggled on the offensive end, putting up nearly 70 points on a Utah team that has only lost two games this season by a combined four points, including an overtime defeat to No. 10 Oregon.

Oregon State shot exactly 50 percent from the field against the Utes and were especially efficient from deep, finishing 10-for-19 on 3-pointers.

The Beavers will need to have a complete game against Stanford on Thursday in order to pick up their first Pac-12 win of the season.

"A lot of times, it's not really the team that we're playing, it's us," Morris-Walker said. "We just have to play Beaver basketball. Once we stop worrying about the other team and what they do, we need to start worrying about what we do. Then we'll be alright."

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both Colorado (37-34) and Utah (27-24). The Utes and Buffaloes rank second and third, respectively, in the conference in rebounding margin.

How do you explain that?

The return of Moreland, the 6-foot-10 junior forward who was suspended for all 12 of OSU's nonconference games.

Moreland was the conference's second-leading rebounder last year with 10.6 boards per game.

Moreland grabbed 10 rebounds in the loss at Colorado. Though he grabbed just one board against Utah, Robinson said Moreland's mere presence in the lineup effected his teammate's intensity on the glass.

Supporting cast's effect on Nelson, Collier, etc.

When Ahmad Starks announced in

April he was transferring to Illinois, I asked Nelson what the toughest thing about losing the 5-foot-8 sharp shooter would be.

"Ahmad's capable of hitting three or four in a row at any point in the game," Nelson said at the time. "It's going to be tough with him gone. We'll probably see a lot more zones."

Well, no one's proven to be a shooter of Starks' caliber — but recently, Morris-Walker and Cooke, among others, have shown the ability to knock down 3s.

Cooke knocked down 4-of-83-point attempts against Utah, while Morris-Walker connected on 5-of-6 treys on the two-game road trip.

"Everybody knows (Nelson) can shoot, but people kind of underestimated the shooters around him," Morris-Walker said. "Since we showed the last couple games that we can

shoot the ball, that's going to help him and Devon (Collier)."

Malcolm Duvivier playing well

As impressive as Cooke has been, fellow freshman Malcolm Duvivier has played pretty well himself.

He scored 12 points on the recent road trip and, most importantly, committed just one turnover in 30 minutes of action off the bench. Against Colorado, he hit a huge 3-pointer with just more than two minutes remaining to cut the Buffaloes' lead to four.

Robinson said Cooke and Duvivier "have made me feel comfortable about putting them in at any point in the game, and (they've) made their teammates feel comfortable that when they're out there with them they have some dudes with them."

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Editorial

Cover Oregon blankets state in confusion

Those of us who stayed in-state over the break, and who actually paused for a couple minutes on the news channels while channel-surfing, know that the SNAFU that is Cover Oregon didn't suddenly get organized in December.

If anything, it seems to have gotten more complicated since the last time we looked at it.

Cover Oregon was supposed to be a "marketplace" to make shopping for insurance easier. It was a good idea, and had good intentions.

But we all know exactly how much good intentions are worth.

Instead of making the process easier, Cover Oregon has succeeded in making the already-painful trial of shopping for health insurance even more painfully complicated.

Because the thing is, something the Powers That Be often seem to forget, is that computer systems require more than intentions to be functional.

Commanding something be ready by a specific date doesn't ensure that it will also work by that specific date.

Anyone who's ever used that first release of Windows Vista can relate.

The fact that two of its officials have resigned within the past two months isn't very heartening, either.

Our biggest issue with Cover Oregon is the turnaround on the paperwork. It was supposed to be quick. That was one of the major selling points of Cover Oregon.

But the computer system that was the backbone of the whole idea fell apart in October.

The subsequent reversion to paper forms seems to have either upset or pleased the gods of bureaucracy so greatly that almost none of the applicants even know if they've been approved for coverage, let alone whether they should be paying for it yet.

The kicker is that if you've been approved for your chosen plan — even if you don't know it — you need to start paying for it, or it won't come into effect. And, you might even lose your coverage completely if you don't pay for it long enough, regardless of whether or not you know you have the coverage.

In fact, Cover Oregon has made the insurance shopping process so complicated that most of the people who received health insurance coverage since the plan came into action, skipped Cover Oregon completely and got their coverage directly from the Oregon Health Plan.

The sheer idiocy of the system is a little staggering. But, it's bureaucracy. It's how government and business have always operated and probably always will.

It was a flawed system to start with. Other things might need to be fixed before timesavers like Cover Oregon can be put into effect.

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Dr. Sex will answer your sex, relationship questions

Hello Oregon State University students, faculty and staff. My name is Dr. Kathy Greaves, although many returners and thousands of graduates know me as "Dr. Sex."

I earned the nickname by teaching the human sexuality course at OSU for the past 18 years. I've been on hiatus from writing this column for about a year and a half, but I'm back.

This column is designed to be a sex and relationship advice column, so start thinking about questions.

I am a senior instructor and faculty member in Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS), which is in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences. In addition to teaching HDFS courses and writing this column, I host sexuality and relationship Q&A sessions in the residence halls and the co-ops, in sororities and fraternities, in the cultural centers and for community groups.

Since new readers may not be familiar with my sexual philosophy, I thought I would give you a general overview of what I think sex is. Remember, my philosophy comes from 21 years of education and practice (no I don't mean having sex, I mean teaching about it) in the field of sexology. Yes, it really is an academic discipline.



Kathy Greaves

Ask Dr. Sex

In order to explain what sex is, it's necessary to explain what sex is not limited to. Sex is not limited to penile-vaginal intercourse, although that is the standard and the act to which all other sexual activities are measured or compared.

For example, when we use euphemisms like "having sex," "sleeping together," "doing it," "getting laid," "getting some action," "hanging out — 'wink, wink,'" "tapping that," etc., what we normally think of is

penile-vaginal intercourse.

The term "foreplay" is used to describe fellatio, cunnilingus and genital touching. The mere existence of the term suggests that this "foreplay" stuff is not really necessary — that it comes before the "real sex" begins. Yet for most women, this "foreplay" stuff is what usually brings them to orgasm. This approach feeds right into the idea that penile-vaginal intercourse is what "completes" the performance and everything else is just leading up to that main event.

Additionally, we operate under a socially imposed, standard definition of a sexual partner. This standard is a good-looking, young, physically fit, able-bodied heterosexual. Yet there are millions of sexually active individuals who are average looking, older than 40, out of shape, physically challenged, non-heterosexual or all of the above.

Saying that "sex" is penile-vaginal intercourse and all other sexual acts are not the "real thing" discounts or overlooks what "sex" means to many

of those individuals who do not fit the standard definition.

Lesbians, as you can imagine, don't participate in penile-vaginal intercourse. So if "sex" is just that, do sexually active lesbians never really have sex?

Imagine an elderly couple where one partner has chronic arthritis to the point where it is physically painful to have intercourse. So, instead they participate in kissing, hugging, massaging, manual genital stimulation, mutual masturbation and oral sex (yes, elderly people participate in these activities).

In both of these examples, sexual partners reach orgasm regularly, yet they are not participating in penile-vaginal intercourse. If we view sex only as penile-vaginal intercourse, that suggests that the sexual experiences of these individuals are somehow less real, less important or less sexually satisfying. Equally, it's limited thinking to assume that "real sex" is only achieved when one

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Winter break hangover leads to winter term blues

Let's face it — winter term can be a pretty difficult pill to swallow. It's dark and gray outside. There are giant puddles of water and mud lurking wherever you want to step. It's cold. Classes have entered their second and potentially harder phases, so you're taking Biology 102

instead of 101.

Thanks to the average Oregon precipitation of 4.4 to 6.4 inches from January to March, no one wants to study outside. Understandably so, because it's damper than the tear-stained pillow of Billy Ray Cyrus, and as a result the library and other

convenient study areas are packed full of students.

Returning to the high-intensity environment of college after a taste of relaxation can be upsetting. You go from days and weeks spent reading, playing video games and napping just because you can, to



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the heavy workload and sleep- and fun-deprived environment of the university.

There's also the logic that long breaks and vacations can lead to what NBC referred to as "vacation hangover" in their article "Do well-needed vacations actually bum us out?" by Dana McMahan.

Granted, in that article, Jeroen Nawijn from the Center for Sustainable Tourism and Transport said that there is no proof "of post-travel depression." A better term for it is what Dr. Gerhard Strauss-Blasche from the University of Vienna's Department of Psychology states later in the same article as "contrast effect" wherein they "cease to be used to stress and thus react more strongly when confronted (with it) again."

It's like watching the movie "Taxi Driver" and observing the beautiful realism of Martin Scorsese's work and then your boyfriend making you watch the original "Highlander" later that night — it's a feeling of slipping into a place of deep sorrow at the unequal and unfair comparison between the two. True story.

So what do you do to pull yourself from such a funk? Step one: watch better movies (just kidding). I recommend taking at least one class you are certain you'll love, because it will revitalize your soul during these dark days. For me, it was Shakespeare 202.

Step two: find things to do that get you out of your dorm, apartment, home, tree house, etc. Make time to do something you really want to do and make it a routine, like taking a long walk every Saturday or making time to read a favorite book.

Step three: I strongly suggest not isolating yourself unless you have contracted a certain zombie virus (or everyone else has). Make dinner with your friends or go to athletic events with a group, as some of u in my dorm hall did my freshman year.

In the words of the great prophet J.K. Rowling, "Don't let the Muggles get you down."

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A border divides but cannot conquer a mother's hope

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TIJUANA, Mexico — Last December, we brought you the story of three siblings in the city of Bend whose mother was deported to Mexico more than two years ago.

The Tapia children were left in the care of their undocumented grandmother and remain with her today. Their mother, Liliana Ramos, moved to Tijuana — a city she had never lived in and where she knew no one.

Ramos has a routine that she follows every single day.

"Every day, when I first wake up, I thank God for giving me another day. I pray for my children — that all goes well for them, and I look at the weather. I look at the weather here and I look at the weather there," Ramos says.

When the temperature in Bend, Ore., recently dipped below zero, she sent text messages to each of her children.

"Put on a hat, Brian. When

you leave work, bundle up."

He's 21 years old, but you never stop being a mom.

Ramos has seen her children just a handful of times since she was deported in September of 2011. She knows that parents of, say, college students in the U.S., may not see their children any more frequently. But, she says, that's different.

"Because I'm here just waiting for my kids to visit. I can't go to them," Ramos says.

Ramos received a deportation order in 2005, after her application for asylum was rejected. She ignored the order until immigration agents found her at work six years later. She was given nine months to leave the country.

During that time, she found a room to rent in Tijuana through a contact at church. She got passports for her children so they could visit her. And she gave custody of her two youngest to her mother.

As she carpooled to the bor-

der later that year, Ramos says her sense of loss overwhelmed her.

"I remember the woman drove the whole way because I just wanted to sleep. There's a sadness when you leave something behind," Ramos remembers.

That sadness is evident at this joyous-sounding Christmas celebration. Families split by deportation press up against either side of the border fence. They sing to each other through thick iron mesh. Some chat quietly; others cry.

Mari Galvan is here today. She's a social worker at a shelter in Tijuana that takes in deported women.

"The majority of them arrive suffering emotional shock because they have just been separated from their children, and they don't know what will happen or when they'll see them again," she says.

Galvan says many of the women lose their children to



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Brian Tapia, 21, and Karleen Tapia, 13, took a 20-hour bus trip from Bend to visit their mother in Tijuana.

state custody in the U.S. when they are deported; others have

time to find a relative or a friend to care for them.

"These are mothers who can't sleep at night. Because they don't know if their relative is treating their kids well, or if the friend bathed their kids before putting them to bed or took them to school. They feel totally powerless knowing that no matter how much they love their children, they cannot return to where they are."

These feelings enveloped Ramos when she arrived. She suffered from anxiety and depression. She developed intestinal problems, which persist today.

Ramos says her faith in God has gotten her through, but it may also be her resilience and her savvy: she landed an accounting job at a fruit and vegetable distributor — despite never having gone to high school and despite being 39 years old.

"If you're older than 35 years old, here, it's really hard to get someone to hire you."

It's also hard to find a place to live that's safe and affordable. But Ramos convinced a landlord to rent her a small home in a secure neighborhood for half the going rate.

Ramos says she counts her blessings; she knows she's the exception among deportees — not the rule.

Twice a month, Ramos drives her old jeep with expired Oregon plates off the main road and into a cement canal. It's just south of the U.S.-Mexico border.

On this Sunday morning, she and two of her children

visiting from Oregon join about a dozen Christian volunteers in feeding hundreds of homeless people the majority of whom were also deported.

As volunteers pass out steaming Styrofoam cups of pozole — Ramos carries a clipboard through the five long lines of men. She wears a stylish black pea coat over skinny jeans. She has a crocheted black headband in her hair and aviator sunglasses.

Ramos asks everyone their name, age and where they're from. She asks if they've been deported, how long ago, do they have children in the U.S. and are they in touch with their families? If she has credit on her phone, she may let them use it to call relatives in the U.S. If they plan to cross the border again, Ramos warns them of the danger.

"I tell them to try to make a life here in Tijuana. I tell them I was also deported, and my kids are in the U.S. They're surprised. I think it has a strong impact on them because I'm a woman, and I'm alone."

Back at home on this Sunday afternoon, though, Ramos is not alone. Her son, Brian, is upstairs in the guest bedroom, and her daughter Karleen is watching TV. Ramos says visits from her children give her strength.

"It gives you hope that one day we'll be together. And this is my hope. Even if it's not like before. Because my kids are growing up. But at least we'll be close to each other."

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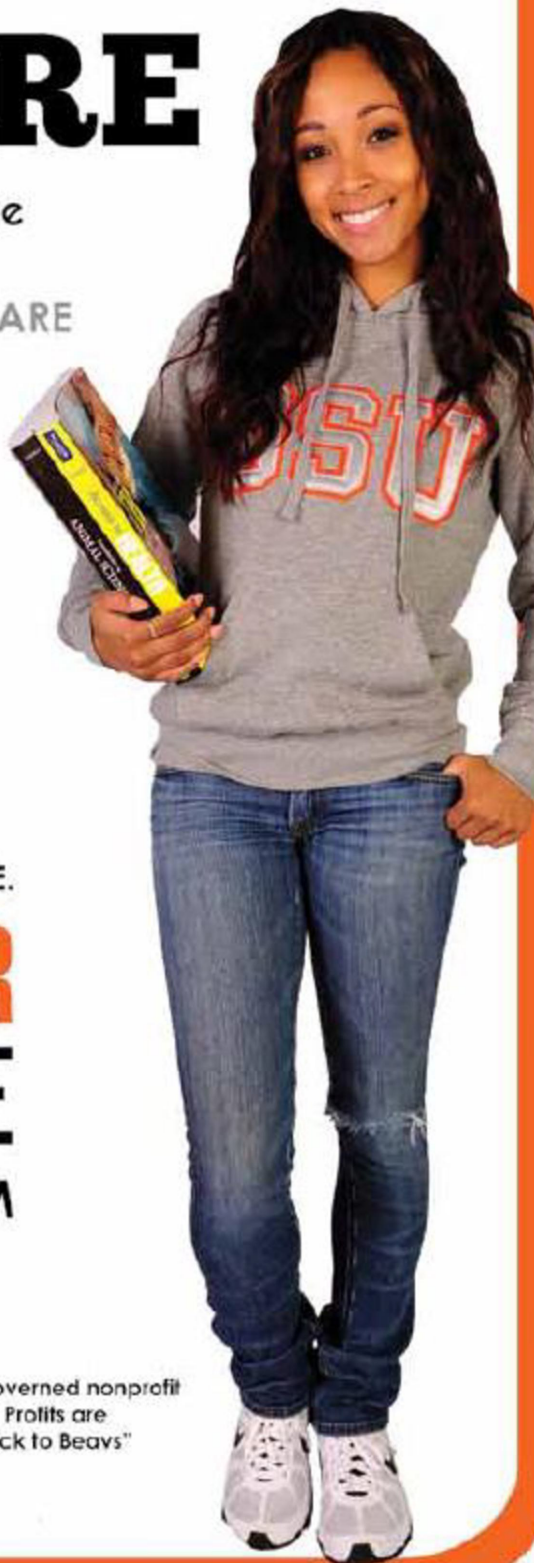
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or both partners reaches orgasm.

Another misconception is that oral sex isn't sex. If it isn't sex then the word "sex" wouldn't be there.

It's not oral dominoes, it's oral sex.

If you've participated in oral sex, either giving or receiving, you are sexually active. The fact that you can contract a number of sexually transmitted diseases via oral sex ought to tell you that it's sex. They aren't domino transmitted diseases.

So, essentially, sex is anything you want it to be. If it arouses you, it's sexual activity. Everybody is a sexual being, from birth (even in utero) to death, and maybe even beyond that point. So I encourage you to apply the very old OSU motto — Open Minds, Open Doors — to sex.

Think more broadly about what sex is and who may be having it. To deny someone those feelings or a venue through which to express them simply because they select activities that deviate from the norm or the standard idea of what sex is and who can have it, well that's quite judgmental.

This column will run every Wednesday. If you have questions for me to answer, please send them to forum@dailybarometer.com.

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