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Man found dead in south Corvallis

■ Corvallis police recovered unidentified body Tuesday evening in Willamette Park

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Corvallis police were dispatched to southeast Corvallis Tuesday evening and recovered the dead body of an unidentified male, according to Capt. Dave Henslee.

The body was found at Willamette Park and Natural Area, Corvallis' largest park, which spans 287 acres and runs adjacent to the Willamette River near Highway 34.

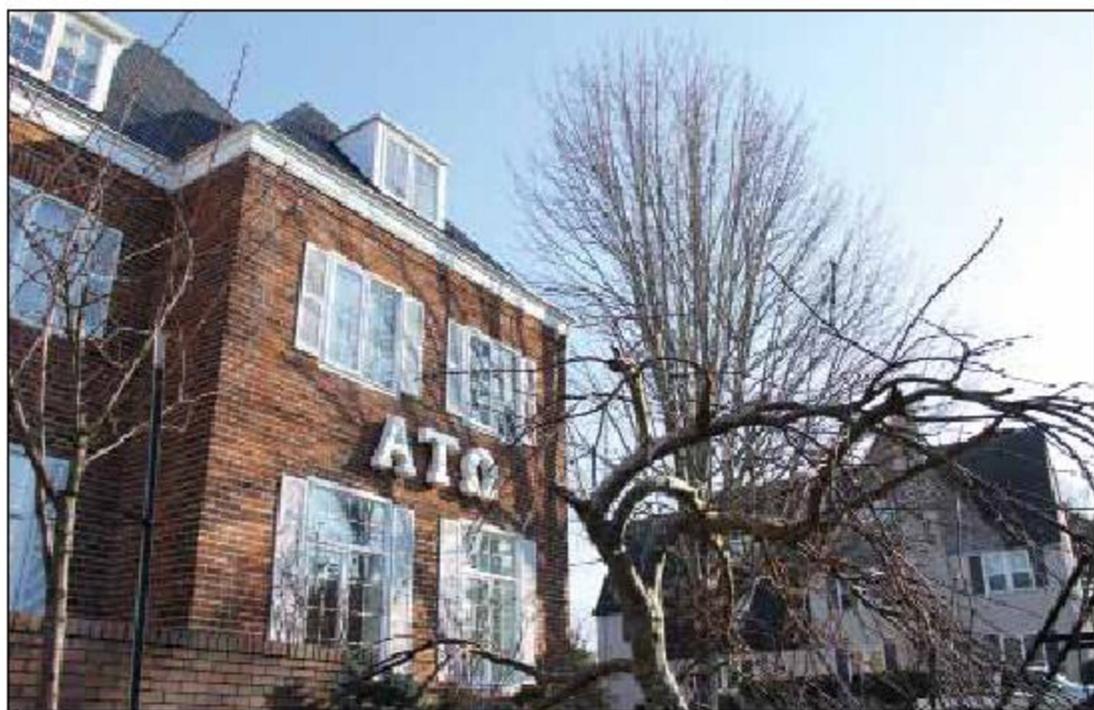
A passer-by at the park called in at 4:55 p.m. Officers arrived just after 5 p.m. and were at the scene until about 8 p.m.

The man did not have any identification on his person, and investigators are in the process of identifying him.

Without a known identification, the cause of death is not being released at this time, because police need to

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Greek pressure alters FYE



JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

One of the 14 fraternities to apply, Alpha Tau Omega was accepted into the for the Affiliated First Year Housing Program.

■ 16 Greek houses apply to first-year program after Greek community rallies for inclusion

By Courtney Gehring and Sean Bassinger

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fourteen of the 19 housed fraternity chapters applied for the Affiliated First Year Housing Program, and two of 10 housed sororities applied. All were approved this month.

The program is part of the First-Year Experience initiative, which was implemented in fall term 2013. Part of the FYE initiative requires all first-year students to live on campus in university housing.

When the affiliated housing program was first announced in February 2013, it required each house to pay an initial \$10,000 application fee and a \$15,000 yearly participation fee.

Now, less than a year later, houses only have to pay \$200 per freshman to live in a house.

This 180-degree shift in policy See **FYE** | page 4

The sign outside Emmons Meat Market announces the market's closing. The business opened in 1962.



EMMA-KATE SCHAAKE THE DAILY BAROMETER

Emmons Meat Market closing

■ Specialty meat market located off Highway 34 closing Jan. 31 for change of pace, less stress after 52 years of service

By Emma-Kate Schaaque

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Emmons Meat Market, located on Highway 34 three miles east of Corvallis, is closing its doors after 52 years in business.

Owner Nancy Emmons said that after so many years, she felt it was time for a change of pace.

"We have been in business a long time and we want to do something else," Emmons said.

Her husband, Dave Emmons, started the business in 1962. Since then, the market has specialized in meat products like buffalo, elk, beef, poultry and salmon. There is also a lunch counter that serves up fresh sandwiches.

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House takes stand on Veterans Day holiday

■ ASOSU representatives hear first, second readings of resolutions to ask for holiday

By Tori Hittner

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Associated Students of Oregon State University House of Representatives voted to approve a resolution Wednesday night asking Oregon State University to officially recognize and honor Veterans Day.

The resolution proposes a "university-wide paid holiday for the remembrance of, and reflection on, our nation's military service men and women" be instituted.

Currently, veterans who serve as employees at the university must use their own vacation time if they wish to observe the national holiday. According to Oregon Senate Bill 1, state employers must provide veteran employees "paid or unpaid time off for Veterans Day."

Now that the resolution has passed the House, it will move on to the ASOSU Senate. Should it be voted through by the senators, it will require

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Official Greek grades may not be accurate

■ Only 3 of 34 Greek grade reports have same amount of registered, reported members

By Courtney Gehring

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The university released Greek grade reports for fall term 2013 this week.

Reports collected from participating fraternities and sororities, Greek members submit their grades through Student Leadership & Involvement.

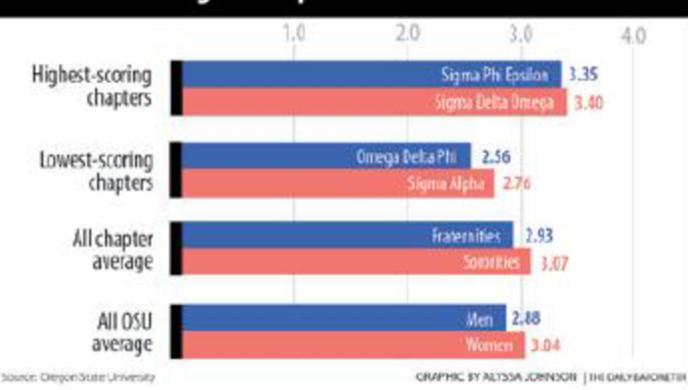
The grades of each chapter are averaged and listed at the beginning of the following term.

The Omega Delta Phi fraternity, listed as the lowest fraternity average with a GPA of 2.56, said its grade report was inaccurate.

"The members SLI goes off of are not actually active members in our organization," said Blake Viena, member of Omega Delta Phi. "A lot of those members went inactive due to grades and those numbers are still

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Fall term Greek grade report



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Saturday, January 18

Strangers are scary

A woman called Benton County sheriffs to report someone had allegedly pulled into her driveway and wouldn't leave. Just before the woman arrived at her home, someone drove their truck into the driveway and stayed there for five minutes. When authorities arrived the vehicle had left and police did not locate it in the area.

Should have picked California

Corvallis police reported to Impulse Bar and Grill at 1:53 a.m. for a female who allegedly tried to use fake identification from Arizona to gain entry into the establishment. The 20-year-old was cited for



misrepresentation of true age by a minor and minor-in-possession of alcohol.

Friday, January 17

Flaunt that warrant

Authorities were dispatched to the men's shelter on Fourth Street for a fight in the alley. When Corvallis police

arrived everyone had already dispersed. However before police left, a homeless man said another transient had been allegedly bragging about having a warrant. Authorities consequently arrested Tyler Winn, 56, on an absconded supervision sex abuse 3 warrant and he was taken to Benton County Jail.

An engineer in the making

Corvallis police took a 12-year-old boy into custody after he allegedly left the store with \$75 worth of merchandise. He was found with multiple sets of LEGOs, several bags of chips and vanilla coke. The child was cited for theft III and released to his mother.

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ASOSU budget approved internally

■ Appropriations, budgets committee discusses proposed ASOSU budget

By **Tori Hitner**

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Associated Students of Oregon State University House of Representatives appropriations and budgets committee met Wednesday night to discuss the proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Committee members clarified budget questions and concerns with the ASOSU executive director of finance Conner Boyd. Boyd provided members with a copy of the proposed

budget, complete with individual expense breakdowns.

The biggest increase in budget allotment dealt with the amount of capital requested for SafeRide. The 39.12 percent increase of \$45,205 came largely due to poor projections in last year's budget. According to Boyd, last year's budget accounted for the new vehicle added to the SafeRide fleet but failed to compensate for the additional employees required to staff all the vehicles.

In addition, SafeRide is requesting another vehicle and more staff during the high-traffic nights of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This change stems from the drastic increase

in ridership and increasing amounts of wait time between calls and pick-ups.

Another budget error from last year led to the increase in funds allotted to Legal Services, which provides free legal counseling and aid for OSU students in external matters such as marriage and housing.

According to the ASOSU Student Advocate, Drew Desilet, the budget last year did not properly account for the contracted price of the company hired to work for Legal Services. Approximately 150 students a month use the services provided by Legal Services, according to Desilet.

The final major budget

change involved pooling all of the money allotted for task force directors into one combined account. Boyd said that the change will hopefully encourage task force directors to think about larger-scale, collaborative projects.

The appropriations and budgets committee unanimously voted to internally approve the budget, which will be presented to the Student & Incidental Fees Committee next Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Dixon Recreation Center upper classroom.

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Proposed ASOSU student bill of rights a 'set of beliefs,' not binding law

■ Possible bill to cover either academic or social goals, not both

By **Tori Hitner**

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The Associated Students of Oregon State University recently discussed the possible implementation of an internal student bill of rights to represent student voices and beliefs that sometimes go overlooked. Serving as a main topic during the last town hall meeting, the bill remains in the drafting stage and awaits student opinion before moving further along the presentation process.

ASOSU Sen. Shelby Porter, head of the special committee working on the bill, said that the bill is currently in the rough stages of preparation and still needs a direct focus. After hearing comments during town hall, Porter said she believes the bill will have to cover either academic or social rights, not both.

"I think the ideas should combine what the teachers are required to do and what we (as students) are required to do because I think there's a gray area ... of what our beliefs and

ethics should be," Porter said.

Porter plans on teaming up with the ASOSU task force director of academic affairs, Briana Tanaka, to discover what students would want included in such a bill.

The initial plan was to use clicker-question surveys to hear student opinions, but the surveys have not developed as anticipated.

"Unfortunately, we are progressing rather slowly with the clicker questions," Porter said. "My two options are to go ahead and find out a different way to survey students or to slow the process and wait for the clicker questions."

Porter and the rest of her committee will continue the discussion in the next several weeks before deciding upon a final plan of action.

"I am not the voice of all the students," Porter said. "I want their opinion. I don't want to read these articles (from other schools) and just make up my own bill."

Potential additional ideas for garnering student opinion include creating a grassroots campaign, tabling in the Memorial Union or making a comment box available in high-traffic areas.

Although the resolution has no legal sway, it would support the lobbying efforts of the ASOSU governmental affairs team, which is working to push a similar policy through the state legislature.

The resolution will be put to a vote next week after the second reading.

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Rep. Andrew Pham was absent from the meeting. The House will convene Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Memorial Union 211.

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ASOSU

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signatures from the ASOSU speaker of the house, vice president and president.

Upon official passing of the resolution, the following people and departments will be notified: OSU President Ed Ray, OSU Veterans Resources Coordinator Gus Bedwell and the OSU Office of Human Resources.

Bedwell joined Wednesday's to show support of the resolution and clarify questions the representatives had.

Representatives also heard the first reading of House Resolution 05.03, which deals with the implementation of a "lifesaving Good Samaritan policy." The resolution asks that the university consider enacting such a policy, which will "save lives by granting amnesty to students who call for medical help when it

is needed."

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EMMONS

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When the couple married 30 years ago, Nancy Emmons took on the bookkeeping and behind the scenes work. Since Dave Emmons died seven years ago, Nancy Emmons has been running the show.

"My husband worked really hard, it was his life," Emmons said.

After 52 years, there are investments and upkeep required to keep the facilities working properly and Emmons had to weigh her options.

"I made the decision not to have too much stress," Emmons said.

She hopes to spend more time with her family, including her great-grandson who lives in Bend.

Emmons found all the years of hard work worthwhile and satisfying, and she especially enjoyed working alongside her husband.

Emmons remembers that when she told customers her name, they would always ask if she was related to the owner of the market, and she loved telling them that she was.

"That made me proud," Emmons said.

On Wednesday evening, shoppers were taking advantage of the market's last days.

Brad Kundert and his mother, Mickie, heard the business was closing and came to stock up on their favorite buffalo products. The pair travel about 40 minutes every time they want something from Emmons, but they both said the drive is worth it.

Glenn Fisher, a long-time customer, emerged from the meat market and said he would miss the market and its products once it closes.

"What a bummer," Fisher said. "They've always had great food. The jerky is dynamite."

The market will be closed for good Jan. 31 and will hold regular hours, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until then.

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Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 23

Meetings
Educational Activities Committee, 8-10am, MU International Forum at Snell Hall. Open Hearing.
Multicultural Students in Pre-Healthcare, 5pm, BCC. Weekly meeting & community service opportunity. Anyone is welcome.

Events
Campus Recycling, 5:30-7:30pm, OSU Recycling Warehouse. January Repair Fair - Free fixes and repair demonstrations.

Friday, Jan. 24

Meetings
ASOSU Elections Committee, 5pm, MU Board Room. First meeting.

Monday, Jan. 27

Meetings
Campus Recycling, 5:30-6:30pm, Student Sustainability Center. Waste Watchers Weekly Meetings - Come learn about volunteer opportunities and help plan waste reduction events and outreach around campus.

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Meetings
OSU College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for discussion of club and current events. Come have fun with like-minded people.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Is there 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.

Monday, Feb. 3

Meetings
Campus Recycling, 5:30-6:30pm, Student Sustainability Center. Waste Watchers Weekly Meetings - Come learn about volunteer opportunities and help plan waste reduction events and outreach around campus.

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Meetings
OSU College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for discussion of club and current events. Come have fun with like-minded people.

Events
Center for Civic Engagement, Noon-3pm, MU Ballroom. Nonprofit & Volunteer Fair. Learn about volunteer opportunities, internships and general needs in the community.

Thursday, Feb. 6

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

Saturday, Feb. 8

Events
Omani Students Association (OSA), 6-8pm, MU Ballroom. Omani Night (cultural night). Tickets available in MU 103.

Monday, Feb. 10

Meetings
Campus Recycling, 5:30-6:30pm, Student Sustainability Center. Waste Watchers Weekly Meetings - Come learn about volunteer opportunities and help plan waste reduction events and outreach around campus.

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.

Corvallis Science Pub, 6pm, Old World Deli. Cry of the Pacific Lamprey: What this ancient fish is telling us about our waters. Jeremy Monroe and Carl Schreck will take us on a trip under-water to see lamprey in their native habitat. We'll hear what researchers are doing to understand the lamprey lifestyle.

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Meetings
OSU College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for discussion of club and current events. Come have fun with like-minded people.

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.

Study looks at reasons why the workforce is shrinking

By Sergio Cisneros

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

New labor statistics show a rise in the number of Oregonians who are not in the workforce. Numbers released Wednesday indicate nearly 40 percent of people 16 and older who do not have a job are not looking for work.

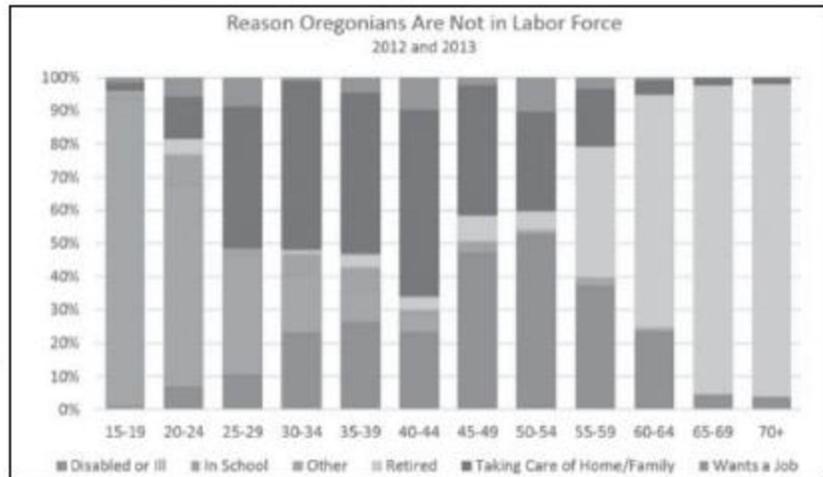
A recent national survey suggests several reasons people are dropping out of the labor force. Some people are going to school. Others are taking care of family. Still others are retiring as early as their mid-fifties.

In Oregon, there's been an increase in the number of people who have either left — or who never joined — the workforce. The survey asked people why. Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis looked into what people in the state had to say.

Josh Lehner is an economist with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. He says one reason is that the state's population is aging.

Lehner explained, "It's a combination of aging and some of these broader societal trends of looking after family and things like that."

But he says the fact that younger people are



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Reasons why Oregonians are not in the work force.

in school should be good for the economy in the long run.

The study was conducted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Lehner says the margin of error for the state's portion of the survey is plus or minus 4.5 percent.

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New study: China exporting goods, air pollution to U.S.

By Ashley Ahearn

EARTHFIX

SEATTLE — The goods produced in China and sold to the U.S. come at an environmental cost, according to a new study. Scientists are linking air pollution in the Western United States to China's booming exports.

Westerly winds can carry air pollution from China across the Pacific Ocean in just a few days.

The study was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences by researchers in the United Kingdom, China and the U.S.

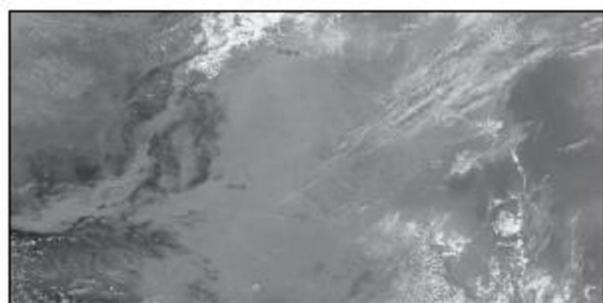
It estimated that ozone,

carbon monoxide and sulfate concentrations in the Western U.S. increased by as much as 2 percent specifically from the goods China manufactures to sell to the U.S.

And within China, roughly 5 percent of emissions of carbon monoxide, black carbon, Sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides came from making those exports, according to the report.

Coal-burning factories were the biggest sources of the air pollutants — and greenhouse gases.

The amount of air pollution in the Western U.S. from China



NASA/NOAA

A satellite image of smog over China. Westerly winds can carry air pollution from China across the Pacific Ocean in just a few days.

is still very small, compared to the amount we produce here already.

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Hard

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The March: The Story Behind the March on Washington
5:00 PM–7:00 PM, Native American Longhouse

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The Seeds of Peace Tomorrow are in the Children of Today
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didn't happen without tension. This process began when OSU President Ed Ray introduced the FYE concept in spring 2012.

Instant backlash

The Greek community was taken aback, and tension built as OSU administration's plans did not include them. Greek life was not consulted before OSU moved ahead with plans to implement FYE. Vice Provost of Student Affairs Larry Roper said the initial meetings were open to all campus community members, and reaching out to separate entities would have seemed exclusionary to those not contacted.

"Many people thought that any requirement to have freshmen live on campus couldn't possibly mean that OSU was going to prohibit freshmen from living in fraternities and sororities," said Kirk Maag, chapter adviser for Phi Gamma Delta. "Our thought was that, truly, OSU would be much clearer and would communicate directly with the Greek community if it in fact prohibited our organizations from housing freshmen, something that has gone on for decades."

It wasn't until fall 2012 that Greek life officials sat down with the university. Roper confirmed that FYE was moving forward and all freshmen would be required to live on campus.

This didn't sit well with the Greek community.

"The idea of prohibiting freshmen from living in fraternities and sororities, without any discussion at all with the Greek community, was disturbing to us," Maag said. "We saw that as a sharp departure from the way OSU had communicated with the Greek community in the past."

Lee Kearney, Acacia fraternity alumnus who has been a university donor for 17 years, said that without Greek support, the university would feel detrimental effects.

While Kearney did not say Greek donors were threatening to withdraw donations, he did say that alienating Greek alumni was a bad decision.

The university eventually recognized that.

Roper said there had been tension between Greek donors and administrators during discussions involved with the FYE.

Randy Clark, chapter adviser for

Alpha Chi Omega, was upset with the lack of communication on all fronts.

"First and foremost is the lack of advocacy on the part of the Greek life staff with planners of the OSU FYE," Clark said. "Secondly, was the lack of inclusion of the sorority community in communication and involvement efforts of the OSU FYE."

Greeks push back

Members from the OSU Greek community retaliated against the lack of OSU's engagement with alumni and donors.

Maag said multiple Greek alumni and advisers joined forces to make phone calls and emails to administrators, college deans, the OSU Foundation and other individuals within the alumni association.

"The momentum continued to grow," Maag said. "It was kind of a grassroots letter-writing, email-writing, phone-calling campaign that helped OSU administration realize that maybe the decision had been a bit hasty and maybe they hadn't thought about the decade-long relationship that OSU had with the Greek community."

The university responded by creating the original version of the OSU Affiliated First Year Housing Program for those interested in inclusion.

When OSU proposed \$25,000 per house for the first year of the affiliated program, it met great opposition from the Greek community.

"We can't agree to a program that won't work for us," Maag said.

In a letter sent to Ray in May 2013, Maag said the program was unreasonable and doesn't benefit participating chapters. The letter was sent on behalf of 18 housed fraternity chapters that declined to participate in the program.

At that point, Provost and Executive Vice President Sabah Randhawa stepped in.

"There was a lot of concern that was expressed by the Greek system," Randhawa said.

According to Randhawa, the university wants to create learning environments within the Greek housing systems similar to those being implemented within the dorms. These adjustments would include concepts such as learning groups and other resources

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being reported, but they are not technically an active part of the chapter."

Viena said the chapter has nine active members, as opposed to the 14 reported to SLI.

Omega Delta Phi requires active members to maintain a GPA of 2.75.

Brendan Sanders, Interfraternity Council president, said the numbers reported can often be inaccurate due to discrepancy with membership registration with SLI.

"The issue of reported versus registered numbers is always difficult because the president must add each member and then the member must accept the membership add on the SLI organization site," Sanders said. "This doesn't always happen though if either the president or member doesn't do their step."

According to Sanders, a similar process takes place when it comes to removing members from the SLI site, which leads to the discrepancy that some numbers are below the number they report and some are above the number they report in the registered member column.

Of the 34 combined fraternities and sororities that reported, only three houses had the same number of reported and registered members.

The number they report can also be

more immediately available to students.

Randhawa said part of the overall struggle with the affiliated housing program involved assessing the physical, social and learning environments of each Greek household.

"There were some houses that are very good, and there are others that really struggle," Randhawa said. "As a university, we'd like to make sure there's some evidence that it's a safe environment for the students who will be living there."

The new deal

A small group of Greek alumni worked with Randhawa to fine-tune the final version of the program, which was released in September 2013.

"There's a significant change in the price structure and it's much, much lower," Randhawa said. "We have accommodated (Greek life) in that perspective."

To be eligible to apply for inclusion, the housed organization must adhere to certain guidelines and pay a participation fee of \$200 per first-year student and up to a maximum of \$5,000 each year. The affiliated housing program begins fall 2014.

"Far more fraternities are willing to participate in this new version of the program," Maag said.

The aftermath

After no houses applied to the initial program, more than half met the Jan. 10 deadline for the revised version.

"Frankly, I'm hopeful that the fraternities that do meet the qualifications that are now set forth will find themselves in a stronger position than they are now," Kearney said.

Sororities are much less dependent on freshmen living in chapter houses than fraternities. Of the 16 houses that applied, only two were sororities.

"We feel strongly that our freshmen members should remain in the dorms to broaden their collegiate experience outside the Greek community," Clark said.

Clark said the Alpha Chi Omega sorority has been working hard to keep its chapter house at capacity without having to count on freshmen to move in since before the First-Year Experience even existed.

The chapter houses that applied to the program will begin working with the university in February.

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Brendan Sanders
IFC president

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notify next of kin before publicizing that information.

An autopsy has been scheduled, but Henslee is not aware of the date.

The investigation is ongoing and more information will be released once the body is identified.

"If it turns out to be criminal in nature, then obviously we have to go through the criminal process," Henslee said.

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Beaver Tweet of the Day

"I've been a lot of girls crush lately where all this coming from?"

@Hollywood_3 Hallice Cooke



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Inside OSU men's basketball

Notes from Wednesday's road victory against WSU

Big road win: By picking up their first conference road victory of the season, the Beavers (11-7, 3-3 Pac-12) are already halfway to last year's total of two conference road wins. OSU entered Wednesday's contest having won just four conference road games over its past three-plus seasons.

.500 in conference: The Beavers have a .500 conference record for the first time since January 2011, when they also started 3-3. They were just 1-5 through six conference games each of the past two seasons.

Player of the game: Roberto Nelson. The Pac-12's leading scorer eclipsed the 20-point mark for the fourth consecutive game, pouring in 26 points on 6-of-10 shooting. Nelson, who moved into sixth on OSU's career scoring list, did most of his damage from 3-point territory (3-of-5) and the charity stripe (11-of-15). He also turned the ball over just three times after committing a total of 13 turnovers in his past two games.

Play of the game: With 2:20 remaining, Devon Collier rebounded a Nelson miss and converted a layup while being fouled. He made the ensuing free throw to put the Beavers up, 59-50. The Cougars never got closer than eight points the rest of the way. It's worth noting that Collier was even in the game at that juncture, considering he sat the final eight minutes of the loss to Cal two games prior.

Angus Brandt's strong start: The senior center scored eight of the Beavers' first 14 points, connecting on his first four field goals. He finished with 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting. Since totaling nine points in the Beavers' first two conference games, Brandt has averaged 15.5 points in four contests.

Starters carry team: OSU's starting five accounted for 57 of the team's 66 points. Collier (nine points on 4-of-6 shooting) was the only non-starter to score.

Rotation found?: Seven players logged more than four minutes of playing time: the five starters (all played 29 minutes or more), Collier (22 minutes) and Challe Barton (11). Olaf Schaftenaar, Daniel Gomis, Victor Robbins and Malcolm Duvivier totaled 12 minutes collectively.

Eric Moreland held in check: Fresh off three straight double-doubles, Moreland was held to six points and two rebounds Wednesday night.

Taking care of the ball: One game after turning the ball over 20 times against Oregon, the Beavers committed just 11 turnovers against the Cougars.

Three-point shooting cools off: The Beavers entered the game shooting 53.2 percent from 3-point territory in conference games, tops in the Pac-12. They made "just" 5-of-13 3-point attempts Wednesday, but made up for that by shooting 59.3 percent from inside the arc.

Gomis "not feeling well:": Midway through the first half, the team's offi-

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Oregon State looks to rebound

Wrestling hosts No. 24 Lehigh Thursday night; Sakaguchi, Pena have formidable dual opponents

By Andrew Kilstrom
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Oregon State wrestled a top 25 opponent just four days ago, narrowly falling to No. 21 North Dakota State, 19-17, in Gill Coliseum.

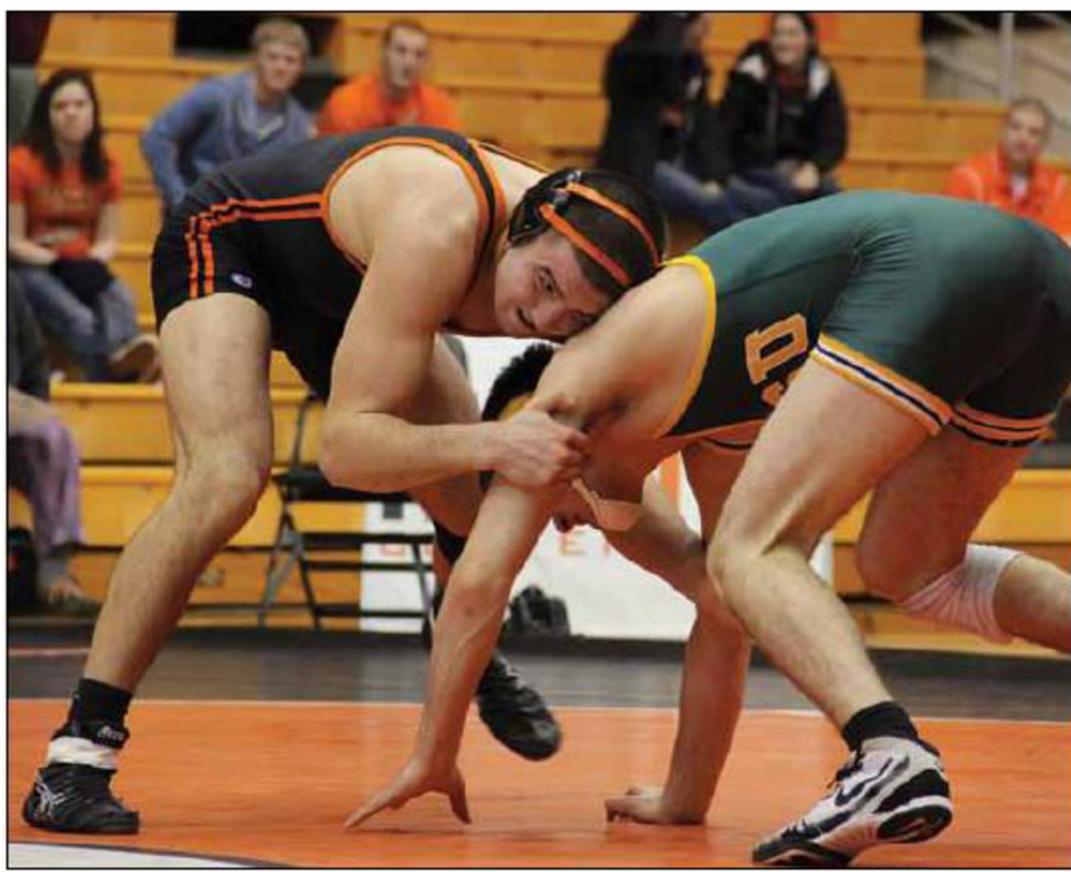
Thursday, against another ranked opponent in No. 24 Lehigh, the Beavers (8-4, 2-1 Pac-12) get another crack at knocking off a prestigious wrestling school.

While OSU is coming off a close loss (the Beavers had won four straight duals prior), and were wrestling as good as they had all year. They're confident entering Thursday's matchup against the Mountain Hawks (6-4, 3-2 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association).

"We still need improvement in some of those middle weight classes," said head coach Jim Zalesky after Sunday's loss to North Dakota State. "We're wrestling hard but aren't finishing out matches and getting points a lot of the time. If we continue the effort, the results should come."

Three of OSU's five losses in Sunday's dual were by a combined nine points, and junior Joe Lathum (174-pound weight class) lost in sudden death overtime.

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Senior 157-pounder RJ Pena battles North Dakota State's Nick Olejnik in Gill Coliseum on Sunday. Pena has won his last four matches.

Men's basketball gets first Pac-12 road win

Oregon State hung on in second half to take down WSU in Pullman, Wash.

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For the fourth consecutive game, Oregon State men's basketball headed into halftime with a lead.

After going 2-1 in previous games, the Beavers had another back-and-forth contest with Washington State.

The Beavers didn't pull away until the very end, but ultimately held on for a 66-55 victory in Pullman, Wash., on Wednesday night.

OSU (11-7, 3-3 Pac-12) won its second straight

game in Beasley Coliseum against the Cougars (8-11, 1-6) for the first time since the 1989-1990 season.

Mirroring the Civil War from three days prior, OSU's only deficit was a 2-0 score at the beginning of the game and the Beavers didn't allow any 3-pointers in the first half.

Senior center Angus Brandt led the Beavers to a quick lead in the first half, posting eight points in the first 6:46.

He would not take another two-point shot in the first period, but senior guard Roberto Nelson paced the Beavers with 26 points in all.

Brandt came into the contest with far better

numbers in home games than on the road—13.9 points per game to 3.8, respectively—but finished with 14 points.

Senior forward Devon Collier netted 10 points, the first time he reached double digits in Pac-12 play this season.

With the win, the Beavers reached an even 3-3 Pac-12 mark after their first road conference win this season.

Freshman guard Hallice Cooke was held to three points, his lone basket coming on a 3-pointer in the first half that sparked a 7-0 run

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Sophomore center Ruth Hamblin looks toward the basket against Oregon on Jan. 11.

Rueck impressed with surging Hamblin

Sophomore center Ruth Hamblin has played the best basketball of her Oregon State career during the past 2 weeks, has paced Beavers

By Mitch Mahoney
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There have been times this season when sophomore center Ruth Hamblin looked dominant for Oregon State. There have been other times when she simply looked average.

Regardless of the type of night Hamblin's having, Hamblin, standing 6-foot-6 in the middle, is the tallest player for Oregon State, and creates an instant mismatch whenever she steps onto the court, no matter who the opponent is. Recently, those dominant nights have been the norm.

On offense, she can tower over defenders for easy layups. On defense, her height allows her to regularly block shots from shorter players.

Hamblin averages a conference-best 3.7 blocks per game. That number is nearly two more blocks a game than any other player in the Pac-12.

Even so, Hamblin's dominant play is

a recent revelation, and it is still unclear whether or not she can maintain her dominance.

Nonetheless, head coach Scott Rueck is pleased with the progress he's seen from Hamblin since the beginning of the year.

"Her overall awareness of the game, her IQ, has improved game after game and week after week, to where she's anticipating better," he said. "She's a lot more aware of everything around her and she's beating people to spots."

This past month, the Beavers (10-8, 2-4 Pac-12) have seen the benefits of Hamblin's progress. In the past four games, Hamblin has been playing both ends of the floor as well as anyone, and has been OSU's best player more often than not.

In the past four games, Hamblin has averaged 18.5 points, 9.8 rebounds and 4.5 blocks.

"She's been our anchor defensively," Rueck said. "Then offensively she's somebody that (opponents) have to pay attention to every second."

Hamblin's impressive numbers over the last four games would have been even

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Head coach

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Senior swimmers to be honored on road for senior day

■ OSU travels to Washington State, Idaho as Pac-12 Championships loom near

By **Scott McReynolds**
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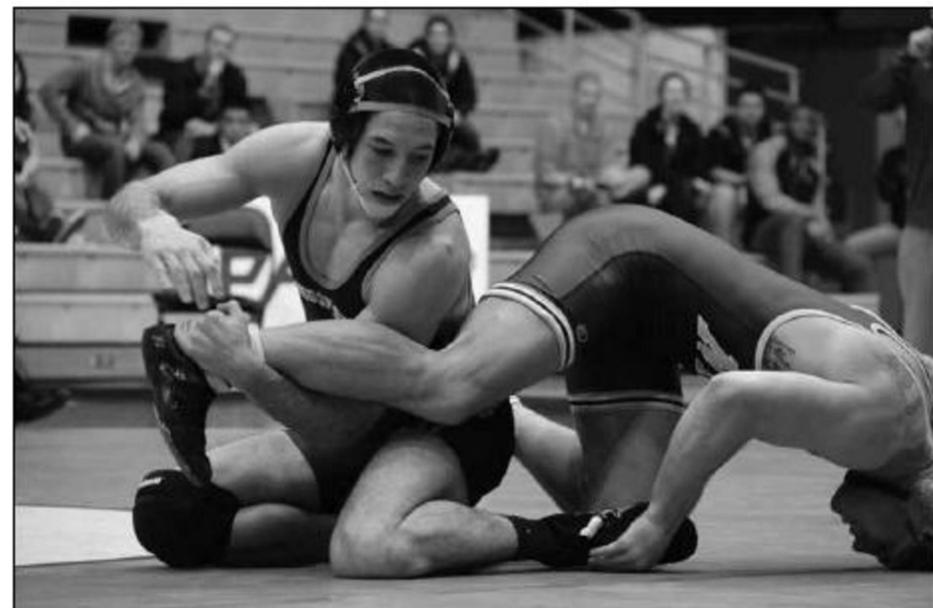
The Oregon State swimming team will head north this weekend for back-to-back meets against Washington State on Friday, and Idaho on Saturday. The Beavers' meet against WSU will serve as the team's senior day, which was scheduled to be Jan. 11 at home against BYU, but was canceled and not rescheduled. The three seniors who are graduat-

ing — Crystal Kibby, Aya Fujimura and Erica Brannon — will be honored before the meet, despite being the away team. "It was a little sad that I couldn't have my family come down here and be recognized," Kibby said. "But it will be OK." Kibby and Brannon are on their final stretch of college swimming, with the guarantee of swimming in just four more meets. Kibby has already hit a B-standard time for the NAAs, but that doesn't necessarily guarantee her a spot. Brannon has not yet raced this year due to a combination of injuries and

surgeries, and will most likely not be racing for the remainder of the season. Brannon swam the fourth-fastest 200-meter backstroke in OSU history last season. Fujimura can still qualify for the NCAA Championships, but to do so would require a big jump in performance, improving her times by almost 10 seconds. Her goal, however, is to swim her best times in her final season. "It's bittersweet," Fujimura said. "That's why I want to get a best time, and say thank you to everyone who helped me." Head coach Larry Liebowitz is

thankful for the leadership all three seniors have provided this season. With all of the remaining meets requiring travel, the team will get a good taste of competing on the road. "It's more stressful on your mind and your body," said sophomore Sammy Harrison. "(But) it helps us get in the mindset for Pac-12s." The team will have a long bus ride this weekend when they travel to both Pullman, Wash., and Moscow, Idaho. Going into these last meets, the coaching staff is excited about what they have seen. "Workouts have been close to spectacular for a long period of time,"

Liebowitz said. Both Harrison and Kibby, who have the best shot of making it to NAAs, said that they are working on the little things and coming to every practice with new goals. Liebowitz said this weekend's meets are bound to be competitive, and will help the team prepare for the Pac-12 Championships. The team's last meet before the Pac-12 Championships will be the following weekend, Feb. 1 against Boise State. **Scott McReynolds, sports reporter**
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Senior 149-pounder Scott Sakaguchi grapples with the foot of North Dakota State's Tyler Diamond on Sunday in Gill Coliseum.

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Getting wins in the 125-pound, 165-pound and 184-pound weight classes — three weights OSU has lacked consistency in this season — will be especially important considering the difficult matchups the Beavers will have in other matchups Thursday.

Lehigh enters Thursday's dual with ranked wrestlers in the 133-pound, 149-pound, 157-pound and 174-pound weight classes.

Sophomore Drew Van Anrooy will have to battle No. 7 Mason Beckman in the 133-pound matchup and Latham will likely be faced with No. 16 Elliot Riddick in the 174-pound battle.

Despite the mismatch on paper, Zalesky said he has confidence in his guys.

"Latham wrestled hard (on Sunday)," he said. "He's wrestled hard all season. When you do that, you always have a chance, especially when you've got good technique like he does."

The premier matchups of the night will come in the 149-pound and 157-pound weight classes. Oregon State's No. 12 Scott Sakaguchi will take on No. 11 Mitch Minotti at 149, while OSU's No. 11 RJ Pena will face No. 10 Joey in the 157-pound bout.

Sakaguchi and Pena, both seniors, went through dry spells, by their standards, during the month of December, but have since bounced back.

Sakaguchi — who has been ranked as high as No. 1 in the nation this season — is 21-7 on the year, and has won his last five matches. Pena is 25-4, with an 8-1 record in duals and has won

four straight entering Thursday. "Those guys would probably tell you they weren't giving enough effort earlier in the year but they've been better," Zalesky said. "To be successful in a dual setting, we need them to not only get us wins but often times bonus points." Bonus points were the reason Oregon State lost Sunday, as sophomore 125-pounder Joey Palmer was pinned in the meet's opening bout, surrendering six team points in the process.

While the Beavers recorded two major decisions of their own — garnering four team points as opposed to the three points awarded for a decision — sophomore Toney Chay lost via major decision to No. 3 Steve Monk essentially nullifying the advantage.

With No. 13 Taylor Meeks (junior 197-pounder) and No. 15 Amarveer Dhese (freshman heavy-weight) not facing ranked opponents against Lehigh, bonus points in those matchups would be helpful.

"Duals usually come down to bonus points," Zalesky said. "If we can consistently get bonus points on top of wins, chances are we'll come away with an overall win in the dual." Thursday is also OSU's second-to-last home meet of the season. The Beavers will host No. 4 Oklahoma in another tough test Saturday, which will subsequently be Oregon State's homecoming dual and the last match in Gill Coliseum for the senior class.

Oregon State and Lehigh are set to get underway at 7 p.m. Thursday in Gill Coliseum.

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that extended the Beavers' three-point lead to double digits. That three-point advantage was the closest the game would be until the final buzzer.

WSU was led by senior DJ Shelton's career-high 24 points, 18 of which came in the second half.

Without leading-scorer DeVonte Lacy, the Cougars had only two players with more than six points in the game.

Junior guard Que Johnson had 15 points in a game in which neither team used a high-tempo offense — OSU had the only two fast-break points of the game.

The Beavers' 66 points was their lowest output of the season, but OSU shot 52.5 percent from the field and went 19-for-27 from the line.

Junior forward Eric Moreland failed to get his fourth straight double-double, finishing with six points and two rebounds.

Despite Moreland's season-low in boards, Oregon State still won the rebounding battle, 26-24, to stay perfect in that category in conference play.

After two straight Pac-12 victories, the Beavers will not return home until after Saturday's matchup with Washington.

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cial Twitter account tweeted: "Daniel Gomis isn't feeling well and is out for the rest of the game." No further information was available at press time. The sophomore center appeared briefly in the first half.

Up next: The Beavers will try to improve their conference record to 4-3 when they play the University of Washington in Seattle on Saturday. The last time OSU was 4-3 (or better) through seven conference games? The 1992-93 season, when OSU started 5-2 in conference.

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Hounds pick up steam late

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GASTON — Gaston stays in the hunt for a repeat Northwest title with a comeback win against Neah-Kah-Nie.

The Gaston boys basketball team did not lead for much of its game against Neah-Kah-Nie, but it led when it counted.

When the clock ran out.

Powered by a game-high 24 points from senior post Austin Waibel, the Greyhounds kept themselves in the thick of the Northwest League title race with a 60-52 victory at home against the Pirates on Friday. After having trailed by as many as 11 points in the first quarter, the home team — finally back in town for a game for the first time since Dec. 21 — took over the lead for good on Waibel's three-point play midway through the fourth and closed the contest on a 15-5 run.

"We don't play to our full potential until we get frustrated," Waibel said. "That's our biggest problem. Sometimes we're asleep for the first half. We have done this for multiple games now, which is kind of bad. We're trying to fix this."

Though it may not have come in the squad's most complete effort, the pivotal win upped the Gaston's record to 9-5 overall and 6-1 in league play, meaning that the reigning conference

champion Greyhounds kept pace with Portland Christian atop the Northwest standings heading into a big rematch against Riverdale on Tuesday.

Neah-Kah-Nie dropped to 5-9 overall and 2-5 in Northwest play, but early on, it was the Pirates who looked like the team to beat.

"It's kind of our thing this year. It takes us a little while to get going, and I was proud of our guys," Gaston coach Marc Roche said. "We responded. Credit those guys. They played great, and we just fought and fought and fought and didn't give up and finally made the plays down the stretch when we had to."

Morey finished with 19 points, five rebounds and four assists. Reynolds had nine points, and Cole Waibel and Berisha added four each. Berisha added eight rebounds, five assists and three steals, while Austin Waibel had eight rebounds and four steals. For Neah-Kah-Nie, Morris ended up with 19 points, and Halverson also was in double figures with 12.

On Tuesday, the Greyhounds were at home again to face Riverdale, a team that beat them 49-39 on Jan. 7. Gaston faces two more big games at the end of the week. Friday's is against Portland Christian, which entered the week tied at the top of the league standings. Tip-off for that contest at Multnomah University is 7:30 p.m.

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higher had she not struggled as much as she did against the University of Southern California.

Against the Trojans, Hamblin got herself into early foul trouble, defending one of the premier post players in the nation, senior Cassie Harberts.

After two quick fouls in the first half, and continued fouls for the rest of the game, Rueck was forced to keep Hamblin out for large chunks of time. As a result, Hamblin was held to just five points, five rebounds and only one block.

It wasn't the first time she had been in foul trouble this season, but Rueck said it was the first time her absence had impacted the outcome of the game as profoundly as it did in Friday's game.

"It depends on who we're playing, how much (Hamblin's absence hurts)," Rueck said. "When we're playing an elite post player, she's our best one-on-one post defender, so that's definitely a disadvantage when she's out. We don't like to have her in foul trouble at all, for both ends of the floor."

Against the Trojans, her foul trouble was particularly damaging, as Harberts went on to score a game-high 22 points. With how well Hamblin has been playing recently, foul trouble may be one of the few things that can slow her down on the court.

Oregon State hopes Hamblin can stay out of foul trouble when they play the Huskies Friday. The game will be in Gill Coliseum and is slated for a 6 p.m. tip-off.

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Sophomore center Ruth Hamblin contests a shot from Oregon's Katelyn Roper on Jan. 11.

Editorial

It's time to turn in those report cards

This isn't an attempt to poke a beehive. The First-Year Experience front-page story showed that even the administration couldn't avoid getting stung.

But we have to question the validity of the Greek grade reports. Every term, Student Leadership & Involvement posts grade point averages for each fraternity and sorority on campus.

We're no stranger to hearing about the intellectual prowess of those in Greek life based on these GPA results.

Remember our editorial from 11 months ago arguing that Greeks should not get an exception to the First-Year Experience? We try to forget sometimes.

We can't forget some of the letters to the editor we received about the GPAs of Greeks. In fact, it was the basis for every argument.

Here are some examples:
"... sororities have minimum GPA requirements and the members are held to these standards. ... None of your statistics or research comes from Oregon State University," wrote Emma Woodruff, marketing student.

"At Oregon State University, the average Greek GPA is higher than the university average and members of Greek organizations are 20 percent more likely to graduate from college than non-Greeks," wrote Christina Lorenz, graduate student in agricultural education.

"... the all Greek GPA for spring 2012 was a 3.02, while the entire university's average was a 2.99. Before lumping OSU Greeks in with the entire population of Greeks, I think more research should be done," wrote Britta Rasmussen, sophomore in sociology.

There were dozens more. Alas. We've reviewed these grade reports, and one of our reporters interviewed multiple students and staff affiliated with Greek life. We found that the grades and numbers reported to Student Leadership & Involvement are often inaccurate, because discrepancies with membership registration with SLI are a problem.

These discrepancies occur when a former member was never removed from the list, or when active members simply did not take the time to register.

It's like taking the bell out of the bell curve.

The former members may be "former" because of their poor grades, which would mean those GPAs are lower than they should be. The opposite could also be true.

We don't know. No one does. That's the problem. If the university is going to require grades to be submitted, they should also hold these houses accountable.

If these numbers are going to be a holistic argument to justify activity of Greeks, the data needs to be accurate.

Complete accuracy is, amazingly, difficult — for the Barometer, but also for everyone else.

Everyone makes mistakes. Let's not brag about them.

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No one will ever let me forget being hit by a car

Back in October, I wrote a column about a car hitting me while I was on my bike. After describing the terrifying incident, I wrote about bike safety (with a little car safety thrown in).

I had been paying attention to the law of the lanes, the lights and was looking out for other cars — but one thing I hadn't done was wear a helmet.

That's what influenced a very kind and thoughtful response from one of my readers. After picking up my column, he decided that in order for me to safely ride my bike, he needed to get me a helmet.

The helmet was perfect. I was baffled at his generosity.

"Fan mail" is a lost form of affirmation. Nowadays, all we have is anonymous YouTube comments, which are mostly negative anyway — if people can't see you, why not be rude?

We also have blog responses, which

are mostly tedious, non-committal fragments: "beautiful," "life-changing" and "you preach it, girl." Reading these responses to your writing makes you feel a little violated.

You can't genuinely pat yourself on the back for the accolades because it feels as if they've been hotkeyed by your readers.

No, legit print fan mail cannot be emulated easily in today's online society. If I ever became a big shot, I would read every piece of print fan mail that I ever received.

There's a genuine quality to someone writing in to say something kind about

my writing or sending me something that pertains to my previous work. It doesn't just make me feel warm and fuzzy inside — although it does that too — it transforms my hypothetical "audience" into tangible individuals.

Essentially, it makes it so that when I write, I have my audience in mind, as if my columns are letters to actual people rather than assignments or just part of a job description.

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Gabi Scottaline



Harassment is still harassment even when it doesn't hurt

As I was walking home from work one night, I had the pleasure of a car of wayward gentlemen slowing down next to me and the shotgun window being rolled down. A blond-haired kid leaned out and called to me, "I like your butt."

Half of me was completely confused by this, since I was wearing black pants and it was night, therefore negating the possibility of even seeing my butt. The other half of me responded how I always do whenever someone says they like anything about my personage.

"I like your face," I retorted. The kid cheered, told me he loved me and the car sped off into the night.

I finished walking home feeling rather ambivalent about the whole scenario.

Thinking about the event later, I

wondered if I had experienced "street harassment." There was a street, there were folks making unsolicited comments about my body. And yet I lacked the feeling of being scared or intimidated. I didn't feel happy about the situation, but I definitely didn't feel coerced, pestered, disturbed or any other synonyms relating to the word "harassment."

Despite whatever feelings I have about my own experience, street harassment is prevalent in our society. If what I experienced qualifies as harassment, it was extremely mild.

But tweak a few details about the situation, and my experience could have been downright nightmarish.

I've had friends recount stories to me about street harassment that make my skin crawl. One friend discussed how she was waiting for a bus, and a group of guys pulled up and started screaming and hooting at her, mostly things along the lines of, "How much?"

To get away she went into a McDonald's.

Another friend of mine was walking home one night and noticed a man following her. He asked her the time and then aggressively grabbed her arm. She pulled free and booked it home as fast as her legs could carry her.

In Michael Martin's story on Oregon Public Broadcasting —

"Catcalling: Ignore it or enjoy it?" — women were interviewed on how they felt about the subject.

In her section of the interview, Jasmine Garsd, the producer and co-host of NPR's *Alt. Latino*, framed the difference between complimenting someone and harassing them.

"I think there's guys who say 'hi,'

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Letter to the Editor

Response to Mason's Jan. 22 comic OSU Beaver Store not corrupt

The comic drawn by Ryan Mason in the Jan. 22 paper depicted an opinion that was offensive and inaccurate to some: "My son sells cocaine, but it's still less corrupt than his last gig selling textbooks at the university bookstore."

First, I will mention that I am an advertising sales representative at The Daily Barometer and the OSU Beaver Store is one of my clients. I have chosen to write this letter personally and independently, as a student of OSU who is more aware of facts regarding the sale of textbooks. While Mason does not specifically mention the Beaver Store, many OSU readers would assume his comic is referring to our own campus bookstore rather than some abstract bookstore that exists somewhere else in the universe.

My question is: In what possible way is the Beaver Store corrupt? It is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with a student and faculty Board of Directors. The publishers set the textbook prices, and the Beaver Store does not add any mark-up on top of those prices.

General merchandise sales (which have mark-up) fund a student discount on textbooks that has increased from seven percent to 10 percent over the years. All competing prices are listed on their website, making the process transparent.

The Beaver Store makes no profit because of its dedication to providing the student discount. Most of the employees at the Beaver Store are students supporting their education.

As a student, I understand the frustration with high textbook prices, but the Beaver Store is a scapegoat. The reality is that the for-profit publishers set the prices and the Beaver Store has no control. Is the Beaver Store corrupt? If it really is corrupt, shouldn't there be a news investigation with proper fact-checking following ethical journalistic guidelines, not a satirical comic?

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JULIA MOORE | MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Steve Fry, right, and other local organic farmers gather Wednesday at Fry Family Farm to support a ballot measure that would ban genetically modified crops in Jackson County.

Farmers debate GMO ban

By Damian Mann
MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD — Some organic farmers have come together to oppose what they see as a growing threat from genetically modified crops contaminating surrounding fields.

"Our livelihood is at stake," said Mary Alionis, who owns Whistling Duck Farms in the Applegate with her husband, Vince. The Alionis family and other organic farmers on Wednesday threw their support behind Ballot Measure 15-119, which asks voters in the November election to ban GMO crops in Jackson County.

More than a dozen farmers gathered at Fry Family Farm's fields in north Medford off Ross Lane to talk about the economic dangers from genetically modified plants such as sugar beets created by multi-national companies such as Monsanto and Syngenta AG.

Alionis said for the past eight years, her family has grown certified organic crops that it sells through its store in the Applegate.

She said some organic farmers in the valley have destroyed their own seed crop because of contamination from nearby Syngenta GMO crops.

Chris Hardy of Village Farm in Talent said he was forced to till under a crop last spring after it was contaminated by pollen from a nearby GMO crop.

In addition, the GMO plantings, which are Roundup-resistant, require heavy use of herbicides, which also contaminate surrounding fields, the farmers say.

Chi Scherer of Hihoe Produce at Bluebird Farm in Williams said the intensity of spraying on GMO crops could threaten his organic operation.

Fields sprayed with these chemicals kill microorganisms and put fields off-limits for future organic farming.

"We don't want to poison each other," he said.

A political action committee called Our Family Farms Coalition has been formed by the farmers to help support the ballot measure.

Elise Higley of Oshala Farm and director of the coalition said GMOs could be devastating for

family farms locally.

She said the ballot measure would protect these farms for the future.

The Jackson County Farm Bureau opposes the ballot measure.

Ron Bjork with the Farm Bureau said it would be expensive for the county to enforce GMO restrictions.

"Can you imagine the county trying to set up an agriculture department to monitor this stuff to tell if it's genetically modified or not?" he said.

He said he hasn't seen anything that would indicate GMOs pose a health risk.

"Nobody's died," he said. "They can't even show where anybody has had any damage because of this."

Bjork said anti-GMO farmers complain about contamination, but noted that organic farmers often don't adequately control weeds and the resulting weed pollen blows into neighboring fields.

He said organic farmers have moved into areas where Syngenta has been growing for years.

Bjork said he grows genetically modified crops at his farm in Eagle Point.

"I see no problem planting it," he said. "This GMO alfalfa is good stuff."

Steve Fry of Fry Family Farm said the GMO crops are putting chemicals into the local environment, and the long-term effects of ingesting genetically modified seeds are still unknown.

"I'm in close proximity to Syngenta's farms, which spreads pollen all about my farm," he said. "For me to exercise my right -- the fundamental right of farmers -- to save seed is ruined by Syngenta, which grows GMO seeds down the street."

He said other nations and areas have banned GMOs despite pressure from the large corporations.

"There's God's plans, and there's the corporate plan," Fry said.

Software developers target marijuana business

By Mike Williams
COAST RIVER BUSINESS JOURNAL
ASTORIA — Marijuana entrepreneurs who make it through the state's licensing process will have to be ready to track and report every seed — nearly every leaf — as it grows and becomes a viable product.

The company that designed the state's traceability software hopes those people will buy its commercial software to make that process easier.

No state mandates any software for marijuana business just as no state mandates software for accounting controls, said Patrick Vo, chief operating officer and chief financial officer of BioTrackTHC.

You can use pen and paper or a simple spreadsheet if you choose, he said.

"However, most business owners value their time and want to utilize their time more toward their business and utilize software in order to do it faster and in order to do it better," he said.

BioTrack's commercial software is used in about 200 operations across the United States and Canada, Vo said, including all states where medicinal marijuana is legal. The first generation of software went into use about four years ago.

In addition to helping growers, processors and retailers keep track of product for the state's traceability requirements, it also gives them business data, Vo said.

"Anyone who runs a legal marijuana operation or medicinal marijuana operation who is in some way shape or form proficient in business, they understand the importance of internal controls to prevent loss," he said,

"and they also understand the importance of insightful business data so they can either trim costs where prudent or they can get insight into their revenues — where they're coming from — so they can continue to grow their business."

That's important, he said,

because the raw traceability data the state requires is a one-way relationship, Vo said. It's like accounting figures sent to the IRS, he added. There is plenty of useful information about the running of the business in the data sent to the IRS, but it has to be mined to be useful.

"As a business owner, you want to make sure your waste and your loss is kept to a minimum and any weaknesses in your system you can identify," he said. "You want to know, 'Who are your customers? What products are people buying?' The traceability system isn't going to tell you these things."

A commercial application tailored for a marijuana operation will, he said.

BioTrackTHC's software keeps track of each plant at every step of the process, Vo said, whether it's adding fertilizer, moving it from one place to another or breaking down the plant into stems, flowers and leaves. It uses unique 16-digit identification numbers on bar codes to keep track of the plant.

BioTrack HQ

BioTrack's offices are in Florida, which may seem odd since marijuana is not legal in Florida in any way, shape or form.

"We originally started out as a pharmaceutical tracking system," Vo said. "In response to the pill mill epidemic in Florida we developed a portfolio of software technologies to combat prescription drug fraud."

One program used patient fingerprints to prevent "doctor shoppers" and people using fake IDs to get multiple prescriptions. It is compliant with privacy laws because it doesn't use the patient's name, address or Social Security number; it only keeps track of the prescriptions associated with that fingerprint, Vo said.

"So if you already have three outstanding prescriptions for Oxycontin, that will flag, and the doctor will ask, 'What's going on?'"

And it's completely anonymous,

so it doesn't compromise patient confidentiality."

Software choices

BioTrack has competition for the commercial software users. TriQ Systems and MJ Freeway Software Solutions are among the software developers vying for marijuana businesses.

BioTrack's contract with the Washington Liquor Control Board to design the state's traceability system included publishing an application program interface so that other software developers can link into the system, Vo said. Those preliminary specifications have been published, he added.

"As long as their system captures the type of data the traceability system requires, and as long as they have the software expertise to get their system based on our publicly published interface manual, anyone can develop a system that can submit data to the traceability system," Vo said. "It's fair game; no one is being excluded from the traceability system."

Right now the largest share of the market is a hodge-podge of pen and paper and spreadsheets, he said.

BioTrack and the other software developers are hoping the burgeoning markets in Washington and Colorado will see the value in using their products.

The software can make audits, spot inspections and inventory control go much more smoothly, Vo said. Plus the business management information can make the operation more profitable.

"Our commercial system runs 12-13 bucks a day," Vo said. "I guarantee you that our system will save you much more than that, both in terms of products as well as revenue."

Regardless of what system they use, the licensee is responsible for compliance with the state's traceability requirements, he said.

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how are you doing?' or 'You're looking nice today,' which I actually don't have a problem with that. I think that's a beautiful human interaction. But then there's the guys that make you feel embarrassed, humiliated. ... It's just very aggressive. And that's the line that is crossed that I think makes people very uncomfortable."

I understand that one of the first annoying matters for some is the concept that the lines between a compliment and harassment could be blurred, but the matter itself is very simple.

If you intentionally say something to someone that only acknowledges an aspect of their physical appearance in a graphic fashion in a situation where you are not relatively certain that they will appreciate such a comment, then that, my friend, is harassment, unadvised and just plain stupid.

Complimenting someone is completely different. It's a statement meant to make someone feel positive and appreciated, not degraded and uncomfortable. It's just thinking about what you say before you say it, which shouldn't be that big a problem, right?

Let's face it — if you want to be successful in wooing someone, you stand a much higher

chance of success if you meet them one-on-one.

While we're on this, let me just say how incredibly attractive it would be to have statements like, "You are so intelligent it hurts," and "You look like an amazing person," hollered out to people instead of the dull, jaded and frankly useless phrases like, "Take it off" and "Shake it for me"

For folks who have experienced street harassment — which is not limited to sexist comments but can include racism, transphobia, homophobia, ableism, sizeism and classism — or are concerned about how to react to it, there is a phenomenal organization called Hollaback, devoted to ending street harassment so that all may enjoy equal access to public spaces without fear of being bothered.

The solution to this varied and circumstantial problem is to be aware of the world around you, think about what you're going to say and how it will affect others, don't allow bullies to exert power over you in whatever form it takes, and most of all, understand that you have a voice and that help is available if you seek it.

So go forth and make the world a better place, and all those cheesy Hallmark lines.

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