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An empty Liberty kiosk located near the Memorial Union.

Liberty case comes to close

■ Lawsuit prompted by student, on-campus independent publication ends with \$100K settlement, \$1,000 paid to student

By Sean Bassinger
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University recently settled a \$101,000 lawsuit pursued by an independent publication, a student alliance and a conservative legal firm.

The long-time case involved with the destruction of newspaper bins belonging to The Liberty, a former on-campus newspaper, concluded Wednesday with \$1,000 rewarded to the last student editor and \$100,000 to the Alliance Defending Freedom organization. The Arizona-based Christian nonprofit group specializes in cases involved with violation

of civil liberties and religious freedoms.

Steve Clark, vice president of university relations and marketing at OSU, said administrators are just glad to see the case over and done with.

"It was never an issue of constitutional rights or free speech in our mind," Clark said.

According to Clark, the money paid to both the student and nonprofit come from the university's general fund, the compilation of dollars primarily generated through tuition and student fees.

The case began in 2009 when various bins belonging to The Liberty disappeared from campus. The overall actions were believed to be caused by individual maintenance employees who acted on their own accord to beautify the campus. The case itself was brought to the Supreme Court and then dismissed.

However, troubles escalated once again in October 2013 when it was announced that the case returned to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

OSU President Ed Ray claimed he had no idea what the maintenance workers had done when William Rogers, then editor-in-chief of The Liberty, emailed him with complaints.

"Some people that I knew nothing about, geniuses, decided they didn't like these things cluttering doorways," Ray said. "So they took them off and threw them away, which was pretty incredibly mindless."

Ray contacted Mark McCambridge, former vice president of finance and administration, along with

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Breaking stereotypes with Africa Night at OSU

■ African Students Association celebrates Africa, educates attendees with cultural event

By Ria Rankine
THE DAILY BAROMETER

An African safari, draped in warm lighting, set the stage and showcased the beauty and diversity of African culture.

The African Students Association welcomed more than 300 attendees Saturday evening at the LaSells Stewart Center, and opened the discussion of topics such as generalization and stereotypes of Africans. The performers pushed boundaries, but were careful not to offend anyone.

"We're the minority of the minority," said ASA president Mariam Samake Benafe. "People know about (Africans) through the media. No one has ever opened the conversation and let people know that they can ask questions. ... We're giving ourselves a voice and also an opportunity to get to know us."

The event gave Africans their identity by breaking down stereotypes and creating a true picture of Africa.

Benafe said they didn't want to

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Sebe Kan, a musical group from Portland, heightened the atmosphere with an enthusiastic dance and drum performance Saturday at Africa Night.

Keiko's history remembered

■ Fiction author shares new book at Corvallis Public Library

By Emma-Kate Schaaque
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Many Oregonians will remember the killer whale Keiko's stay at the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport in the late 1990s.

Diane Hammond lived it.

Hammond visited the Corvallis Public Library Thursday evening to read from her new book, "Friday's Harbor," a fictional tale about a killer whale rehabilitated at a zoo in Washington State. While, with all fiction writing, the story takes liberties, the majority of the details about the whale were pulled from Hammond's time as Keiko press secretary at the aquarium.

"I took the Keiko character and merged it with new characters," Hammond said.

As the author of several other novels, including the bestselling "Hannah's Dream," Hammond knew she wanted to write about the unique experience of transporting, rehabilitating and releasing the "Free Willy" star.

"No one had done it before, and I don't think anyone would do it again," Hammond said.

Keiko was brought to Newport in 1996 after he was discovered ill in a small, warm pool at an amusement park in Mexico City.

The amusement park donated Keiko to the Free Willy Keiko Foundation, which then began searching for a way to rehabilitate him. Dozens of other aquariums and zoos were approached, but they were all reluctant to sign on to the project due to a lack of the necessary facilities, expertise and funding for such an unprecedented project.

Over the course of the next two years, trainers worked diligently to nurse Keiko back to physical and mental health.

"Our job wasn't to get him show ready, but to get him healthy," Hammond said.

It was important for Keiko to be entertained, challenged and nurtured in his new home, with the eventual goal of releasing him back into the wild. In

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A dance from history's past

■ OSU students, community coordinate commemorative World War II swing dance

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg
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Students and Corvallis community members flocked to the Women's Building for a trip back in time Saturday night.

Adair Living History and the Oregon State University History Students Association banded together to host the First Annual Swing Dance.

The evening's theme was World War II and the dance included dance lessons from Corvallis Swing Dance

Society, live music from Albany Swing Band, WWII re-enactors, a simulated radio broadcast and volunteers from the United Service Organization.

Guests were encouraged to arrive in period-themed clothing and almost all attendees took the invitation to heart.

"Everyone did their very best to come out in the appropriate clothes," said Mike Jager, History Students Association treasurer. "Soldiers are here; the USO is here. This is our first annual event, and I think it's a great start."

Given the close proximity and relationship between the histories of

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Jane Barr and her mother, Norma Corrells, dance during the World War II swing dance Saturday evening.

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Tuesday, March 18

The tree didn't fit the feng shui as well as thought

A business owner on Second Street reported someone had taken a small tree out of a potted plant in front of his store. The tree was then returned to the pot. The two suspects are college aged and were seen on the video surveillance, but their identities could not be found.

Thursday, March 20

Phones are hard

A concerned female contacted Corvallis police after she believed someone tampered with her phone. She explained she



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thought someone hacked into her phone in an attempt to contact her. However, she was unable to provide evidence of the crime.

Sunday, March 30

Just out watering the plants

Corvallis police spotted a 21-year-old male who was allegedly urinating in a planter on Second Street. He was cited for human waste.

Just stick with a bike

Someone flagged down Benton County sheriffs and reported they knew of an alleged drunk driver. Deputies followed the driver and witnessed him drive on the sidewalk, stop in the middle of the road, almost drive the wrong way down a street and make an illegal turn. The driver, Sadiq Alaswad, 28, was arrested for driving under the influence after it was determined he couldn't safely operate a vehicle.

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Building coalitions, striving to be better

■ Campus Coalition Builders host workshops at OSU for 15 years

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg
THE DAILY BAROMETER

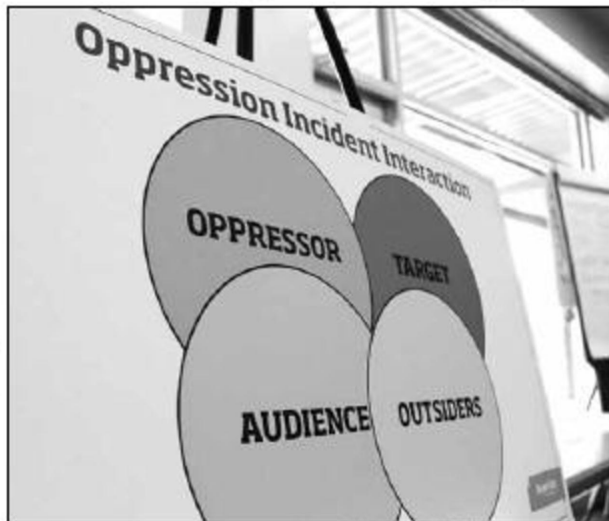
Though the Campus Coalition Builders at Oregon State University regularly host workshops, it's a little-known fact that the group has been doing so for 15 years.

Started in 1999 as a branch of the Division of Student Affairs Campus Compact Diversity Initiative, the CCB is a local chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute. The group uses key principles of the NCBI to work on creating positive change in the OSU community.

At OSU, the CCB meets biweekly to plan and coordinate events like Lunch & Learn discussions, lectures from visiting speakers and workshops that focus on better-understanding issues of diversity and prejudice.

Executive assistant to the vice provost for student affairs Jodi Nelson said the model used in workshops is copyrighted by the NCBI, but the organization has been welcoming of small changes made by the OSU chapter to better suit the needs of the campus.

"We asked permission to make a couple changes where we felt like the model wasn't being received like we would want it to be," Nelson said. "So we figured out what worked well for our campus and the NCBI said that's great."



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Campus Coalition Builders at OSU host regular workshops that focus on better understanding issues of diversity and prejudice.

Nelson and her CCB peers credit the success of the NCBI model to its flexibility and no-blame emphasis in handling issues of diversity and prejudice.

"The NCBI model is built on some really solid theory," said Dana Sanchez, assistant professor of fisheries and wildlife. "The strength of the model comes from helping people understand at more of an internal level and going beyond the conceptual."

Marigold Holmes, a second-year graduate student studying college student services administration, shared similar affections for the NCBI model.

"It's built on a model of healing," Holmes said. "What I really like is that it's trying to under-

stand the hurt that people have gone through, even for people who are maybe being oppressive, where their hurt is and where the misunderstanding is and get to the crux of the issue."

Sanchez, who has been with the CCB at OSU for five years, noted that the work involved in hosting and planning events helps build strength within their team.

"The team acts as a really important core of a support for me, personally, as well as a professional," Sanchez said. "What I share in common with all my team members is that we enjoy doing these workshops; we enjoy sharing in helping folks continue their learning and we're all con-

tinuing our own learning."

Friday, the CCB team hosted its Welcoming Diversity: Valuing the Differences Among Us workshop, which typically takes place twice a year.

The Welcoming Diversity workshop focuses specifically on five key goals: "identifying misinformation we have learned about others; identifying and expressing pride in groups we belong to; learning how other groups experience mistreatment; learning the personal impact of incidents of discrimination; and learning how to interrupt prejudicial remarks."

The CCB also hosts a workshop entirely devoted to recognizing and interrupting prejudicial behaviors, for those who have already participated in the Welcoming Diversity workshop and wish to delve further into the skills.

Nelson, Holmes and Sanchez all individually mentioned how greatly each workshop differs from prior workshops and how each time around is a learning experience.

"It's different for everyone and everyone comes in with a different place that they're starting from," Nelson said. "By midday or so, or even an hour in, people are experiencing 'a-ha moments.' It's really about looking at yourself and really looking at how I got this way and what I might be doing to make it worse for myself and others."

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order for the project to be successful, mutual trust was essential from both the trainers and the whale.

"He was very compliant," Hammond said. "It's a very close relationship, you have to be trusting."

During the presentation and reading, Hammond shared photos of trainers up close and personal with Keiko, even reaching elbow deep into his mouth.

"Of all the things I saw, it was the love affair between people and Keiko that moved me," Hammond said. "He was around people most of his life. We were his pod."

Keiko would swim around his tank, practice agility and memory during games with his trainers, and even watch television.

"His vet prescribed television for Keiko,"

Hammond said. "It gave him something to do. For the record, he hated 'Free Willy.' He always swam away if it was on."

This particular activity raised questions about Keiko's treatment, and how much humans should interfere.

Hammond said animal rights activists and protest groups were largely absent from Newport and the debate surrounding the morality of having animals in captivity has arisen during recent years.

The critically acclaimed 2013 documentary, "Blackfish," which explores orca whales in captivity surrounding the death of a trainer at SeaWorld in 2010, has stirred up many questions that didn't plague the Keiko project.

"It wasn't a debate at the time," Hammond said. "It wasn't at the forefront."

From the beginning, Hammond said, the aquarium planned to release him to the wild and worked within its means to do so.

"I think Keiko got the best of our collective efforts," Hammond said.

Although Hammond does address the morality of captivity in her book through details of the whale's life, her experience showed her that those in charge of Keiko's rehabilitation had the best of intentions.

"I'm not even interested in the politics in it," Hammond said. "He was a fabulous character and that was far more interesting than whether it was right or wrong."

Keiko was gradually released back to his birth waters of Iceland in 1998. He swam in a bay in Iceland before swimming out to Norway where he spent his remaining days free, but always under tracking and supervision.

He died in 2003 of acute pneumonia.

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Calendar

Monday, April 7

- Events**
- Centro Cultural César Chávez,** 5-8:30pm, CCCC, 26th Street, across from Reser Stadium. Celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Centro Cultural César Chávez building. Program at 5 p.m.
 - 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.

Tuesday, April 8

- Meetings**
- ASOSU Elections Committee,** 4pm, Barometer Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Meeting.
 - OSU Socratic Club,** 7-8pm, MU Talisman Room. Book Club studying C.S. Lewis' "Mere Christianity." We will be discussing the last two chapters of the book, Book 4, chs. 10 and 11. Copies will be available for those who need one.

Wednesday, April 9

- Meetings**
- College Republicans,** 7pm, Gilkey 113. Come join us for discussion on current events in the state and nation.
 - ASOSU Elections Committee,** 2pm, Barometer Conference Room, 120 MU East/Snell Hall. Meeting.

Thursday, April 10

- Meetings**
- Baha'i Campus Association,** 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. A discussion - In an age of equality, can we deal with the differences between women and men?

- 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 students in a roundtable discussion about individual global norms, traditions and differences happening and concerning OSU students.
 - Asian and Pacific Cultural Center (APCC),** 4:30-6:30pm, Asian and Pacific Cultural Center. Come discuss and learn with other students how birth order and generation influences your life experience and identity.

Friday, April 11

- Meetings**
- ASOSU Elections Committee,** 3pm, Snell Round Table. Meeting.

Sunday, April 13

- Events**
- Vietnamese Student Association,** 6-8pm, MU Ballroom. 42nd Annual Cultural Show. Come enjoy a show filled with cultural entertainment. Free ticketed dinner is included. Tickets available in MU 109 starting April 7.

Monday, April 14

- Events**
- OSU Events,** 6-8pm, Old World Deli, 341 2nd Street. Science Pub Corvallis. Natural Gas for Transportation speaker Chris Hagen, OSU-Cascades, Energy Systems Engineering.

Tuesday, April 15

- Events**
- World Languages & Cultures,** 3:30-6pm, The Little Gallery, 210 Kidder Hall. A reception for Dreams Before Extinction. An exhibition of prints from paintings on endangered species by the Iranian artist Naemeh Naemeh.
 - Career Services,** 11am-Noon, MU 208. Beaver's Wanted: How to prepare for Success at the Career Fair. Need some tips on how to get ready for the Career Fair? Join us.
 - Career Services,** 1-2pm, MU 208. Resume: Can you Pass the 10 Second Rule? Nancy Hawkins from Trimble Navigation will present.
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Linus Pauling Lecture Series
When: 5 - 6 p.m.
Where: Linus Pauling Science Center, Room 402

FRIDAY

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When: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: MU Quad

WEDNESDAY

OSU Used Store Afternoon Sale
When: 12 - 3 p.m.
Where: Property Services Building

MONDAY

Centro Cultural César Chávez Grand Opening
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other members of university administration, to handle the matters.

In the midst of attempting to clean up the mess, Ray and others discovered there was no official policy for such an occurrence.

"Nobody had ever gone in direct competition with the Barometer before, so there was never a policy," Ray said.

As a result, OSU drafted new policies requiring that publications request bin locations and distribution points via registration through facilities services. In any event of a removal from staff members or employees, it was also ordered that all bins now be placed in a dry, secure area within the facilities services shops.

Meanwhile, Rogers and others under the name OSU Student Alliance readied a lawsuit against Ray and the university. Other targets on the initial dropped suit included McCambridge and facilities director Vincent Martorello.

"They just named who they thought were the appropriate people to name," Ray said.

Following the case's reappearance, Rogers and the Alliance Defending Freedom worked to file a stipulation in the appeals court last week. The case ended after nearly five years of its initial presentation.

"We think it's evident who benefitted from this given that the student received \$1,000 and the attorney fees were \$100,000," Clark said.

The Liberty itself no longer distributes papers across campus but was subject to various vandalisms and other bin disappearances dating back to 2005.

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The History Students Association and Adair Living History paired up for the World War II dance by bringing in authentic clothes, shoes and other wartime accessories.

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Corvallis and Adair Village, coordinators from the History Students Association and Adair Living History said it seemed logical to work together.

Barbara Melton, an executive assistant in the OSU office of general counsel and president of the Adair Living History board, grew up in the Willamette Valley and saw the impact that the nearby military base made.

"When the camp was running at its peak and they had the most number of people living and training and working there, it was the second-biggest city in Oregon," Melton said. "So just imagine, in the next year, if suddenly in the middle of the fields, a city bigger than Eugene just suddenly appeared. It had an enormous effect socially, politically, economically — in just about every way possible you could imagine."

Though there is much to be learned about the history of the Adair Village military base and how it's affected the Willamette Valley area, Melton said she did not want the dance to be solely focused on education.

"The whole point of the thing, really, was to come out and have fun and to dance and to listen to the music of the era and maybe learn a little something in between," Melton said. "But the main thing was to have an entertaining evening and I think that that's been had."

Melton's goals came true as visitors, young and old, came to dance and admire the vintage relics brought by the re-enactors and members of the Adair Living History board.

"It's pretty lively," said OSU freshman Allison Daley. "I wish there were more young people, but it's fun having older people from the community come out. There's a relaxed, happy atmosphere."

Daley noticed a lack of OSU students at the dance, but there was a broad range of age in attendees.



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LeAnn Wind, accompanied by the Albany Swing Band, provided music for the dance.

"We had people from little kids up through an elderly woman who came with her walker," Melton said at the event.

"I'm just blown away," said Flo Leibowitz, a professor of philosophy at OSU.

Leibowitz and her friend, Paula Newsome, a local community member, were excited to have found a "young soldier," a WWII re-enactor from a nearby high school, to dance with.

"It's so authentic," Leibowitz said. "And it's funny that you'd have a nostalgia for a wartime period, but we do."

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OSU's defense smothers Stanford

■ Beavers sweep 3-game series with Stanford behind 7 innings from Jace Fry

By Andrew Kilstrom
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State entered Sunday's series finale with Stanford coming off a dominant pitching and defensive performance the previous night. The No. 6 Beavers won 1-0 in 13 exhausting innings.

Oregon State (25-6, 9-3 Pac-12) turned to the reigning Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week, junior left-hander Jace Fry, to clinch a series sweep.

Despite allowing 10 hits in seven innings, another impressive defensive outing propelled the Beavers to an eventual 2-1 victory over the Cardinal (10-14, 3-6).

"I didn't have my best fastball command and my slider wasn't working," Fry said. "Luckily, the defense was amazing all day. (Freshmen Trevor Morrison and Caleb Hamilton) were making plays all over the place and (senior Kavin Keyes) doesn't get enough credit picking all those throws over at first base."

Pitching and defense has always been the staple of head coach Pat Casey's program, and this weekend was no exception. Every time Stanford threatened to score Sunday, the Beavers answered with a key defensive play or timely pitch.

"Our defense was outstanding this weekend," Casey said. "(Morrison) and (senior Andy Peterson) were great up the middle and the whole defense made plays when we needed them."

The key play in the game came in the fifth inning with a runner on first and no outs. Stanford's Alex Dunlap drilled a single into the left field that sent Conforto to the corner. Austin Slater decided to try for third but a near perfect throw was just in time for the first out of the inning.

Stanford singled the following at bat, but Fry was able to end the scare, maintaining OSU's lead.

"Mike's throw from left was so big," Fry said. "That was a big moment and could have been the difference in the game."

"I heard the crowd get louder and knew he was going to try for third," Conforto added. "It was a bang-bang play but the throw was right on the bag and we were able to get him."

Offensively, Oregon State struggled to score runs, totaling just seven over three games. Keyes was the only Beaver to record more than one hit Sunday, going 2-for-4 including two runs batted in, which proved to be the difference-maker in the first inning.

OSU threatened to score more than once, but stranded eight different runners. The heart of the Beaver lineup — juniors Michael Conforto and Dylan Davis — went 1-for-7 at the plate combin-



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Above: Freshman shortstop Trevor Morrison turns a double play in Sunday's 2-1 win against Stanford.

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Right: Senior first baseman Kavin Keyes receives a throw from freshman third baseman Caleb Hamilton. The OSU defense didn't commit an error in the victory.



ing for one walk.

Despite the struggles, Oregon State was happy to earn a series sweep and move into sole possession of second place in the Pac-12.

"It's always nice to get a win when you're not playing your best baseball," Casey said. "Jace didn't have his normal stuff and we couldn't get anything going at the plate but we battled and found a way to win."

Fry's one earned run was just the second of the

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Women's golf struggles in strong field

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The Oregon State women's golf team finished 14th in the three-day PING/ASU Invitational. The No. 7-ranked University of South Carolina took home the top honors with a combined team score of 853, or 11 strokes under par.

Duke University's Celine Boutier had the best individual performance in the tournament. She carded an 8-under 208 to win the individual title. She was a big reason why her school finished in a three-way tie for second place.

No. 3 Duke tied with No. 11 Washington and No. 6 Arizona State for second place. All three schools were 5-under par. In fifth place was No. 9 Arizona at 4-over, followed by No. 2 UCLA at 8-over.

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Gymnastics barely edged in regionals

■ Oregon State takes third Saturday, will miss out on NCAA Championships for 2nd straight year

By Scott McReynolds
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Three OSU gymnasts will be moving on to the NCAA Gymnastics Championships to compete as individuals, but as a team the Beavers fell just short.

The Beavers came in third place behind Florida and Penn State, scoring 196.525, just 0.200 less than the Nittany Lions, who finished the day with 196.725.

OSU's three gymnasts who get to keep on competing are junior Chelsea Tang and freshman Madeline Gardiner who qualified in the all-around and freshman Kaytianna McMillan on the balance beam.

"It's obviously disappointing, because I would much rather be going as a team," Tang said.

Tang, Gardiner and McMillan will have to move past that disappointment, however, and begin preparation for nationals.

"Your first response is devastation," said head coach Tanya Chaplin. "But you learn to move past those things."

The seniors might have been those most affected. "I think it was the most disappointing for the seniors," Tang said. "And after last year, they wanted to get past regionals."

The Beavers started out the meet on a bye, witnessing Penn State get out to a strong start, scoring 49.300 on the vault. When it was finally the Beavers' turn to

start, they hit all of their routines on the floor, but an out-of-bounds penalty for sophomore Nicole Turner and a near out of bounds by senior Brittany Harris ended up slightly hurting their overall score.

They scored a 49.150 in the event, led by Tang with a 9.900, and followed by junior Kailie Ponto (9.875) and Gardiner (9.850). They ended the event in third behind Florida and Penn State.

Their next event was the vault. Junior Taylor Keeker, sophomore Erika Aufiero and Tang all posted scores of 9.850, with Gardiner adding a score of 9.825. Their score, coupled with Penn State struggling a bit in on bars and Florida having to count a fall, put the Beavers right in the thick of things. OSU was in second with 98.325, trailing Penn State (98.350), and just in front of Florida in third (98.125).

OSU had another bye before moving to the bars, hitting five of six routines. Tang led the team, scoring 9.875, and was followed up by seniors Hannah Casey and Gardiner who both scored 9.850. Their overall score ended up being a 49.075.

Going into the last event, Florida was in first with 147.500, followed by OSU with 147.400 and Penn State in third with 147.300.

It was the definition of a nail-biter. Three teams all within .300 points — top two advance.

"Going into the last event, we had tremendous confidence," Chaplin said. "Beam was one of our best and most consistent events all year."

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Softball takes series finale

■ After losing first 2 games of weekend, Oregon State holds on despite late Utah rally

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It took a little bit longer than expected, but the Oregon State softball team defeated Utah in Salt Lake City on Sunday.

The Beavers had a 6-2 lead on the board in the seventh inning and needed only two more outs to win the game before rain started to fall, delaying action.

The Utes scored twice after the game restarted and had the winning run at the plate with two outs, but sophomore left fielder Kori Nishitomi made a running catch to bring the game to a close.

OSU (13-20, 3-7 Pac-12) avoided a collapse and beat Utah (14-16, 3-8) with a 6-4 final to take the last game of the series after dropping the first

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weekend for Oregon State's pitching staff in 31 innings. Senior Ben Wetzler earned his 30th career win — tying the OSU record — in a one-run complete game Friday, and a platoon of pitchers held Stanford scoreless in Saturday's 13-inning win.

The bullpen combined for seven scoreless innings over the weekend, a positive sign for a bunch that has had trouble with consistency this season.

Junior left-hander Zack Reser and senior right-hander Scott Schultz were particularly instrumental, combining for 7 2/3 innings pitched without surrendering a run.

"It was good to see," Casey said. "Some players need to success to gain confidence and some players use confidence to get success. I think some of our guys needed that success and it showed this weekend."

The Beavers are off until Friday when they travel to Pullman, Wash., to take on the Washington State Cougars. WSU is coming off a series victory against California.

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The Beavers were as advertised on the beam, posting their highest score of the meet with 49.125 led by Tang and McMillan with 9.850, Gardiner added a 9.825, and Harris and junior Cerise Witherby both posted marks of 9.800. It wasn't enough, however, as Penn State posted a score of 49.425 on the floor, pushing Oregon State out of the second spot by .200 points.

"We were really happy with our performance," Tang said. "Even though we didn't get the result we had hoped for."

Even with the loss, there were positives for the Beavers. Along with having three gymnasts moving on as individuals, a large part of the team will stay intact. Two of the three moving on to nationals are freshmen

They are going to be leaders as we try to get to the NCAA National Championships next year.

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the finals being held two days later if an athlete advances.

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two. The Beavers took advantage of Utah's mistakes in the field on several occasions. The Utes committed three errors, each of which resulted in a score by the Beavers.

The Beavers struck first in the opening frame when junior second baseman Ya Garcia put OSU up 1-0. With the bases empty and one out, she hit a ground ball to third

and two Utah errors later, Garcia cruised home for the game's first run.

OSU capitalized on an error again in the second inning after freshman third baseman Ameer Aarhos grounded to the pitcher with the bases loaded and another error by the Utes allowed the Beavers to tack on one more run.

Freshman catcher Kylie Padilla launched an RBI triple in the top of the fourth inning and scored on the next play after another misplayed ball by the Utes.

Nishitomi sent an RBI double into the left-field gap before scoring on a triple by Garcia to complete a four-run fourth inning that put OSU up 6-1.

The Beavers collected 12 hits in the game, including two each from Nishitomi, Garcia and senior first baseman Hannah Bouska.

While Utah struggled to make plays in the field, the Beavers were flawless defensively with no errors.

The Utes would have taken a 2-1 lead in the first after a single with two runners on, but Bridget Castro's attempt to score was denied by OSU junior center fielder Dani Gilmore's throw to the plate.

Senior pitcher Amanda Najdek turned in a complete game and picked up her ninth win.

Najdek's outing was on the heels of a rougher start in the first game of the series, when she gave up six earned runs on 10 hits in an 8-2 loss.

The Beavers were held to two hits and no walks in that matchup.

In the second game of the series, the Beavers' bats were productive with two home runs and a four-hit first inning, but Utah's two runs in the fifth inning proved to be the difference.

OSU took only one game in the series but had several strong offensive performances.

Padilla went 5-for-6 in the second two games, while Bouska and junior shortstop CJ Chirichigno both belted home runs in the second contest.

Chirichigno finished 3-for-7 in the series with two runs, two walks and two RBIs.

The Beavers will return to Corvallis for the Civil War series coming off a win. The first game against the Ducks is slated for Saturday at 2 p.m.

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The unranked Beavers, who ended the tournament 48-over, were led by junior Anica Yoo who ended the tournament 5-over par. She had a strong final round in which she posted an even 72.

She started Sunday's round with three consecutive birdies on her first three holes. Individually, Yoo finished in a tie for 33rd in a strong field of 81.

The PING/ASU Invitational featured 15 total teams from around the nation, nine of which were ranked in the top 15 nationally. The Beavers were one of three competing schools not to be ranked in the top 50. Oregon State finished five strokes ahead of Washington State.

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Graduation is creeping up on us

Graduating seniors: We're talking about you again. The deadline for applications to graduate spring term is this week. You have to apply for graduation by Friday if you want to graduate in June.

You can graduate in any term, but commencement is in June. Specifically, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. in Reser Stadium.

A lot of us have families and friends who are unreasonably stoked to sit for hours in the hot sun or pouring rain (and keep in mind that umbrellas aren't permitted in Reser Stadium) and listen to innumerable, monotonous speeches just to be able to be front-and-center for those 15 seconds during which someone mispronounces our names over the loudspeaker and we trip across the stage to shake the hand of an administrator we've never met before.

If that's not exciting enough to tempt you to go, there's the kicker of having to rent or buy gowns and mortarboards, so we graduates of Oregon State University can look like a suitably dignified and anonymous horde.

If you're still debating about whether you want to walk at commencement, don't worry, you have time. The deadline for commencement registration isn't until May 30.

If you're graduating in summer or fall, or you already graduated last term, you can still apply to walk at commencement if you're absolutely set on experiencing it. Applicants who are graduating in summer or fall terms have until April 25 to apply and still make it in the commencement program.

However, there's no limit to the number of people you can make suffer through it with you — you don't have to buy tickets, and there isn't a set number of guests each student is allowed. There also isn't any reserved seating, so if your 47 relatives want good seats, they should arrive early.

Some of the fancy papers they hand out during commencement are just props to make the whole production look better to the audience. Whether you'll receive your diploma on stage depends on if you've completed all the steps required by the university, and is also dependent on preliminary grades and transfer work as well as other factors. To see if you'll receive your diploma at commencement, check to see if you have any graduation holds through the Online Services portal on the Oregon State University website.

Graduates who won't be participating in commencement may pick up their diplomas beginning June 16 at the registrar's office during normal business hours, or you can request the university mail you your diplomas through the Registrar's website.

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Underlying cause of gossip is deep-seated need to be liked

There's something about lowering your voice and having your audience lean in to listen that just feels good.

Whether it's dishing out gossip, getting into verbal or physical fights, venting to a friend or responding to a complaint, people get more amped about the negative aspects of life and human interaction than the positive.

There are a handful of reasons why gossip, in particular, is so popular, according to "The New Word on Gossip" by Nigel Nicholson. These include networking, gaining influence and maintaining alliances.

The bottom line is: Humans require companionship. We understand that support feels better than being put down or undermined. We require interaction, which involves affirma-



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tion, inclusion and physical closeness. These things are vital in the process of maturation.

If you think about what gossip is and what it generates, you will notice that it is closely related to our desire to be part of a group or to have another person accept us.

However, I don't believe negativity and talking bad about people behind their backs is acceptable.

It's ugly and rude. Quite frankly, it's a coward's way out. If you have something to say about someone, say it to his or

her face.

But this ugly attribute stems from childhood, according to "Why We Love Gossip." More specifically, it stems from children's desire to compete with other children in order to maintain the status of "favorite child" in their parents' eyes.

This is highly irrational, especially if we still practice the behavior as adults. We don't have to follow in our younger self's footsteps.

We all know children do irrational things, but it's because their brains are not fully developed.

What's our excuse?

There are plenty of things to bond over other than your coworker's poor work ethic or your mutual friend's tendency to date losers. You have — oh, I don't know — everything else to talk about. If you want to get more personal,

you can talk about your beliefs, life goals, mottos or, my favorite, you can joke around. Have fun.

Not everything has to be a competition or emulate a "Gossip Girl" episode.

I don't think anyone is, or even can be, fully free of the desire to be negative, or refrain from participating in disparaging discussions — but there are things we can do to encourage one another rather than slander each other.

If we're really searching for companionship and inclusivity, why are we constantly trying to exclude others?

You don't have to be everyone's best friend. It would just be more pleasant if we all treated each other with respect.

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Sexual harassment not limited to male-female power dynamic

The Oregonian ran a piece last week, "Young men increasingly complain of workplace violations: Teen sexual harassment" by Laura Gunderson, which detailed the creepy experiences of young men subjected to sexual harassment by supervisors and employers.

It caught my eye because the concept of social repression due to gender roles, sexual orientation and the pressure to conform to society's heteronormative standards is something I find fascinating — specifically when applied to male-identified individuals.

In recent decades — through movements and societal education — women have been able to make their voices heard and on mostly equal



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standing to men.

Yet.

It appears to me that the media will have a field day with "women's" issues surrounding equal pay, abortion and workplace participation, but it is a rare day when you get to read something about a man dealing with the barriers and pressures of a socially decided masculine gender role.

A catch-22 is even built into the

role — men don't get to complain about something that's bothering them, because to do so is not as traditionally masculine as staying strong and stoic.

So society doesn't get to hear about issues men may or may not be facing.

When applied to a situation involving being sexually harassed, this "man up and be quiet" tactic is genuinely put to the test.

Erick Mertz's experience described in the article was at the hands of his older female manager when he was a teen worker. The situation would ultimately determine the number of hours he got to work and the size of his paycheck, based solely on his reaction to her behavior.

When he sought counsel from some of his friends, they laughed it off and joked that the manager wasn't unattractive.

Mertz summed up the his experience in the article, asking, "For men, the question is when do you call it harassment?"

"That whole 'You're not man enough to handle it yourself' thing becomes a barrier," he said. "A few times I felt that I should have been 'man enough' to throw down the gauntlet and say 'No,' but I was not in the power position."

Essentially, at the end of the day, harassment is always about power: Those who don't have it choosing to exert it over someone they have control over in a vain attempt to validate themselves.

And it is never, ever right.

Scholars Leland Spencer and Joshua Trey Barnett from the University of Georgia focused on this dynamic of power play within social roles in their article, "When Men are Sexually Harassed: A Foundation for Studying Men's Experiences as Targets of Sexual Harassment."

Through their research, they found that "sexual harassment in the workplace draws on both well-defined and nuanced power dynamics that place women and less masculine men in almost powerless positions."

Spencer and Barnett concluded that sexual harassment doesn't become less dangerous depending on its target. It reinforces traditional injurious and exploitative notions of masculinity defined by the patriarchy.

Even in Mertz's case, wherein the victim was male and the predator was female, the reaction from his friends fits in with Spencer and Barnett's deduction. His problem wasn't seen as one because he was supposed to be the powerful masculine presence, and she was supposed to be the weak feminine presence.

Putting people in boxes, trying to label people and stereotype them to better understand who they are as people, doesn't work wonders for humanity.

There will always be exceptions to the cookie-cutter layout we have planned in our heads. If we ignore these exceptions and refuse to count them as viable, then, in turn, we stall our progress forward as a society.

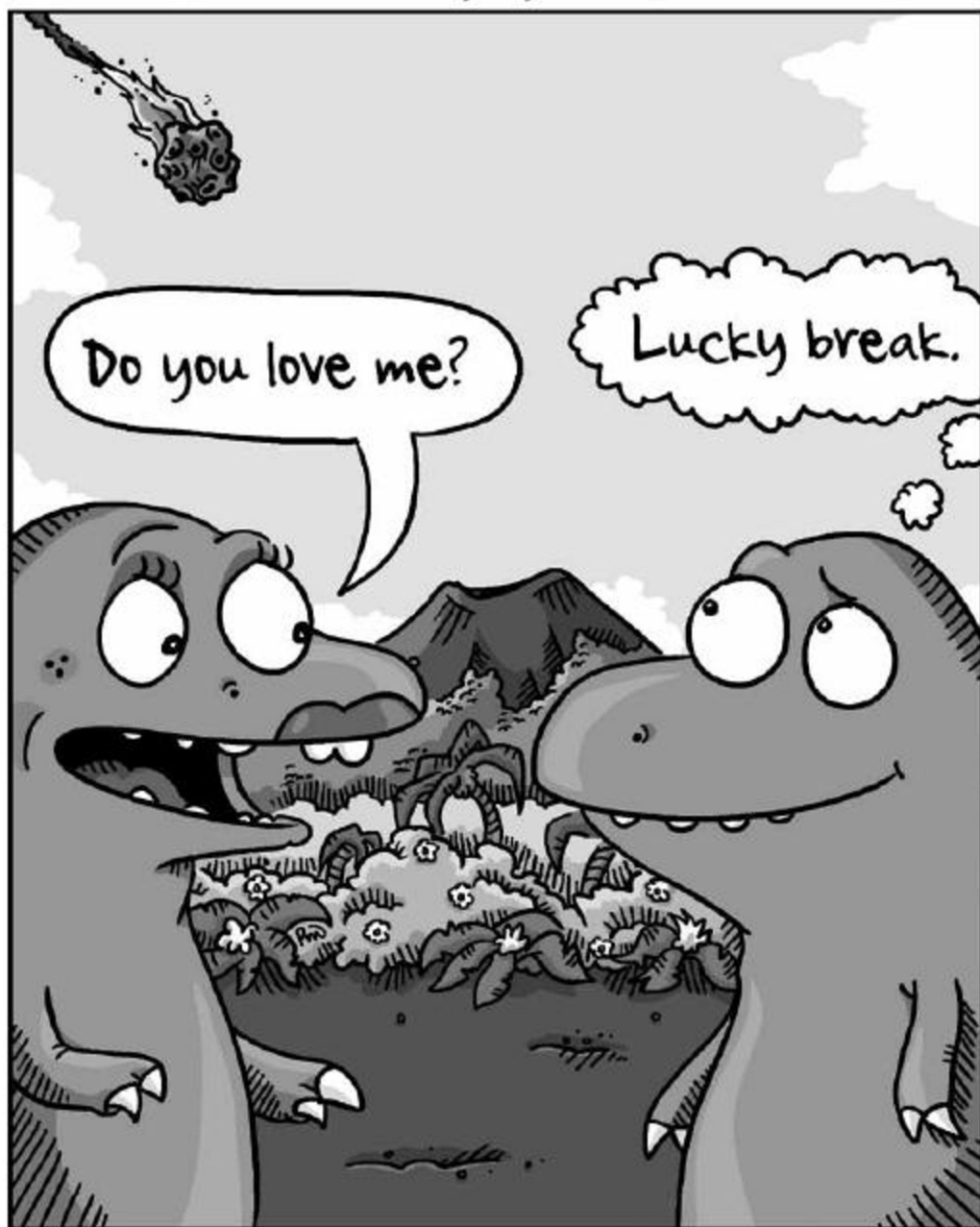
We never evolve from Magikarp into Gyarados, so to speak. And we all know we want to be Gyarados.

For this evolution, we need more people to speak out. More importantly, we need more people to listen.

If you are experiencing or have experienced sexual harassment, resources available to you include the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and of course, our very own Counseling and Psychological Services here at Oregon State University.

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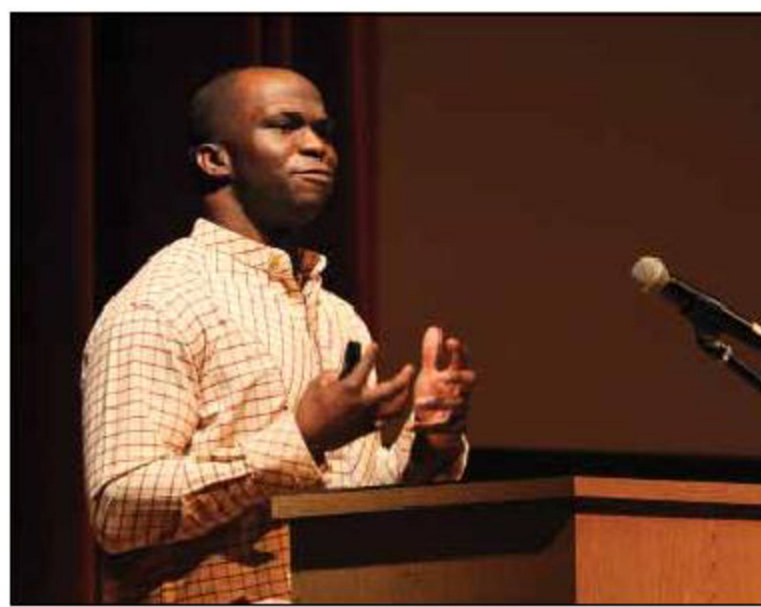
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come off judgmental or hurt anyone. The mission of the night was to inform, but in a way that wasn't offensive. Many of the skits touched on serious issues, such as the generalization of Africans, but did so comically.

"(At OSU), there is ignorance, there are stereotypes, there is prejudice and yet there are beautiful people who want to learn," Benafe said. "Our goal is to open the floor and show why we need diversity in our society."

Some African students believe this event works to help OSU students embrace minorities.

Shuma Nnaji, a graduate student at OSU and ASA member, said the faculty on campus does a great job embracing minorities, but it can be improved at the student level. Africa Night



Chinweike Eseonu, an assistant professor in industrial and manufacturing engineering at OSU, was the guest speaker at Africa Night.

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is a step in the right direction.

"For the non-African American community, it lets them see a little bit about

Africa," Nnaji said. "We don't want to be looked at as ignorant. There's more to us than the color of our skin."

Nnaji believes that the program is instructional for African and African-American students, as well. Since being a part of ASA, he says that he has learned more about the different parts of Africa through meeting people.

Nnaji isn't the only one who learns from these events.

Chinweike Eseonu, a guest speaker at Africa Night and industrial and manufacturing engineering assistant professor at OSU, said he learns from the students who come from multiple countries within Africa.

"Africa is such a complex place that when I come to these events, I actually learn a lot," Eseonu said. "I find students at OSU are naturally curious and want to learn. This event is a really great way for folks to learn about Africa."

Much more than an educational piece, the event was a celebration of Africa. Cheetahs, student dances and a perfor-

mance by Sebe Kan, a musical group from Portland, kept the energy high.

It became a two-hour journey through the many cultures of Africa.

Benafe took pride in the way the show was performed, but she admits there is a lot of work to be done.

"I can see (Africa Night) growing, but I can see more challenges ahead of us," Benafe said. "Due to recent events, we've been essentially asked 'Why do you exist?' It makes our job harder, but it makes our job more worthwhile."

She thinks that OSU has done a good job of diversifying the campus. Like Africa Night, every minority group on campus has a night during which they can showcase their culture.

"We've come a long way, but we can definitely do better," Benafe said. "There's always room for change. Lots of change."

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