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Bomb threat called into OSU

Students evacuate all halls after phone message describes suspicious object in unidentified residence hall

By Sean Bassinger
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After an unknown individual called in a bomb threat to Oregon State University at approximately 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Oregon State police gave the all clear at 9:35 p.m.

Each residence hall on campus was evacuated after an undisclosed phone message said there was an explosive device placed in one of the halls. Students were instructed to report to either the Memorial Union or Valley Library while authorities inspected each hall.

Lt. Gregg Hastings of the Oregon State Police said various OSP officers were on site with the Benton County Sheriff Department and the Corvallis Police Department. Members of each organization went through the residence halls searching for any suspicious objects or packages.

"Once they've been cleared and

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JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students wait near the International Living-Learning Center. Students across campus were evacuated from residence halls after a phone message indicated there was an explosive device in an unspecified hall.

OSU to celebrate unique partnership with GRAMMY

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The GRAMMY Museum, housed in Los Angeles, boasts four floors of musical memorabilia and exhibits that cover every genre ever recorded.

And now, thanks to an educational partnership, Oregon State University students will have unprecedented access to those invaluable resources.

Recently named a GRAMMY Museum educational affiliate, OSU joins the University of Southern California as one of only two institutions invited to join the pilot program. The educational affiliations were established to "engage like-minded cultural institutions ... in a collaborative and unique approach to arts education," according to the GRAMMY Museum's website.

The OSU College of Liberal Arts will host a celebration Friday at 3 p.m. in the Memorial Union lounge to laud the recent partnership. The event will feature live performances from OSU alumnus Roosevelt Credit and the OSU choir. Credit lent his musical talent to several Broadway productions, as well as the

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Wildlife refuge celebrates 50 years

Local refuge offers more than 5,300 acres of trails, nature observation

By Emma-Kate Schaaek
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge offers opportunities to explore the Willamette Valley's natural species and habitat in its 50th year in operation.

The refuge, located off Highway 99 in south Corvallis, has been part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service since its founding in 1964. It was originally designated as a protective habitat for the wintering of dusky Canada geese, but today its 5,325 acres is home to a diverse variety of species.

"By being a national wildlife refuge, we're

restoring habitat for animals and restoring historic habitat," said visitor services intern Katrina Maggiulli.

More than 230 species of bird, including many types of owls, falcons, osprey, ducks and herons, are one of the largest attractions for visitors.

"The trails and the birds are the two biggest draws," Maggiulli said.

Many different mammals, amphibians and endangered plant species can also be found on the refuge, depending on the time of year. Herds of Roosevelt elk, the largest deer family species in the Willamette Valley, are often seen grazing in the fields, especially in the fall.

In the spring, swallows and songbirds return to the refuge, coinciding with the bloom of wildflowers like camas and Oregon iris. The warmer weather also brings Pacific chorus and red-legged frogs, as well as rough-skinned newts, which begin to move toward open water to spawn.

The main activities, which the refuge maintain for tourists along the trails, are fishing, hunting, environmental education, interpretation, wildlife photography and wildlife observation.

"It's for people as much as it is for animals," Maggiulli said.

The trails are particularly appealing to visitors who can walk through diverse forest types, wetland, marsh and prairies to observe the land and its inhabitants. The trails range from 0.4 to three miles, and are accessible for families as well as the more adventurous.

"There is a lot of hiking and wildlife photography and observation on the trails," Maggiulli said.

Activities like hunting are restricted to certain times of the year and in specific sectors of trail to protect both the natural habitat and the safety of its visitors.

"We're all required to look at what's compatible with our land," Maggiulli said.

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GEORGE GENTRY | FINLEY WILDLIFE REFUGE

The red-tailed hawk is one of 230 species of birds at Finley Wildlife Refuge.

Collaborative conference to discuss faculty work standards

Oregon's American Association of University Professors to hold statewide university conference Saturday

By Sean Bassinger
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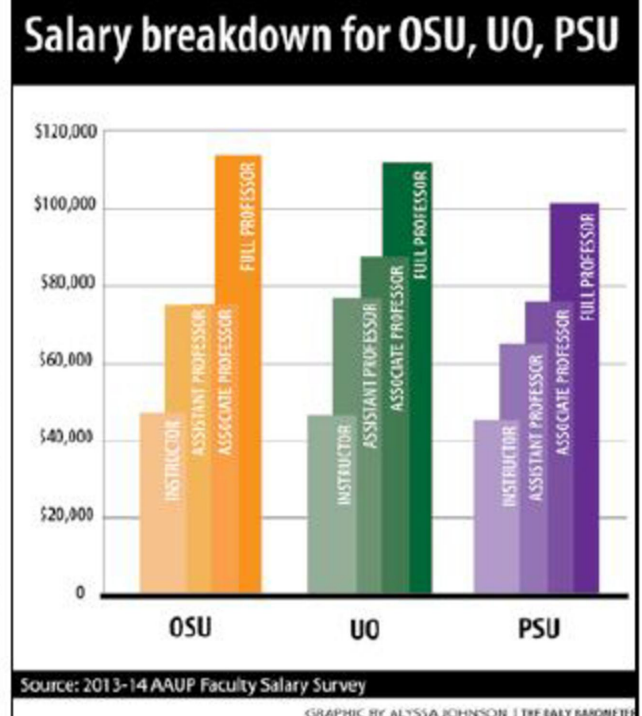
Representatives from universities across the state will attend a special conference held by Oregon's American Association of University Professors chapter.

The conference, which takes place after a two-year effort to reorganize Oregon's AAUP chapter, features a number of workshops with a focus on various higher education and faculty employment concerns in Oregon.

Margaret Butler, executive coordinator of the event, said around 65 people will come together from various Oregon universities including Portland State University and the University of Oregon.

"The conference is our first as we get the state organization of AAUP-Oregon up and running again," Butler said.

This year's conference, which takes place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Center, follows the recent release of a non-tenure track faculty survey presentation from OSU-AAUP April 9.



The survey revealed concerns in terms of non-tenure track faculty compensation and job security.

Steve Clark, vice president of university relations and marketing, said the university values its faculty members and continues looking for ways to move forward.

"If you continue to do great work, you're going to be rewarded," Clark said.

According to Clark, instructors operating at a minimal level have promotion opportunities after four years and positive evaluation.

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Thursday, April 10

Tone it down

Someone at Flat Tail Brewing called Corvallis police about a man who wouldn't leave the bar. Paul Banks, 55, was found walking near the bar and allegedly tossed a glass bottle toward the Willamette River when he saw police. Banks continued to yell and verbally threaten officers. He was arrested for trespass II, disorderly conduct II and littering near waters.

Monday, April 14

Make me mad, I'll mess up your yard

Benton County sheriffs were tasked to Alsea for a report of a neighbor dispute. Upon arrival, a woman claimed



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

Christopher Furney, 54, was allegedly digging up her property with a tractor. Furney was arrested for trespass II and criminal mischief I.

Saturday, April 19

More zombie practice?

A call came in to Benton County sheriffs about someone acting suspicious

near the 4000 block of Apple Tree Place. When deputies arrived, they found a man allegedly shooting his cross bow into barrels of hay. The concerned caller asked that the authorities notify the nearby apartment complex so trail users could be aware.

Real tough love

A 9-1-1 hang-up call was recorded near the intersection of 53rd Street and Harrison Boulevard. Benton County sheriffs were dispatched to the scene to investigate and found a 45-year-old man lying on the ground. The man said he was drunk, lost and needed a ride home. The deputy explained he should not call 9-1-1 if it's not an emergency and pointed him toward Corvallis.

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Western Oregon University must search for new leader

By Peter Wong

STATESMAN JOURNAL

statesmanjournal.com

MONMOUTH — Mark Weiss is stepping down next year as president of Western Oregon University, where he has been in top positions for a decade.

The Oregon Board of Higher Education voted last week to draw up guidelines for a search for Weiss's successor, and also for the presidency of Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. The board named Vice Chancellor Jay Kenton on Friday to be interim president of the Eastern Oregon campus.

AWOU spokeswoman, Denise Visuano, said that Weiss hopes to retire after the establishment of an institutional board — which may have a hand in choosing his successor — and the appointment of a successor. She anticipates the process will take a year.

During the decade that Weiss held top positions, WOU has enjoyed a resurgence with its guaranteed-tuition plan — an option that keeps undergraduate tuition rates stable for four years — and an emphasis on recruiting students who are the first from their families to attend college.

Weiss had been WOU's executive vice president for finance and administration since 2005 when in mid-2011, the state board named him interim president to succeed John Minahan. Minahan retired after leading WOU for six years. Minahan had retired as provost, the chief academic officer, before returning as



FILE PHOTO | STATESMAN JOURNAL

Mark Weiss is stepping down as president of WOU.

interim president in 2005.

The board removed "interim" from Weiss's title in 2012, but set a presidential term of two years.

Weiss came to WOU via private industry, instead of academia. He spent 17 years with Siemens,

the global electronics firm, as a senior vice president of administration and finance, worldwide chief financial officer and corporate director of Siemens Power.

He also was a senior manager and certified public accountant

with the KPMG Peat Marwick accounting firm in New York.

He earned a bachelor's degree in biology/animal science and a master's in business administration, both from Rutgers University.

Avalanche warning issued for Mt. Hood, western slopes of Cascades

By David Noguera

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — Backcountry users in Oregon and Washington are being advised to avoid the western slopes of the Cascades Mountains range. The Northwest Avalanche Center in Seattle has issued an avalanche warning between Mt. Hood and Mt. Rainier. But the danger zone might extend even farther than that.

Garth Ferber is an avalanche meteorologist at the Northwest Avalanche Center. He says over the last few days, Mt. Hood has received between 2 to 5 feet of snow in the higher elevations.

"That's a lot of snow at any time of year. And that's especially a lot of snow at this time of year considering that the sun is getting higher and higher and stronger and stronger," says Ferber.

Parts of the Central Cascades have got-

ten similar weather in recent days, but the avalanche center's forecasting area extends only as far south as Mt. Hood.

That means between Mt. Hood and Mt. Shasta in Northern California, there isn't any formal avalanche forecasting taking place.

Jon Tapper, with the Central Oregon Avalanche Association, says for that reason, backcountry users should be cautious even outside the current warning area.

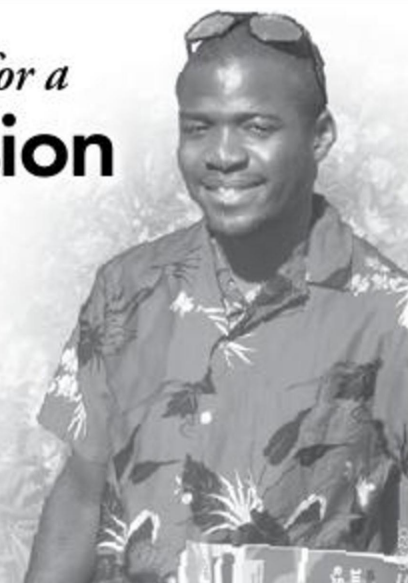
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Calendar

Friday, April 25

Meetings

OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU Commons. Come play with us and learn more about this classic game. All skill levels welcome.

Saturday, April 26

Events

Student Health Services, Women's Center, CAPS, 9am registration/check-in, 10am race start, MU Quad. Move Toward Hope 5K/10K Walk/Run. A FREE event focused on increasing participants' awareness of sexual violence and the importance of bystander intervention in the prevention of sexual violence.

Sunday, April 27

Meetings

Educational Activities Committee, 1-4pm, MU 207. Transition Meeting.

Monday, April 28

Events

Student Health Services, Women's Center, CAPS, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Film Screening: "Brave Miss World." The film explores the trauma and stigma of sexual assault, through one woman's inspiring journey from teenage victim to empowered survivor, lawyer and advocate.

Face AIDS, 6:30pm doors open, MU Ballroom. Condom Couture 2014. OSU's third annual Condom Couture Fashion Show. HIV/AIDS awareness event. All the outfits are made almost entirely of condoms.

Tuesday, April 29

Speakers

OSU Events, 7-9pm, LaSells Stewart Center. DISCOVERY Lecture Series. Adam Braun is the Founder and CEO of Pencils for Promise, an award-winning nonprofit that has opened more than 200 schools across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Events

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc., 5:30-7pm, Centro Cultural César Chávez. Celebrating the 14th birthday of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc. Kappa Chapter. Small presentation with cake & refreshments to follow.

Campus Recycling, 6-8pm, 644 SW 13th St. April Repair Fair - Receive free fixes for broken or damaged belongings and learn how to repair them yourself!

Wednesday, April 30

Meetings

College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Come join us for discussion on current events in the state and nation.

W70SU, 5pm, Snell 229. OSU Amateur Radio Club meeting.

Thursday, May 1

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. A discussion - Empowerment of junior youth.

Friday, May 2

Meetings

OSU Chess Club, 4-6pm, MU Commons. Come play with us and learn more about this classic game. All skill levels welcome.

Saturday, May 3

Events

OSU Peace Studies Program & OSU Anarres Project, Noon-5pm, Central Park. May Day Solidarity Fair. Music, food, conversations and children's activities.

Sunday, May 4

Events

International Students of OSU, Noon-4pm, MU Quad. International Spring Festival. Come eat food from different cultures, interact with different cultural associations on campus and find out more about their culture. There is going to be live music.

Judge probes marriage issues

By Saul Hubbard
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — Faced with lawyers on both sides of the courtroom urging him to strike down Oregon's ban on same-sex marriage, U.S. District Judge Michael McShane often played devil's advocate during Wednesday's oral arguments in the potentially historic case.

With Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum choosing not to defend the ban, the attorneys representing the four plaintiff couples and those representing the state all argued in the two-hour hearing that the ban is unconstitutional because it denies gay couples the "fundamental right" to marry and is "discriminatory" and "exclusionary." McShane, in a packed U.S. District courtroom in Eugene, repeatedly probed the other side of the issue, however.

He asked whether the state of Oregon "has an interest in the traditional definition of marriage." Such a "legitimate interest," if proven, could mean that the ban doesn't violate the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause — a key statute in the gay marriage debate.

McShane also expressed the possible need for public involvement in the decision to strike down the voter-approved ban.

"Is it worth our while to let Oregonians decide (the issue of same-sex marriage) at the polls?" he asked an attorney for the plaintiffs.

And when another attorney touched on the argument that voters may have lacked adequate information when they backed same-sex marriage bans in several states a decade ago, McShane interrupted.

"Doesn't that sound a little arrogant, though?" he asked.

Still, McShane did not ultimately provide any concrete hints about how he might rule on the case.

A string of recent cases across the nation all have gone the way of gay-marriage proponents, following the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision to strike down key parts of the federal Defense of Marriage Act last year.

The marriage ban was challenged in Oregon in two separate lawsuits filed last year on behalf of four gay couples. The lawsuits were consolidated later into a single suit: Geiger vs. Kitzhaber.

Should McShane decide that Oregon's ban is unconstitutional, he has the option to "stay" the decision — meaning it wouldn't go into effect until more direction on the issue is provided by a higher federal court.

Jennifer Middleton, an attorney for the plaintiffs, argued that it would be "absolutely inappropriate to make Oregonian couples wait" through a stay, as there "is no valid purpose in delaying the constitutional rights of Oregonians."

On the issue of possible voter action on reversing the ban, Sheila Potter, an attorney for the state Department of Justice, was unequivocal in her response to McShane.

"We're asking you to make a statement that people don't get to vote on other people's rights," she said.

McShane won't issue his ruling until he decides whether to grant a last-minute motion to intervene in the case filed this week by the National Organization for Marriage, an advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

The group seeks to defend the ban on behalf of unnamed Oregonians, including "a county clerk, professionals in the wed-

ding industry and voters who supported the 2004 ban," the organization said.

On Wednesday, the Oregon Catholic Conference officially endorsed the organization's proposed intervention.

McShane has scheduled oral arguments for May 14 on the motion to intervene, and he said Wednesday that he's "looking forward to that."

John Eastman, an attorney and the National Organization for Marriage's board chairman, was at Wednesday's hearing. He said afterward that he was encouraged by some of McShane's tough questions for those arguing against the ban.

But Eastman said other legal counterarguments that weren't raised by McShane went unsaid because no one is defending the ban in court.

"I ascertained today (from McShane's questions) that he'd welcome somebody providing adversary arguments," he said.

The National Organization for Marriage has questioned McShane's impartiality because he is gay and could benefit directly from the marriage ban being lifted.

McShane briefly touched on that objection at the hearing, saying he and his partner "have no plans to get married."

But Eastman said the intention to get married might not be "the only grounds" for which McShane should recuse himself from the case, adding that his group would keep looking into the possible conflict.

"It's a very sensitive issue," Eastman said.

Lawyers representing ban opponents said they didn't think McShane had tipped his hand at all during the hearing. His questions centered primarily on

probing the different approaches taken by judges in their recent rulings on the same-sex marriage issue, they said.

"It's impossible to speculate what the judge might be thinking," Middleton said.

Backers of a possible ballot measure on gay marriage have asked McShane to make his ruling in the overall case by May 21. That would allow them to keep their campaign — specifically, their gathering of voter signatures — on track, should they decide to proceed with it.

The Oregon United for Marriage group needs 116,284 valid signatures to qualify its measure but was hoping that a quick victory in court could spare them a costly political campaign.

But McShane, Oregon's newest federal judge, doesn't face any real deadline to make his decision.

If McShane allows the National Organization for Marriage to intervene, the case is likely to last several more months. The organization could push for a full trial on the case — as opposed to the summary judgment that plaintiffs have sought — and it potentially could give them standing to appeal McShane's final decision to a higher court.

Dave Fidanque, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, which is involved in the case, said his group is "concerned" that the ballot measure campaign may have to go forward, because of the National Organization for Marriage's efforts to intervene. But he said he hopes McShane denies that motion.

The Washington, D.C., group "could have appeared in this case months ago," he said. "There's been nothing hidden about these lawsuits."

Lawsuit claims Sherwood K-9 had no business on patrol

By Geoff Pursinger
PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP

SHERWOOD — A Sherwood police officer is suing Clackamas County and a California dog training organization for more than \$1 million after he was attacked by the Sherwood Police Department's own K-9 police dog.

Sgt. Nathan Powell filed a complaint in Multnomah County Circuit Court on April 15, seeking damages from Adlerhorst International, the company that sold Sherwood the dog, as well as its president, David Reaver, and Clackamas County, which ran a training program with the dog before it started work in Sherwood in 2011.

Azi, a 3-year-old German shepherd, joined Sherwood's law enforcement team in July 2011, after Adlerhorst officials hand-picked the dog for placement in the city.

Adlerhorst is one of the largest private police dog schools in the world, providing canines to more than 500 law enforcement agencies. Dogs undergo up to two years of training in Europe followed by a course in the United States, according to the company. Reaver then inspects and tests the service animals.

What happened?

Before beginning work, Azi and his handler underwent training in Clackamas County, which certified the team was ready to begin

police work. But Powell said Azi was never a good fit for the department, culminating in an attack six months after the dog arrived.

Powell was on duty with the Sherwood Police Department on the evening of April 19, 2012, when he and another officer stepped outside into a fenced-in yard where — unbeknownst to either of them — Azi was roaming freely.

Powell said the K-9's attack was vicious and unprovoked.

Azi reportedly bit down hard on Powell's right arm, which Powell had instinctively raised to his face.

The complaint alleges that Azi continued to attack Powell even as his handler shouted commands for the dog to cease. Instead, Azi escalated the attack, shaking his jaw while locked onto Powell's arm and dragging the officer to the ground.

According to the complaint, the attack lasted a full minute, with Azi crushing Powell's arm and biting him several times before he eventually relented.

The complaint stated, "By that time, (Powell) was bleeding profusely and had sustained severed tendons to four of the five fingers on his right hand."

Powell was rushed to an emergency room, and his injuries required surgery. Powell

reportedly continues to suffer severe pain because of the attack. The officer sustained permanent loss of function in his hand and arm. He will also likely need additional surgeries to help bring back function to his hand. For a time, he was unable to work and could not use a shoulder-mounted police radio or holster and handle his firearm.

According to Powell, Adlerhorst neglected to properly train and screen Azi before his sale to Sherwood. If it had, the dog's overly aggressive, overly protective and vicious tendencies would have been noticed, which should have been relayed to Sherwood police prior to purchasing the animal.

Clackamas County dog trainers did recognize those traits, Powell said, but allowed the dog to pass its certifications anyway.

"Throughout that training, the Clackamas County sheriff's designees responsible for training Azi and his handler ... observed that the dog did not promptly respond despite repeated commands, was overly protective and was difficult to control," the complaint reads. "Even though they had the knowledge, expertise and experience to determine that Azi was not suitable for police work, particularly with a new K-9 handler, the trainer ... nonetheless certified the dog, allowing it to begin work for Sherwood."

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Yesterday's Solution

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Because much of the refuge is used as protected habitat, some interior trails are closed to the public during the winter season.

"We have a lot of trails, and we just opened up our interior trails on April 1," Maggiulli said.

The refuge manages the Snag Boat Bend, east of Finley in Peoria on the Willamette River, which has similar views of natural habitat and three miles of trail.

To mark the start of the spring season and the 50 years of service and preservation, the refuge will be hosting a celebration May 10 at the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be walks guided by botanists, live music, lunch, children's activities and natural history exhibits.

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GEORGE GENTRY | FINLEY WILDLIFE REFUGE

A rainbow reaches over the view of Pigeon Butte at Finley Wildlife Refuge.

Methamphetamine death rises in Oregon in 2013

By Amelia Templeton

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — Illegal drugs contributed to the deaths of 222 people in Oregon last year, according to new numbers from the Oregon State Medical Examiner.

That figure is roughly on par with drug deaths in 2012, but methamphetamine related deaths rose.

Methamphetamine was a factor in 123 deaths last year, the highest number since 2011. Heroin was a factor in 111 deaths.

State Medical examiner Dr. Karen Gunson says while meth is prevalent all over the state, most heroin deaths were in Portland, Medford and Eugene.

"Heroin deaths are always more concentrated in the areas of highest population. Meth is more widely distributed by a long shot," she said.

Gunson says methamphetamine users rarely die from overdoses, but the drug increases their blood pressure and encourages risk taking. It is a factor in many deaths involving car crashes, accidents, drowning, heart attack, and stroke.

Gunson says her office investigates all deaths that result from violence, accident, drug use, and natural cases if a person dies alone without a doctor's care.

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nothing suspicious has been found, then students will be allowed to return," Hastings said.

Joe Dubie, resident assistant at Bloss Hall, said the events started with what seemed like a standard fire drill.

"We were told there was a bomb threat,

and we should bring people to the MU," Dubie said. "It happened all over campus."

Chris Tammadge, a freshman who resides in Bloss, said he received an emergency call from OSU officials.

"They said there was an unknown explosive device in one of the halls, so every hall was being evacuated," Tammadge said.

Cody Scott, student and McNary Hall resident, said all the RAs in his hall instructed students to evacuate. Though the residence

halls remained a threat, Scott said other buildings on campus were safe.

"They evacuated all the students and told us to go to McAlexander Fieldhouse or one of our midterms," he said.

Anyone who notices any suspicious activity should report it to the OSU Public Safety Office at 541-737-7000.

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CONFERENCE

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ation results. In addition, they'll receive a 10 percent salary increase based on their promotion to either senior instructor I or senior instructor II.

"They were also eligible for any compensation changes provided for instructors at that time," Clark said.

Provost Sabah Randhawa has plans to contribute an additional \$500,000-\$750,000 toward increasing non-tenure track faculty salaries in July, Clark added.

One continuing concern, known as salary compression, occurs when the university has to hire individuals at a higher salary than longtime faculty because of competitive market adjustments.

Comparatively, associate and assistant professors earn more than those at PSU and UO, according to the AAUP 2013-14 faculty professor and instructor salary survey. In terms of instructors, the average salary at OSU is \$46,700 compared to \$45,600 at PSU and \$47,200 at UO, according to the survey.

Dwaine Plaza, sociology professor and

AAUP member, said previous surveys and discussions had improved circumstances for non-tenure track faculty in the past.

In one instance, Randhawa looked into wage compensation options to make up for the continuing salary compression.

"For some of us, we actually ended up with \$20,000-\$30,000 raises in one year," Plaza said.

However, the culture between the administration and faculty appears to be turbulent as discussions continue. In terms of cooperation with the provost and other administrators, Plaza said relationships could improve.

"The faculty see him as our adversary," Plaza said. "It becomes 'us versus them,' and it doesn't have to be like that."

Over time, Plaza said he hopes the AAUP could discuss a continued improvement of relationships and fixed rate contracts for adjunct faculty.

"Management needs to make its money and do its thing, but workers also need to feel a sense that they're not being used or exploited," Plaza said.

Among other concerns, Plaza said con-

tinuing enrollment growth with little solid structure within student advising and other areas could continue to affect the overall student experience.

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recent film, "12 Years a Slave." GRAMMY Museum Executive Director Bob Santelli and OSU President Ed Ray will be in attendance.

The partnership will offer exclusive opportunities for the university's arts department, "providing... access to the rich musical history and archives of the museum," according to Celene Carillo, the College of Liberal Arts communications director. Research and internship opportunities may also be available to interested students.

Friday's event is open and free to the public.

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OSU relishing important Civil War opportunity

■ Oregon State baseball expects adjusted mindset entering meaningful series with Oregon

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beavers took a 6-1 lead after two innings Monday against Sacramento State.

It looked like another easy win for the No. 5 Oregon State baseball team (28-8, 11-4 Pac-12).

"We came out with emotion and passion and put up six runs in the first two innings," said junior left fielder Michael Conforto.

But the familiarity of the scene was not because the Beavers cruised to another victory. Rather, it was because the team went through another example of how complacency can be a baseball team's downfall.

"The same thing we've done before this season — we just sat on that lead and watched it diminish as the game went on," Conforto said.

The Hornets (25-16) plated two runs in the fourth inning. One more came across in the sixth. Sacramento State tied it in the seventh, took the lead in the eighth and ultimately came away with a 7-6 upset victory.

"Sometimes when we get out of conference, for whatever reason, we have that lack of focus," Conforto said. "Whatever it is, there's no excuse for it."

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Kavin Keyes slides safely into home plate at PK Park in Eugene during the series finale of the Civil War in 2013.

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Jumper Michelle Turney lands in the sand pit after a triple jump at the Oregon Relays Saturday in Eugene.

Throwers to compete in San Diego

■ Oregon State sends 5 athletes to California for ultra-competitive meet

THE DAILY BAROMETER

As most of Oregon State's athletes competed at the Titan Twilight in Eugene Thursday, mostly throwers will participate in San Diego at the Triton Invitational at UCSD this weekend.

The throwers are excited to finally be able to travel for this meet, as they have only traveled locally up to this point in the season.

Freshman Melissa Ausman expects the throwing group to go out and achieve a lot of personal records with the sun and good conditions, which will greet them in San Diego.

The Beavers will be sending a group of five for the event: four throwers — freshmen Ausman and Christina MacDonald, and sophomores Kayla Fleskes and Rachel Picknell, and one triple jumper, sophomore Michele Turney.

They will join the field of more than

1,000 who will be competing Friday and Saturday.

Turney's seed (her expected jump) of 40-6 in the triple jump leads the field — the mark would be roughly a foot longer than her career best. The triple jump will be held Saturday night.

The majority of OSU athletes at this meet will be throwers, and they will be in the company of professional throwers, with invite heats and open heats.

The invite heats are for the top athletes that the meet invites to throw. For instance, in the women's discus invite, there will be women from Taiwan, Great Britain, Shanghai and a variety of elite track and field clubs.

OSU's athletes will be competing in the open heats starting with the hammer throw and discus Friday night, and the shot put and javelin.

Picknell and Ausman will highlight the shot put event, as both women sit among the top-10 throwers in OSU history.

Picknell PR'd in the event last weekend with a throw of 42-11. Picknell will

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Tough Pac-12 road continues for Beavers

■ Oregon State Softball hosts No. 11 Washington in last home series of season

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Not only will this weekend stand as the final Pac-12 home series for Oregon State, but there will also be some international softball rivalries revived.

Those two qualities describe the same team, which has been tossed around by the top half of the conference this year but still remains nearly a top-10 nationally ranked team.

OSU (13-26, 3-13) takes on No. 11 Washington (25-12, 5-8 Pac-12) Friday at 3 p.m. to kick off a three-game series in Corvallis that has representatives of the USA and Canadian national softball squads.

OSU head coach Laura Berg is already familiar with UW senior center fielder Victoria Hayward, but not only because Hayward is a four-year starter for the Huskies.

Hayward has been a member of the Canadian national softball team since 2009, a tenure during which

she faced Berg and the USA national team. Berg, an assistant coach for the USA team, knows that Hayward will be a formidable opponent over the weekend.

"She's just an all-around softball player," Berg said. "She can bunt, slap and hit for power. She's a triple threat."

Junior Dani Gilmore, OSU's center-field counterpart to Hayward, can also appreciate the Toronto native's style of play.

"Hayward is one of the top players in this conference," Gilmore said. "She's got a great game offensively and defensively."

Of course, Berg won't hold back her praise for her own center fielder.

"Dani's got one of the prettiest left-handed swings you'll ever see," Berg said. "She goes up there with a chip on her shoulder."

The Huskies may be ranked No. 11 in the nation, but they have a losing record in conference.

Washington took a 20-4 record into the beginning of Pac-12 play before losing five of six games to No. 1 Oregon and No. 2 UCLA.

Batting .323 as a team with a 1.97 ERA, the Huskies are a classic example

of a team with a deceptive record. "They could be below .500 in the Pac-12 but make it to the World Series," Berg said. "That's typical; that's the Pac-12. We beat up on each other so much."

"They had that little rough patch at the beginning of conference, but that's the Pac-12," Gilmore added.

The Beavers can relate to Washington's woes. Though Washington got the Oregon and UCLA series out of the way to begin the conference slate, the Beavers just finished playing the Ducks and Bruins.

OSU went 0-6 in those two series, but came out stronger against UCLA in the more recent of the two series.

The Beavers fell to the Ducks by a combined score of 38-7, then took the Bruins down to the wire in the bookend games of the series.

"I think they were a lot more focused," Berg said. "A good butt-whipping will do that for you."

The middle game was close until UCLA tacked on five runs in the sixth inning en route to a 9-1 victory.

"With them being the No. 2 team

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Junior center fielder Dani Gilmore connects for a home run against Oregon April 12.

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Men's golf ready for talented field in Pac-12s

■ Oregon State needs strong showing for at-large bid for postseason, regionals

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

On paper, this weekend appears as though it will be a pressure-packed one for the Oregon State men's golf team.

The Beavers will enter the Pac-12 Championships, which begin Friday in Marana, Ariz., fighting for their postseason lives. They'll be playing a desert course — something they don't see often — against a loaded field that features six teams ranked in the nation's top 25.

And OSU will be using a relatively inexperienced lineup that's collectively made five Pac-12 Championship appearances, three of those belonging to senior David Fink.

But that pressure they're supposed to feel?

The Beavers aren't worried about it. "I'll feel pressure, but it won't be any different than any other tournament," said freshman Kevin Murphy, one of the three Beavers who will be participating in the Pac-12 Championships for the first time in their career.

Junior Alex Franklin and sophomore

Tyler Carlson will each be making their first Pac-12 Championships appearance, as well, while junior Scott Kim and Brian Jung will each be making their second. Fink, Franklin and Murphy have carried the Beavers for the majority of the season. Fink, who has been the Beavers' top placer at five of 11 tournaments this season, is coming off a solid showing at the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate in Columbus, Ohio, where he fired a 1-over 72 in the final round to finish in a tie for 20th overall.

Murphy has produced one of the better freshman campaigns in program history, while Franklin has been the Beavers' top placer at two tournaments this season.

"Those three have been the key guys for us this year," Reehoorn said.

But, Reehoorn pointed out, Jung has been as important as anyone lately; the sophomore has notched a top-25 finish at three consecutive tournaments.

"If he can keep that up, I like how we shape up for the tournament," Reehoorn said.

Jung and Murphy were instrumental in the Beavers' win at the Duck Invite in Eugene March 25. Murphy finished tied-for-third individually, while Jung finished tied-for-10th. The Beavers won that tournament, which featured 16 teams, including Pac-12 foes Oregon, Colorado and Utah, by nine strokes.

The competition this weekend will be as tough as OSU has faced this season.

No. 3 Stanford and No. 4 California headline the field, while No. 11 Washington, No. 14 UCLA, No. 20 USC and No. 25 Arizona State are also considered viable contenders.

"It's awesome," Fink said of playing in such a loaded field. "It's great competition. It's great to represent the school."

The Beavers enter the weekend with the ninth-best scoring average in the conference, ahead of Washington, Utah and Arizona.

"One of the biggest things is just believing that we can compete with anybody," Murphy said. "Just acting like we belong and deserve to win."

Nationally, OSU is trying to make its case for one of 53 at-large bids to the NCAA Championships. The Beavers have been selected for the regional round of the NCAA Championships seven seasons in a row.

"This will be a really big tournament for us, because we're kind of on the bubble," Murphy said. "I think we just want to play really well and secure our spot at regionals. I think, no doubt, we're going to be able to do that."

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Women's golf rides confidence into Pac-12 Championships

■ Oregon State is coming off its best tournament of year entering Friday's Pac-12 tournament

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State women's golf team enters the Pac-12 Championships with confidence. And for good reason.

For starters, the Beavers are coming off one of their best performances of the season. Playing in the 15-team Silverado Showdown in Napa, Calif., last week, OSU placed fourth — ahead of six teams ranked in the nation's top 50.

"We finally have proven to ourselves that we can do it if we all just play our game," said senior Seshia Telles, who's been OSU's top placer at three of 10 tournaments this season.

Junior Anica Yoo led the Beavers in Napa, finishing the two-day, 54-hole tournament at 1-under, good for a tie for sixth individually. Telles came in just outside the top 10 at 2-over, while sophomore Chelsea Saelee and senior Lauren Sewell each came in at 9-over.

OSU's team score of 19-over bettered that of five of the seven other Pac-12 teams in the field, including then-No. 35 Oregon, then-No. 9 Arizona and then-No. 33 Cal.

"That was a really good stride forward," Sewell said. "It showed us what our potential is, and it was good to see that before we play against all these really good teams again."

This weekend, the Beavers will face a loaded field of Pac-12 competitors that features six teams ranked in the nation's top 11 and nine teams ranked in the nation's top 50.

OSU, ranked 69th by golfstat.com, is the second-lowest ranked

team in the 11-team Pac-12.

"It's a really big opportunity," Sewell said.

The other thing OSU has going for it: home-course advantage.

The 54-hole tournament, which begins Friday and concludes Sunday, will be played at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis.

"We definitely know the course a lot better (than other teams), we know strategy, we're comfortable because we play here a lot," Sewell said. "It comes down to how well you make choices, trying your best and seeing where that falls on the leaderboard."

"(Playing at Trysting Tree) helps," added head coach Rise Alexander, "but you're playing against some of the best teams in the country and best players in the world in this event."

The Beavers will go with a lineup of Yoo, Telles, Sewell, Saelee and sophomore Ashlee Pickerell.

Telles said the key for the Beavers is to focus on each and every shot, stay consistent and keep a level head.

At this point, OSU is probably on the outside looking in, in terms of the postseason. Seventy-two teams — 27 automatic qualifiers, 45 recipients of at-large bids — will be selected to compete in the regional round of the NCAA Women's Golf Championship. OSU last qualified for a regional two seasons ago.

"We'll need a really nice finish to work ourselves into that," Alexander said.

For now, OSU is just looking forward to the opportunity that this weekend presents.

"We've prepared well," Sewell said. "It'll be cool to see how everyone stacks up here."

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in the country, we definitely showed a lot more fight in the first game and the third game," Berg said. "(In the) second game, I know the score looked bad, but that was until the sixth inning."

Freshman third baseman Ameer Aarhus went 3-for-6 at the plate in the first and third games, continuing to take the majority of the playing time at third. Aarhus has been locked in a position battle with fellow freshman Kiki Pepi.

"What I like about Ameer is that she's a slapper," Berg said. "She's got speed and she puts the ball in play, puts havoc on the defense."

The focus this weekend, however, will be on the players on the opposite end of the spectrum from the freshmen.

Though the Beavers have a pair of nonconference home games Tuesday, the Washington series will serve as Senior Weekend.

"It's kind of a bittersweet thing because it's Senior Weekend," Gilmore said. "I'm happy of course. ... It stinks too, having to say goodbye to the seniors."

Following the Washington games, OSU will remain in Corvallis to take on Portland State in a doubleheader Tuesday. Those two games will be the last of the season in the OSU Softball Complex.

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also be the lone competitor in the hammer throw.

Both women will also be competing in the discus alongside Fleskes. Ausman leads the Beavers in the discus this season with a throw of 150-10, which places her fifth on OSU's all time list. That throw is the ninth-best throw in the Pac-12 and second among freshmen.

The Beaver throwers will end their weekend with the javelin, in which Fleskes and MacDonald will be competing.

After this weekend, OSU will have only two more meets to prepare before they head to the Pac-12 Championships in Pullman, Wash., May 10.

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Oregon State congratulates junior center fielder Dani Gilmore after a home run against Oregon April 12.

BASEBALL

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Senior left-handed pitcher Ben Wetzler, one of the unquestioned on- and off-the-field leaders, has seen that lack of focus throughout the 2014 season.

Monday's loss was the tipping point for the lefty.

"I just lost it a little bit," Wetzler said. "I kind of snapped on the guys."

"We get an early lead and we wait until the other team punches back before we decide, 'Hey, let's go finish them now,' instead of getting the lead, keeping the lead and finishing with the lead."

The Beavers responded with an 8-1 win Tuesday against the Hornets.

Now, with No. 19 Oregon coming to Corvallis, the Beavers know they cannot find satisfaction with an early lead — especially with postseason play quickly approaching.

"If we want this season to be what we want it to be, we're going to have to change the way we play every single game, and not just decide to turn it on when we want to," Wetzler said. "At the end of the year, you can't just turn it on. You have to have it turned on the whole time."

Conforto said Monday's loss and Wetzler's postgame speech served as "a wake-up call" for the whole team.

Perfect timing, considering OSU holds a one-game lead on the Ducks (31-10, 10-5), who have been red-hot lately after being mired in a midseason slump.

Sophomore right-hander Andrew Moore, who is Saturday's expected starter, has plenty of experience with the interstate rivalry.

Moore grew up a Ducks fan in Eugene, though he said he was a fan of Beaver baseball because the Ducks did not



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Senior pitcher Ben Wetzler (second from right) pats senior Andy Peterson on back against Wright State March 2 in Goss Stadium.

relaunch their baseball program until 2009.

In Moore's first start in the Civil War series last season, he tossed a two-hit complete-game shutout.

"I came out and just told myself I wasn't going to let the added pressure, all the friends and family in the stands, get to me," he said. "I just focused up and took it one pitch at a time, and that built up and I started gaining some confidence. ... It all just came together."

OSU and Oregon enter the weekend in second and third place, respectively, in the Pac-12. Washington still owns the top spot in the standings.

OSU is 9-2 against Oregon at Goss Stadium — an advantage the Beavers are well aware of.

"The louder they are and the more pumped they are, it feeds into us and we're able to play better," Wetzler said.

Conforto said Monday's loss is something the team can and will learn from. A

single loss may not seem like much, but as the players have pointed out, the complacency they saw Monday is a microcosm of the struggles they have seen all year.

"It's a mentality that we have to bring in each year," Wetzler said. "It's something you have to develop and we haven't done that yet."

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to the student vote in ASOSU elections eclipsing 15 percent.

Nay to that being record-setting.

Nay to votes eclipsing 15 percent of the student body by just nine votes.

Yea to newly elected Rep. Andrew Futerman for speaking candidly about how petty the election was, and proposing that the House be divided into colleges within OSU (to model after U.S. states in the real government).

Yea to the Barometer for proposing that in an editorial ("ASOSUuseless") two months ago.

Nay to scaring people in the newsroom.

Yea to people screaming so loud when they're scared that you can hear them from the other end of the building.

Nay to two midterms for the same class in the first four weeks.

Yea to not worrying about attendance grades. It's especially beneficial when you work 40 hours per week.

Nay to online classes making it really hard to find motivation, which disappeared sometime in late January.

Yea to the first intramural softball game of the year.

Nay to playing a team of football players. That speed-power combination is terrifying — unless they're just really bad at swinging the bat.

Yea to overanalyzing the lineup for an intramural softball team.

Nay to a shortage of gloves.

Yea to finishing production of the newspaper extraordinarily early for the first four weeks of spring term. If this were a no-hitter in baseball, we just broke the rule to not mention it until someone gets a hit.

Nay to increasing the likelihood that we go back to finishing past midnight.

Yea to hearing about the relationships between athletic teams at OSU.

Nay to being told off the record.

Yea to this weekend's Civil War baseball series. It's always the most exciting three games of the regular season.

Nay to wearing green to OSU baseball practice.

Yea to late-night run-ins with OSU athletes outside the bar at 2 a.m. on a Saturday.

Yea to the food stops on Monroe Avenue that are open late.

Nay to early meetings.

Yea to 2014-15 editor-in-chief Sean Bassinger and business manager Eric Pinnock.

Nay to awkward conversations.

Yea to "Mad Men" picking up significant steam in the second episode.

Nay to watching Don Draper repeatedly commit the same acts of debauchery for seven years. It's getting a little old now.

Yea to " Fargo " — the best new show on television, you betcha.

Nay to spending so much time talking in an Upper Midwest accent that it starts to trickle out into real conversation. Oh, geez.

Yea to all the proactive people on campus these days.

Nay to bandwagon jumpers.

Yea to Dancing Mike.

See you at the Peacock.

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Letters to the Editor

Regarding candidate Bret Barlow's inflammatory comment

Barlow reaches out, apologizes to LGBTQ community

My fellow students of Oregon State University, allow me to formally introduce myself: I am Bret Barlow, former candidate for Associated Students of Oregon State University. After much time dedicated to reflection, I feel this is now the time to finally respond to all of you.

The reason I have stayed quiet this last week is because I wanted to wait until the anger subsided, as dialogue can never happen with intense personal emotion, and I did not want the election to make people feel that I am doing this to save my chances at winning.

It's obvious to me that it cannot happen, as there's deep anger over my lack of response from the fallout of this attention. What I will say, is that I have been attempting to reach out to leaders of the LGBTQ community to apologize.

These attempts have been largely a failure. However, the response I did receive informed me the best way was to go through Student Media.

Therefore, I am sorry for this heartless post and page I was a part of. There is no excuse for what I did and I hope now we can all begin the process of healing as we move forward to a better tomorrow. With this said, we can no longer argue about the past, as we have done over the last few days.

Watching from the distance as the university almost tears itself apart over this has saddened and angered me as I thought we, as a university, were better than this.

As a high note though, I will admit though that I am grateful of how united the LGBTQ community has been over this, as well as how much restraint they showed. You all should feel proud of your community as it is strong and united.

With best regards,

BRET BARLOW

Junior, digital communication arts

Regarding the April 23 editorial, "We actually don't say"

ASOSU has right to start campaign

I am Sam Kelly-Quattrocchi, the ASOSU Director of Queer Affairs. I am writing to you to address the Associated Students of Oregon State University's "You Don't Say" campaign. Upon reading your editorial, it was hard to not take something like this as a direct attack, especially with your last paragraph implying that ASOSU wasn't affected by what Bret Barlow said, and we had no right to start this campaign.

Last Wednesday, there was a community dialogue held so students in attendance could talk about the events that came up during the elections. It was a time to check in with students and see how everyone was feeling.

The students felt that nobody had taken a stance against what had been said. The conversation revolving around the Duke University campaign had been one that the executive branch of ASOSU had been discussing for a while to bring to Oregon State

University. After hearing the concerned and angry voices of students during the dialogue, we knew we needed to do something and creating a "You Don't Say OSU" campaign presented itself to be a great starting point.

ASOSU's role is to serve the students and to create a better campus life. My role is "to improve the campus environment for queer students, and educate all students about queer issues." Not all campaigns need to start at the Pride Center, nor are they the only location on campus that should address issues facing the queer community.

As a proud member of the LGBT community, I felt that something needed to be done in response to the unhealthy campus climate created. ASOSU regrets any negative impact this campaign might have had on students, and I encourage anyone to come find me in my office to discuss their concerns.

SAM KELLY-QUATTROCCHI

ASOSU Director of Queer Affairs

Cloning: No more lingering death on the donor list

People react strongly to the concepts of cloning and stem-cell research. More so to stem cells, probably because the initial process of acquiring them has the potential to sound ghoulish: harvesting the stem cells of a fertilized egg.

As such, the reactions are intense and the divide is wide. People are either completely horrified — because

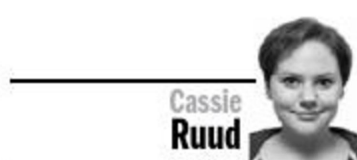
those fertilized eggs mean something that would eventually be a fetus — or absolutely thrilled, nerdgasming over all the things science could do and all the people this research could help.

Comparatively, cloning had its peak in controversy back in the 1990s, when Dolly the sheep was one of the first organisms to be cloned from adult cells in 1997. That same year, former

President Bill Clinton proposed a ban on human cloning for at least five years.

In "The Sixth Day," Arnold Schwarzenegger popped up in 2000 and showed us that the Governor versus clones and slapstick only earns about 5.9 stars on the Internet Movie Database.

Cloning and stem-cell research



Cassie Ruud

straddled the bioethical fence at their inception, but now they can combine to make the greatest Transformer ever: stem cells cloned from adult donors.

This was the main subject of the Science Roundup published in The Oregonian Saturday.

Researchers took DNA from the skin cells of two men and inserted it into DNA-less egg cells. After leaving the Franken-cells alone for several days, the researchers returned to find cloned embryonic cells with the same genetic identity of the two men.

I'm sorry, but that is just flat out awesome.

It's not the first time stem cells have been cloned, but it's the first time it's been achieved with samples from adults, according to The Oregonian.

Most concerns about stem-cell research are centered on the concept of embryonic harvesting. This is a red flag, according to the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, which claims that any killing of human beings is an unethical method of obtaining stem cells.

However, the CBHD gives a thumbs up on non-embryonic harvesting and its "numerous instances of actual clinical benefit to patients."

What makes this even more exciting is that scientists could potentially use this research to clone human organs — known as therapeutic cloning — something that wasn't really on the table in the United States due to bioethical issues and a lack of human eggs to use in research.

Thus, the interest has risen in Xenotransplantation, which is the transplanting of animal organs into humans, as a more readily available option, so people who need a heart aren't waiting for a fatal car crash. Xenotransplantation was made possible in 2002 with the success of genetically modified pigs via cloning, so human bodies wouldn't violently reject the modified pig organs. There are also concerns with xenotransplantation in terms of animal rights and respect, but the organs are an option for those who don't want to wait for a car crash or who would feel better about taking an organ from a pig than a human.

However, with the advent of cloning stem cells harvested from adults, in the near future, humans may have the ability to clone back up organs for when

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You'd think the word 'midterm' would be pretty self-explanatory

Week four is winding down and that means you've probably taken around two midterms so far.

The word midterm strikes fear into the hearts of students. It brings graduate students to their knees and sends all undergraduates with a pulse running to the library.

Midterm is a word that's wrapped in riddles. I'm just a speech communications major, but I feel the prefix in that word is "mid." This is short for middle.

In a perfect world, I would take only one midterm per class, and it would happen halfway through week five.

But this isn't a perfect world. So we do what we must to get that special piece of paper declaring to all and sundry that you've tricked an institution into granting you a degree.

So we take multiple midterms, some of which are different from others.

As a speech communications major, I spend most of my time in the building that looks like a cottage Goldilocks would eat soup in.

The way we're programmed

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to take exams or study varies widely from major to major. For those in my major, at the drop of a hat we break into small groups and talk about what Aristotle might have thought about it. For exams, I always prepare with a study group — it's what we "talkers" do.

English majors have classes stacked with teachers-in-training salivating at the chance to correct the instructor. I had an English class wherein students just walked up to the board and wrestled control from the professor. It's not my major, so I don't know if that's a normal thing. But I do know this: You never want to be that student.

A good friend of mine is a psychology major. When psych majors aren't printing out half of a forest to study all the terms they need to know for their week-two midterm, they're trying to diagnose you with some-

thing. Either she wasted a lot of money and should choose another major, or I'm actually a sociopath not fit for society.

Next we have our engineers, biologists and science majors. Going into one of their rooms is amazing. It's like a Sharper Image in there. I've never seen so much computer software, high-tech calculators and graph paper filled with unsolved equations.

The thing to take away from this is that we're all in this together.

Whether you are a geologist, an art major or aren't even enrolled in school, but love the columns anyway, we can agree one thing: A midterm should be given in the middle of term, not sooner and not more than once. If it's going to happen more than once, or before or after the middle of the term, there's no need to recreate the wheel. There's already more than one word for those: tests, exams, assessments, questionnaires and quizzes.

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Vulnerability is hard, crucial for healthy relationships

If you've owned a cat or have been around a cat for any period of time, you know that most of them don't respond well to being touched on the belly. It's not a secure place for them to expose, and they'd rather not be caught unaware. We know from observing the fear and anger in a cat's eyes that when you pet its belly like it's a dog, that vulnerability is scary, and in some cases, threatening.

To connect with people — whether it's in a romantic, platonic or familial way — to open up to them and then have them disappoint you can be an excruciating experience.

The older we get, the more important connection appears to be. Connection among humans is how we are neurologically wired, says Brene Brown in the TED talk, "The Power of Vulnerability."

We can't deny the hard real-



Gabi Scottaline

ity that disappointment and wounds may come when we expose our vulnerable side, but so is life.

We have to understand that the key to happy relationships is the courage to show others our authentic selves. Brown says that it takes courage to be vulnerable, rather than submission or weakness, which is how it's often perceived.

There's a certain element of risk to any type of exposure, but how much investment can one have in another person if that person is completely, or partially, shut off from them?

We want to appear strong, successful and intelligent, which

is why vulnerability is such a terrifying concept, according to Emma M. Seppala's article, "Vulnerability, The Secret To Intimacy."

We fear that if others know who we really are, they would reject us.

There's no guarantee that vulnerability will never lead to hurt, but sometimes you just have to take a chance.

Besides, whether they admit it or not, the people you share with have flaws, too. We shouldn't be afraid to put away the little white "ego-boosting" lies and show people who we really are.

If it's done in an appropriate manner, opening up to someone can be the most precious and rewarding experience.

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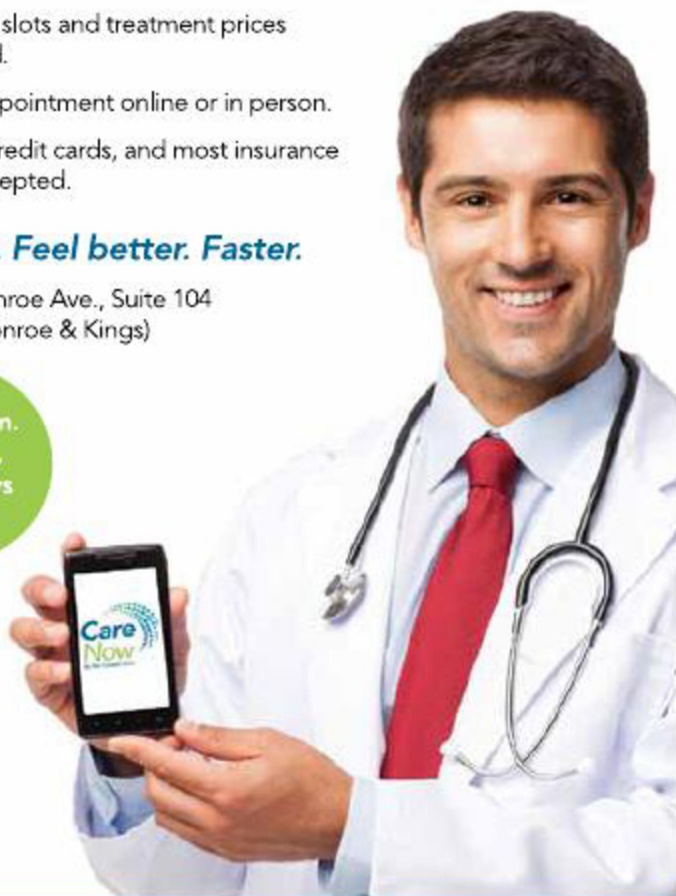
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their originals either have an issue or start to fail.

And all of this would be potentially cruelty free, considering the cells harvested are from an adult, presumably with consent. Could we be possibly looking at a world in which the average lifespan exceeds the current range because humans can

grow an extra heart for a rainy day (or cardiopulmonary embolism day, or myocardial infarction day)?

Science is awesome, because it finds ways to march on toward progress with ethical and moral points in mind.

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