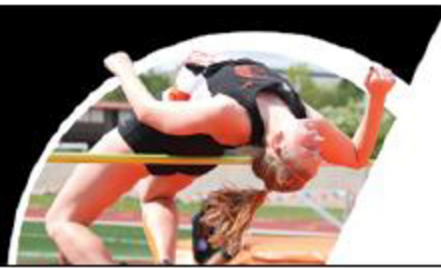


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OSU celebrates Mom's Weekend

SING showcases talent, months of practice

■ Greek life highlights the best of classical rock in one of spring's biggest events

By Ria Rankine
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The long-standing Greek tradition, SING, kicked off mom's weekend on a high note.

The teams, 11 in total, competed to a backdrop of revived rock classics.

Teams consisted of no more than 25 males and 25 females, competed Friday night in the 2014 SING competition at Gill Coliseum.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and partners Lambda Chi Alpha were crowned as the winners of the competition.

Preparation for the event is what some may consider "grueling": For 15 straight weeks, team members practiced for two to three hours, three times per week. For many students, the hard work invested reaped priceless rewards.

Alli Stangel, a senior majoring in speech communication and event chair behind SING, has been involved with SING for two years and planned

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Friday, 7 p.m.



RIA RANKINE | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Alpha Theta show their talent in Greek life's SING musical performance, which kicked off Mom's Weekend Friday at Gill Coliseum.

Saturday, 9 a.m.



NICKI SILVA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Liane Swenson zip-lines in the Challenge the Moms event.

Challenge course brings strangers together

■ Adventure group hosts high ropes course for moms, families

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Saturday morning, a group of roughly 15 moms and their Oregon State University students trekked to the far west end of campus to the high ropes course.

These moms and their OSU children spent three hours getting to know one another and trust one another while they completed the high ropes challenge course.

The course includes a zip line, team-bonding activities on the ground and several activities that involve walking across ropes that are located 30 feet above ground.

"This is a really great way to engage students in an experience with their parents," said Mark Belson, an experiential education coordinator and Adventure Leadership Institute instructor.

Belson said the most satisfying part of the challenge course, as an instructor, is seeing people go from being resistant to the challenges to being willing to push their boundaries.

"When we do challenge ourselves, when we step out of our comfort zones and ideally into a learning or growth zone, we have an opportunity to learn and to develop new skills," Belson said.

For the moms, it was a great way to do something both physically and mentally stimulating with their children.

"It's been so much fun," said Stephanie Merrill, an OSU alumna and mom to two OSU students. "It really has been a good group of people. Everybody's worked really well together."

Merrill said some of the most fun was

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Student festival offers a taste of different cultures

■ International Student Association unites cultures at the 2014 spring festival

By Ria Rankine
THE DAILY BAROMETER

At the International Students of Oregon State University's 2014 Spring Festival, students and locals enjoyed

Sunday, 12 p.m.



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As a member of the Russian Student Association, Semyon Zhernakov, a senior majoring in business, showcased the Russian culture Saturday.

songs, dances and stories of cultures outside their own. The four-hour event, located at the Memorial Union quad Sunday afternoon, saw performances by Deowati Trio African drummers, student performances and plenty of free food.

This year's theme was "Stories our mama told us when we were young."

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Pet Day a hit for parents, students, children

■ OSU veterinary school hosts fundraiser, shows off pets

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University students and Corvallis community members packed up their pets and congregated at Magruder Hall to take part in the 2014 Pet Day.

The OSU College of Veterinary Medicine hosts the annual event, which is an opportunity for fellow students and the community to see what the veterinary college does. It is also a chance for local veterinary hospitals and animal shelters to fundraise and raise awareness about their respective causes.

"The shelters get a lot of funding from here," said Samantha Glenn, a mother who brought her children and two dogs for the pet costume competition. "It's nice, and it just brings awareness that there's so many (pets) right here."

Emily Toleno, a second-year veterinary student at OSU and a co-chair for the event, said they also do a lot of fundraising for student costs.

Toleno said in previous years, money raised has gone toward graduation money or class events.

Saturday, 10 a.m.



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Jonathan Jones helps his daughter, Audrey, hold a baby duck at the petting zoo area.

This year, much of the money will go toward the cost of coveralls that students are required to wear, which Toleno said can cost up to \$80 per pair.

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Thursday, April 17

Office supplies aren't memorable

A woman filed a report with Corvallis police about fraudulent use of her husband's credit card. The card was in her possession, but the online account showed a charge at the Office Max on Ninth Street for several gift cards, a suitcase and some Clorox wipes. The woman was unaware of how someone could have used the card.

Thursday, May 1

Mission Impossible status

Someone called Oregon State Police about a man acting suspiciously near the Linus Pauling Science Center. The man was allegedly flying a remote-control helicopter near the buildings. Troopers



approached the man and found out he was testing the new helicopter out with a camera attachment. He said he would call dispatch next time and warn them of his helicopter sessions.

Sunday, May 4

Doors are hard

A man flagged down an Oregon state

trooper near the Women's Building. He told authorities he was at a dance in the building around 12:25 a.m. when he noticed a glass window was broken out of the front door. The suspect of the crime was nowhere to be found.

Amateur hour

Residence hall staff were performing rounds at Callahan Hall when they saw three males allegedly trying to get back in the fire escape. The fire escape smelled strongly of marijuana. After further inspection of the men, one was trespassed from the Oregon State campus and another was cited for unlawful possession of marijuana, less than one ounce.

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Reserve Officer Training Corps' joint service review



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Above: Leaders approach the generals to receive orders. They then relayed the information back to their individual units.



Left: Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., was the guest speaker at the 2014 Reserve Officer Training Corps Joint Service Review Friday.

MU presidential candidates offer diverse experience

■ Redman, Perez, Chac give presentations, address challenges of new building, goals for next year

By **Tori Hittner**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Memorial Union presidential candidates met Friday afternoon in the MU Journey Room to present their platforms and answer questions from the election committee and audience members.

Candidates Victoria Redman, Matthew Perez and Olyvia Chac presented for 30 minutes each while attendees completed evaluation cards. Current MU President Owen Jones, who facilitated the event, said the evaluations would help the committee better reflect student preferences.

Roles of the MU president include, but are not limited to, serving on the MU leadership team, assisting with the organization's budget, facilitating the MU advisory board and participating in the employee selection process. "Although the Memorial Union president can't change the world," Redman said, "Oregon State and this campus (are) our world right now. They definitely have the largest influence for good on our campus. It's a big job and (the president) has to be able to inspire and motivate and instill passion."

Jones asked the candidates to answer questions in their presentations pertaining to their unique leadership abilities and challenges associated with the new Student Experience Center. All candidates agreed that the additional space

and employees that the new Student Experience Center will generate is going to require extensive communication, networking and organizational skills.

Redman, a junior in political science, has served in numerous leadership positions around campus, from the Student & Incidental Fees Committee to her current position as the Associated Students of Oregon State University vice president. She noted that her prior leadership experience makes her no stranger to the challenges and personnel matters associated with the MU presidential position.

Redman said she hopes to reinvigorate traditions around the OSU community, beginning with a grand opening celebration for the SEC. Redman ranked collaboration with the SIFC and improved campus accessibility among her top priorities. She said she hopes to build relationships and delegate responsibilities to ensure next year's period of transition runs smoothly.

Perez spoke after Redman, highlighting his leadership experience as a START leader and the ASOSU task force director of government affairs. A junior studying mathematical economics, Perez also recently re-established the university's student economics club.

Perez said he works best as a consultative leader, collaborating with others to get jobs done. Should he be elected, Perez said he would attempt to speak with every student employee of the MU to better understand how things should be run. Along with increased advertising, Perez mentioned that such communica-

tion will be vital to the SEC's success.

Chac, the current MU basement manager, is a senior studying public health and psychology. Chac gained leadership and public relations experience through her involvement in organizations like the National Association of Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education fellowship.

"When you have a title associated to your name, there's some connotation associated with your name that you should do this or do that," Chac said. "But in reality, you should just be yourself."

Chac noted that she sees the SEC as a "temple of leadership" and would keep the workplace light and fun, should she be elected. As a follower of the "open-arm policy," Chac said she would welcome anyone and everyone into her office to address solving problems.

All candidates agreed that the MU must maintain its long-standing tradition of providing accessible, valuable events and resources for students.

"I've always seen the Memorial Union as the heartbeat and spirit of the university," Perez said. "A lot of (our university) culture comes from the Memorial Union; it's where memories are made."

The assigned election committee will make the final decision, although Jones said student feedback is encouraged. Students may share their opinions through the evaluation cards until Tuesday.

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Calendar

Monday, May 5

Meetings

Rainbow Continuum, 7-8pm, MU 206. Meeting - part of Pride Week 2014. Hang out and play games with OSU's oldest LGBTQ+ social group in a safe place for everyone!

Events

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

Rainbow Continuum, 11am-2pm, MU Quad. Opening BBQ - part of Pride Week 2014. Join us for free food, beverages and music.

Rainbow Continuum, 2-4pm, Native American Longhouse. Coming Out as a Person of Faith - part of Pride Week 2014. In collaboration with Corvallis Luther House, we will be showing the Basic Rights in Oregon art display "Coming Out as a Person of Faith" and following it up with a panel and discussion of our connection to faith.

Rainbow Continuum, 5-7pm, Centro Cultural César Chávez. Joteria - part of Pride Week 2014. Come and socialize as we play Loteria and discover the meaning of Joteria. We will have food, refreshments and prizes!

OSU Blood Drive Association, 11am-4pm, MU Ballroom. American Red Cross OSU sponsored blood drive. Come donate or volunteer. Each donation saves ~3 lives.

Tuesday, May 6

Speakers

OSU Socratic Club, 7pm, Milam Auditorium. A debate entitled, "Is Christianity a Help or Hindrance to Sound Environmental Stewardship?" between Dr. Loren Wilkinson of Regent College and Dr. Allen Thompson of OSU.

Events

Rainbow Continuum, 3-4pm, MU 206. Trans 101 - part of Pride Week 2014. Come and learn the journey of a trans woman of our community.

Rainbow Continuum, 5-6pm, Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center (APCC). Queering the API - part of Pride Week 2014. Examine key LGBT/Queer figures of the API movement of the 1960's and 70's with a focus on uncovering hidden/covered up queer issues and how to integrate them into history.

OSU Blood Drive Association, 11am-4pm, MU Ballroom. American Red Cross OSU sponsored blood drive. Come donate or volunteer. Each donation saves ~3 lives.

Wednesday, May 7

Meetings

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

Speakers

Vegans and Vegetarians @ OSU, 7:30-9:30pm, First United Methodist Church Community Center on Monroe Ave. Vegetarian Nutrition: What Does Science Say? Free lecture by Jack Norris, registered dietitian.

Events

Asian and Pacific Cultural Center, 3-5pm, Native American Longhouse. Calligraphy Workshop. You can learn a little background on the history of calligraphy, watch a demonstration and try it yourself!

Asian and Pacific Cultural Center, 5-6pm, Asian and Pacific Cultural Center. Queering the API Movements. This event will examine prominent LGBTQ API individuals and movements and their contributions to API organizing. We will also consider why they have been erased from our history.

Rainbow Continuum, 5-8pm, MU Basement. Community Celebration - part of Pride Week 2014. The entire Basement will be rented, so bowling and billiards are free. There will also be pizza and other treats.

Rainbow Continuum, Noon-1pm, MU Lounge. Pride Panel - part of Pride Week 2014. Trained speakers willing to share compelling coming out stories about sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

Rainbow Continuum, 2-4pm, Pride Center. Free Rapid HIV Testing - part of Pride Week 2014. Quick, free, and confidential HIV testing.

OSU Blood Drive Association, 11am-4pm, MU Ballroom. American Red Cross OSU sponsored blood drive. Come donate or volunteer. Each donation saves ~3 lives.

Thursday, May 8

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. A discussion - Religion without clergy.

Events

ASOSU International Affairs, 5-6:30pm, ILLC 115. International Dating Panel.

Human Services Resource Center, 5:30-8:30pm, Native American Longhouse. HSRC Volunteer Appreciation: Join the staff for a rootbeer float social. Everyone is welcome. We love our volunteers!

INTO OSU, 5-6:30pm, ILLC 155. International Dating Panel - part of Pride Week 2014. This event will feature student panelists from various countries.

OSU Blood Drive Association, 11am-4pm, MU Ballroom. American Red Cross OSU sponsored blood drive. Come donate or volunteer. Each donation saves ~3 lives.

CHALLENGE

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had in the team-bonding games, which pushed the group to come up with solutions for puzzles they were given.

Mackenzie Spencer, a freshman studying pre-education and human development and family sciences, said she and her mom were glad they chose the challenge course over the 5K run that was happening at the same time.

"My whole family's really competitive and super active," Spencer said. "The challenge course has been a lot of fun and a lot different. My mom and I have never done this before or anything similar."

Belson said that ALL student leaders were the ones to suggest adding the challenge course during family weekends.

"We have this wonderful facility," Belson said. "Our students are eager to share what they do with our other students and the others on campus and off campus, and so I think it was really this opportunity that we were just missing for a few years."

The challenge course option is in addition to the river rafting day trip that is hosted during moms and dad's weekends. Belson said the challenge course makes for a great alternative for those who don't want to use up their entire Saturday with one event.

Participants in Saturday's event enjoyed the short but constructive activities and seemed to appreciate the newfound friendships.

"You just kind of trust people that you don't really know and so you kind of just," Spencer said. "It's a leap of faith happening. There's a lot of camaraderie happening."

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Max Swenson and his mother participated in the zip line activity during the Challenge the Moms event Saturday.

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the event to improve upon last year's.

"We had a significant increase of attendees and I think the overall quality of all the teams' performances, as well as the overall show, was better," Stangel said.

Stangel has been planning this event since July 2013. Much of her work entailed booking the facilities, the team and hiring committee. She was also in charge of coordinating the auditions, rehearsals and the reviews. Once Stangel took a step back, she said she was amazed at how the little pieces came together.

"SING is such a great event that brings the entire Greek life together," Stangel said. "So it was a goal of mine to bring the event together to make it the best it could be."

Virginia Tworoger, a freshman in Alpha Phi, performed for the experience.

"When I joined Alpha Phi, everybody was

talking about it," Tworoger said. "Everybody said what an amazing experience it is, and I wanted to be a part of that experience."

Tworoger's sorority teamed up with the fraternity Phi Delta Theta to form Jone Jet and the Blackhearts. Although her team didn't win, Tworoger is proud of herself and her teammates.

"It was a lot of hard work," Tworoger said. "Even not winning, I don't care. The relationships made through it was the best part. And it was fun to dance."

Tworoger's mom, Julie Hatch, came down from Portland to see her daughter perform. She said she was surprised at the amount of action and was impressed with the performances.

"The last four performers were really, really good," Hatch said. "There's some real talent there."

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Allen Thompson is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Oregon State. He holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Washington. Dr. Thompson has spoken on climate change at NPR's Philosophy Talk. His latest book is titled *Ethical Adaption to Climate Change: Human Virtues of the Future*. This is his second Socratic Club appearance.

Tuesday, May 6, at 7 p.m., Milam Auditorium

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Llamas could be found at Pet Day.

PET DAY

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Despite the strong fundraising aspect, Toleno said the biggest emphasis is having fun and interacting with the community.

"The best part is the kids love it," she said. "That's really fun. I really like the community outreach stuff and the costume contest and seeing all the pets and the adoption agencies. ... It's a really good time."

Activities available included a petting zoo, a chance to throw a cream pie in the face of veterinary students and instructors, a dog-washing station, a doggy obstacle course, a food court and a "teddy bear surgery" booth.

At the teddy bear surgery, children used tweezers to pull out a piece of candy and sew the teddy bear back up. For this, children donned scrubs and, in



NICKI SILVA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Jessica Moses and Sarah Smith hold one of the three baby goats at the petting zoo during the 2014 Pet Day event Saturday.

the end, got to keep both the "foreign bodies" and the teddy.

"The cutest part is the little teddy bear surgery," said Cara Fritz, who attended Pet Day with her son.

She said the petting zoo was also a lot of fun and she and her son had the opportunity to pet pigs and baby goats.

"You see stuff you wouldn't normally see," Fritz said. "I knew there was a vet school here, but I had no idea there was so much going on."

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With the help of veterinary students, children, dressed in scrubs, performed "teddy bear surgery" on toys stuffed with a piece of candy. Afterward, children kept the candy and the toy.

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Bridging the Gap from Farm to Fork

FESTIVAL

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Hmong club president Mao Thao thinks this year's theme works in accordance with the weekend's celebrations.

"I like it because this weekend is mother's weekend, so it relates with whatever is going on on campus," Thao said.

Thao is a strong supporter of ISOSU and the festival. She has attended the Spring Festival every year.

"I get to talk to the different organizations on campus," Thao said. "And you get to meet new cultures and see what food they eat."

The event gives students in cultural organizations a chance to come out and promote their upcoming events. OSU sophomore Karen Clarke came out in support of her club, but also to inform students on upcoming events and its importance on campus.

"A big thing that we want to get at is the cultural diversity aspect of it," Clarke said. "A lot of the time we're just seen as 'us' and 'them.'"

Cultural events attempt to break down these divisions and promote diversity and integration.

"We can educate people who don't know about the Native American culture, like some of our traditions, to show them more than the stereotypes," Clark said.

Traditions include beading, dream



Yosuke Masuda, a first-year master's student, performed samurai combat as a member of the Japanese Student Association.

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catchers and powwows, such as the 38th annual Klatowa Eena Powwow and market May 17. This is a ceremony that involves feasting, singing and dancing.

The Spring Festival saw new attendees, and a few regulars.

PhiVu, a second-year pharmacy student, has been attending this event since he was a freshman. He used to be an ISOSU coordinator and was responsible for bringing the event together.

"Being able to connect with the community and share cultural backgrounds is great," Vu said.

Vu attended the festival with two of his roommates, including Ashley Nunn, a senior studying environmental science. Nunn said her reason for

coming to the event was simple: from her home, she heard the African drums and wanted to know the story behind the music. When she realized the purpose of the event, she decided to gain something from it.

"I spent my whole life in the Pacific Northwest, so I don't much of any other culture," Nunn said. "I want to experience different cultures."

At the ISOSU Spring Festival, Nunn and other attendees were able to do just that. Though the rain hardly stopped, the tents stayed up until the very end.

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Baseball sweeps Cal, wins 7th straight game

■ Oregon State wins all 3 contests in Berkeley, Calif., outscored Cal 24-7 in series

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No. 2 Oregon State entered the weekend in need of a series win against Cal to remain in first place in the Pac-12 standings.

After a convincing 10-4 victory Friday and a misleading 9-3 win, which took 10 innings Saturday, junior left-hander Jace Fry shut the door on the Golden Bears (19-24, 7-14 Pac-12) to give OSU (34-8, 17-4) a 5-0 victory and series sweep.

The lefty registered his third complete-game shutout of the season, allowing just one run in the third inning. He's allowed just two hits in his last 17 innings of work and is now 9-1 on the season.

Junior left fielder Michael Conforto led the Beavers at the plate, going 3-for-3 with three runs batted in. He got OSU on the board in the first inning with a two-run home run and later added an RBI double.

The three RBIs give Conforto 172 in his career, moving him into sole possession of second place in Oregon State history.

Conforto got the Beavers on the board in Friday's game as well, when he connected on a two-run double in the first inning. Junior right fielder Dylan Davis added four RBIs of his own, including a three-run double in the seventh inning.

Senior left-hander Ben Wetzler got the job done on the mound for the Beavers, tossing 7 2/3 innings of one-run baseball. He scattered five hits and struck out six in Friday's victory.

While Oregon State cruised to victory

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Senior defensive end Dylan Wynn puts his helmet on in preparation for Saturday's Spring Game.

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Defense dominates spring game

■ Oregon State mixes scrimmage, special teams in spring showcase Saturday

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Like last season, Oregon State football's spring game wasn't a traditional one. With multiple offensive linemen injured, as well as others across the team, the Beavers ran 71 total plays with limited tackling.

It wasn't a typical spring game, but head coach Mike Riley was pleased with the results in Saturday's showcase at Reser Stadium.

"The spring game is always tough with guys banged up, but we had some fun and saw some

good things," Riley said. "I think we have some work to do, but I liked what I saw."

Instead of two teams, the format was essentially offense versus defense with guys mixing in to the first, second and third teams. Senior quarterback Sean Mannion threw just nine times, completing five passes for 19 yards in limited action.

Redshirt freshman Luke Del Rio played the most of the four quarterbacks Saturday, going 9-for-17 with 80 yards.

It was the fans' first chance to get a glimpse of Del Rio since he transferred from Alabama in the offseason. The Beavers originally recruited Del Rio, the son of Denver Broncos defensive coordinator Jack Del Rio, before he decided to walk on for the Crimson Tide.

He led Oregon State to its only scoring drive of the afternoon in the defense-dominated scrimmage.

"It was fun to get out in a game-type atmosphere," Del Rio said. "It was nice to sort of get into a groove."

While head coach Mike Riley has made no indication that any of OSU's three backup quarterbacks have the upper hand for the No. 2 spot so far, it seems as though Del Rio might have the early advantage.

Sophomore Brent VanderVeen was 2-for-7 Saturday for 32 yards and an interception, and redshirt freshman Kyle Kempt was 3-of-6 for six yards in limited action.

Junior Storm Woods and senior Terron Ward saw

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Softball splits games at UNLV

■ Oregon State has season-high 15 hits in come-from-behind win Sunday in Las Vegas

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The Oregon State softball team bounced back from a rough offensive outing Saturday with a torrid hitting outbreak Sunday against UNLV.

The Beavers (16-30, 3-16 Pac-12) totaled eight runs in the final three innings to make a 10-7 comeback win over the Rebels (23-28, 12-9 Mountain West).

OSU notched 15 hits, a team-high this season, a day after recording just one run on five hits. Junior shortstop CJ Chirichigno led the way by finishing 5-for-5 at the plate with five runs batted in. Her three-run home run in the sixth inning gave the Beavers a 7-6 advantage.

Though junior center fielder Dani Gilmore was 0-for-1, she walked twice and scored four runs.

Sophomore pitcher Sarah Shadinger picked up the win in relief, her first of the season. She tossed the final two innings, allowing two hits and one run.

Junior pitcher Melanie Dembinski started the game in the circle after also pitching on Saturday in a relief role for senior Amanda Najdek, who exited that game in the fifth inning with five earned runs and 11 hits allowed.

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Oregon State track enjoys improvement at home

■ Freshman Melissa Ausman blasts school record in OSU High Performance Meet

By Scott McReynolds
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Before Friday's home meet at the Whyte Track and Field Center, junior Kinsey Gomez looked like she might have been the only OSU track and field athlete heading to NCAAs. The rest of Oregon State's squad made a statement in their attempt to join her.

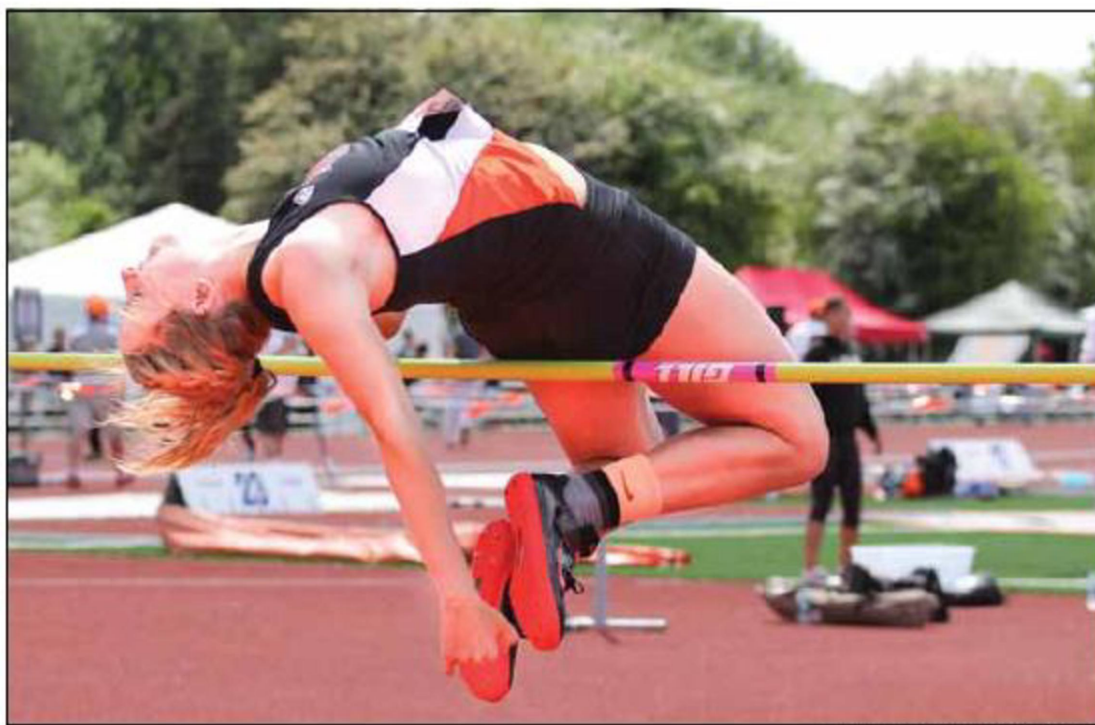
Freshman Melissa Ausman, who needed to make up a significant distance in the discus to put herself into contention to qualify for the NCAAs, put up a dramatically improved performance. Initially, she threw 163-10, besting her personal record by more than 10 feet, and setting a new OSU record.

That throw would have put her right on the edge of making it to NCAAs, but she decided that wasn't enough. On her final throw she threw 168, which has her ranked 33rd out of the top 50 who qualify for postseason.

"I'm at a loss of words, I'm just so excited to go to regionals and be able to compete with people who are at that level," Ausman said. "My mom and my grandpa were here watching me, and that just made it even better."

She has said that her goal was to break the school record throughout the season, and she did so in dominant fashion.

Sophomore Michele Turney also went out and put up the best mark of her career in the triple jump. Her



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Junior jumper Justine Byrd tries to clear the bar at the OSU High Performance Meet Friday at the Whyte Track and Field Center.

jump of 40 feet set a new school record — she has rewritten the record books on four occasions so far this year.

Her mark of 40 feet doesn't quite qualify her for NCAA Regionals, but it places her tied for 53rd. She'll need to improve her mark by roughly two

inches to move into the top 50.

With the way her season has been going, it doesn't seem too far out of reach. She has shown consistent improvement throughout the season and has two remaining meets to put up a qualifying score.

"It's important because it's just

building momentum for me," Turney said. "I can hopefully carry that in through Pac-12s and keep building on that. I'm just so close, and I'm hungry to get that mark."

Turney also earned a PR in the long

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No. 1 Washington dominates in Opening Day Regatta

■ Oregon State doesn't beat any Washington boats, looks forward to Pac-12 Championships

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The Oregon State's men's rowing team got a lesson in why Washington is the No. 1 rowing team in the nation over the weekend.

The No. 14 Beavers sent five crews to Seattle to compete in three separate races during the Opening Day Regatta, which marks the first day of boating season in Seattle. The Beavers sent two Varsity 4 crews, two Freshman 8 crews and one Junior Varsity 8 crew, but none of them finished ahead of a Washington boat.

However, this weekend was less about comparing to Washington as it was about

getting in another competitive race experience before the Pac-12 Championships. This was a chance for OSU to lock in its crews before arguably the most important races of the year.

In Saturday's V4 race, Washington won with a time of 6:54.3. The Seattle Rowing Center finished second with 7:07.4, followed by OSU's crew at 7:14.1 and OSU's B crew at 7:18.0.

In the Junior Varsity 8 race, Washington raced three boats to Oregon State's one. It was a close race between Washington and Washington's B crews. The winning time was 5:53.6 and second place was 5:54.5. The Beavers finished in 6:16.2.

Finally, Washington's top freshmen crew won its heat in 6:01.0, with the Beavers' top crew finishing six seconds later in 6:07.0.

This was a big weekend for

Washington's rowing team. The Opening Day Regatta featured the 28th annual Windermere Cup, which saw Washington's Varsity 8 crew take on Great Britain's National Team. In a close race, Great Britain's time of 5:54.0 just edged out Washington's time of 5:56.0.

Like OSU's women's team, this was the last event for the men's team before competing in the Pac-12 Rowing Championships May 18 in Gold River, Calif.

If the Beavers are able to finish in the top three at the Pac-12's, they'll earn an automatic invitation to the IRA National Championships. The Beavers are the fourth-highest rated Pac-12 school behind No. 1 Washington, No. 2 California and No. 11 Stanford.

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Women's rowing experiences wild finish

■ Beavers, Cougars V8 boats finish race simultaneously in Wawawai Landing

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In one of the wilder finishes in Oregon State women's rowing history, No. 19 Oregon State and No. 15 Washington State finished the Varsity 8 race in a dead heat.

Racing in Wawawai Landing, Wash., on the Snake River, the two teams completed the race at the exact same moment with identical times of 7:18.88. As a result, the two teams shared the Crawford Perpetual Plate, which is awarded to the winning V8 team.

In the 2V8 and V4 races, Washington State's crews finished ahead of Oregon State's, which continues a trend that was established in the Clemson Invitational. Washington State's 2V8 boat finished Saturday's course in 7:43.95, while Oregon State came in at 8:04.63. In Clemson, WSU's 2V8 boat finished seven seconds ahead of OSU's, and WSU's

V4 boat finished ahead of OSU by 24 seconds.

In Saturday's V4 race, Washington State raced three boats and Oregon State raced one. All of Washington State's crews finished ahead of OSU, the WSU A crew won with a time of 8:18.44, the B crew was second with 8:30.95, followed by the C crew in 8:40.14 and OSU in 8:50.97.

The Beavers came away with a victory in the Novice 8 race, however. Their time of 7:47.6 was 22 seconds faster than Washington State. Additionally, the Beavers came in second in the 3V8 race ahead of one WSU crew.

The racing conditions were choppy Saturday, and wind was a factor during race day. Each school had to compete with 10-12 mph headwinds blowing down and across the course. This was the last event on Oregon State's schedule before the Pac-12 Rowing Championships. Those will begin May 18 in Gold River, Calif.

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ries in their Friday and Sunday contests, Saturday was a different story. The Beavers led the majority of the game behind sophomore right-hander Andrew Moore, but Cal scored twice in the eighth inning to tie the game 2-2.

It looked as if OSU would drop the contest when the Golden Bears put runners on the corners with one out in the ninth inning, but senior Scott Schultz was able to induce a 6-4-3 double play to end the

threat.

Oregon State wasted no time putting things out of reach in the top of the 10th inning, scoring seven runs while doubling their hit total in the game with four in the inning.

Freshman shortstop Trevor Morrison and sophomore center fielder Jeff Hendrix led off the inning with infield singles to set up senior second baseman Andy Peterson for a two-run double to left field.

The three-game sweep was especially important for the Beavers considering No. 7 Washington swept Utah, improving 32-11-1 on the

season and 18-5 in conference play. The Huskies have one more Pac-12 win than the Beavers, but trail by a game in the loss column.

The two teams square off in two weeks, May 16-18, in Corvallis for a three-game series that could decide the Pac-12 championship.

Oregon State travels to Eugene for a nonconference game Tuesday against Oregon. The Beavers swept the Ducks in their first three meetings a week ago.

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Redshirt freshman quarterback Luke Del Rio awaits a snap in Saturday's Spring Game in Reser Stadium.

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limited action at running back, as redshirt-freshman Damien Haskins led the way with 68 yards and sophomore Chris Brown tallied 32 yards.

OSU's young receiving corps had trouble getting open against the experienced secondary as sophomores Victor Bolden and Malik Gilmore saw the majority of action with the first team.

Junior wide receiver Richard Mullaney sat out the game with a sprained ankle, giving the rest of OSU's wide receiver unit a chance to show what they could do.

Redshirt freshman Hunter Jarmon led the Beavers in receptions, but it was the defense that dominated Saturday, holding the offense to just

248 yards of offense.

OSU's defense was good against both the pass and run, as senior Obum Gwacham was a standout with two sacks — the plays were blown dead before Gwacham made contact to preserve the quarterback.

Gwacham has played defensive end during spring practice for the first time in his career after spending his first three seasons at wide receiver.

Saturday's spring game was the conclusion of Oregon State's spring schedule, as the team won't practice until fall camp. The Beavers' first regular season game is Aug. 30 against Portland State in Reser Stadium.

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Dembinski stayed in through the first five innings Sunday and consistently put the ball over the plate — she didn't walk a single player — but gave up 12 hits and six runs. Still, the offense saved the day for Oregon State.

With the game tied, two outs in the top of the seventh inning and nobody on, junior left fielder Kori Nishitomi started the rally with a double. She scored moments later on another double, this time from junior second baseman Ya Garcia.

Nishitomi and Garcia combined for five hits and four runs Sunday.

The Rebels nearly broke the game open in the sixth inning, scoring one run on an RBI single from senior left fielder Pauline Monreal and loading the bases with one out.

Monreal finished the day

with three hits and five RBIs, but her single in the sixth would be the final hit for UNLV. Shadinger retired five straight from that point on, stranding three Rebels in the sixth inning and getting three consecutive outs to end the game.

For OSU, Nishitomi collected two hits in each game, her 19th and 20th multi-hit games this year.

The Beavers made some defensive switches this series after being without senior right fielder Isabelle Batayola, who was injured Tuesday against Portland State.

In that game, freshman Ameer Aarhus moved from third base to right field with freshman Kiki Pepi taking over at third.

In Saturday's game, freshman Alleah Armendariz — normally a pitcher — stepped in at first base, while senior Hannah Bouska moved from first to right field and Aarhus returned to third.

The changes continued Sunday, during which Pepi tried her hand at first base. Bouska remained in right field and Aarhus again at third.

Bouska spent her first three years at OSU in right field, but moved to first base this year. It's her first time at any level at the position.

She went 1-for-3 in both games this series and was one of only four players on Saturday to record a hit.

The Beavers will have a few days to sort out defensive slots before the final series of the regular season gets underway. The Beavers have played their last four games out of conference, but next week's trio of contests will be against Stanford.

Finishing the regular season on the road, OSU will kick off the series at 7 p.m. Thursday.

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Sophomore jumper Jessica Lautenbach approaches the bar in the high jump at the OSU High Performance Meet Friday.

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jump with a distance of 18-1 3/4, good for sixth on Oregon State's all-time list.

While no one else came close to regional qualifying marks, the day was still filled with multiple PRs.

Sophomore Rachel Picknell moved into fourth on the all-time list for shot put with a throw of 43-11 3/4, besting her previous mark of 42-11. Freshman Christina MacDonald also bested her own record in the javelin with a throw of 138-11.

Freshman Annie Sidor PR'd in the pole vault to finish the day for field athletes, clearing 11-7 3/4 while tying fellow freshman Helen Ann Haun for the school record.

The team's success on the track did not mirror OSU's success in the field events. There was a

strong wind throughout the day that could have played a factor in athletes' times.

OSU's largest field was in the 1,500-meter, during which redshirt freshman Morgan Anderson led the team, finishing sixth with a time of 4:27.58. Gomez (4:29.83) and redshirt sophomore Kelsi Schaer (4:30.32) finished eighth and ninth, and freshman Holly Cavalluzzo (4:36.05) finished 14th.

Anderson sits in 85th in the region, but is only four seconds off moving into the top 50 — an achievable goal that could be attained in her final two meets.

OSU will next compete Friday in the Oregon Twilight before heading to Pullman, Wash., the next weekend for the Pac-12 Track and Field Championships.

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Editorial

OSU not under investigation, still our problem

Pretending bad things don't exist does not make them go away.

That's why the rape statistics for college campuses are unbelievable. Unbelievable in that they're not true.

Rape makes colleges look bad. Students, unsurprisingly, don't want to attend schools with high rape rates. Many schools take advantage of this and don't accurately report their rape statistics in order to be more appealing to students.

This is illegal. But it doesn't mean it doesn't happen.

Right now, 55 schools in the U.S. are the subjects of a Title IX investigation. The investigation is to determine whether or not any of the colleges and universities are guilty of illegally handling sexual violence and harassment complaints, according to the CNN story.

Oregon State University is not included in the list of 55 possibly guilty schools, but our neighbor to the north — Washington State University — is, which brings the point home harder than it might have resonated otherwise. Also included in the list are a few Ivy League universities — Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth — that we thought were better than this.

Just because schools are on the list to be investigated doesn't mean they're guilty — we want to emphasize that. But the fact that there are 55 schools in 27 states under investigation for possible irregularities means something is not right.

Why, for instance, are the schools, rather than the police, handling the cases and prosecution of violent crimes like rape and sexual assault?

Because, thanks to Title IX and the Clery Act, schools have the authority to handle rape and sexual assault cases in-house.

Rape and sexual assault can be considered a campus matter — something campus security handles.

This is done because "the criminal justice system prosecutes sexual violence as a criminal matter, but because assault and harassment pose obstacles to students' access to education — a fundamental civil right — colleges and universities are required to respond to sexual violence and its detrimental effects on campus sexual violence survivors' life and learning," according to the Know Your IX website.

This doesn't even take into account that rape is a difficult crime to prosecute, and that the process is generally more painful, complicated, traumatic and shaming for the accuser than the accused.

Because our society blames the victims.

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Letters

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Rethinking society's insistence on attending college

Warning: This column contains conspiracy theories and mild lashing out.

I could formulate a few pretty fair defenses as to why it's uber-beneficial to go to college. I could talk about how my education has enhanced the perspective of my worldview, understanding of the world and how, without these four years of intense learning, I would be nothing.

But the truth is, we're always growing and learning. Sometimes I want to unsubscribe to the school of thought that says college is the be-all and end-all of existence in America.

College can be useful, yes. Sometimes even necessary. But in the long run, the common belief that it's such a key ingredient in the recipe of our lives is a bit of a mystery. Is it because employers say so? Because

our parents say so? Because the lady chatting with you at the grocery store asks you what "your plans" are and you feel like you have to say "getting my Ph.D.," or else you're a total failure?

We pour all of our time and energy into school. We move away from home, we lose sleep, we lose friends and we miss our families to devote years of our lives to college for nothing more than better chances of getting a job later on. It's not even a guarantee, and yet we still believe in the system.

I'm more convinced now than ever before that college is a conspiracy against the younger generation (conceived by Big Brother or even The Man) to leach our potential and throw us into a hopeless abyss, wherein cubicles are utopias, days off



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are foolish and sleep is nonexistent.

We've already practiced those conditions; why not work in them for the rest of our lives?

I say no. If you want to spend your college years working on a farm or bumming around the country, go out and do that thing. Besides, you could always go to college when you're older. After age 24, you can get even more financial aid from the government, according to FAFSA's website.

So it's not like you're going to miss your prime in school and lose all

incentives to go to college.

Sure, there are benefits to starting early, but I can't articulate them very clearly through the fog of a full-time job, a part-time job, two internships and three classes.

College doesn't define you. Nothing you do defines you, it's who you are that does. So maybe a different path suits you better than the stress capital in the state of debt. That's fine. Go down that path and see where it takes you. It's probably going to lead to a far brighter place, where one can frolic through sunflowers and catch butterflies.

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OSU aspires to be Bob the Builder when it grows up

When I came to Oregon State University back in 2011, there wasn't much construction visible on campus.

All along Jefferson and Campus Way were red brick buildings and trees. It was serene, and gave a person the feeling that this campus was satisfied with itself.

Then came the construction of Austin Hall, the demolition the Memorial Union parking lot in favor of a giant pit and the building of



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another dorm behind Wilson Hall. These are just a few examples of construction occurring at OSU, but they are the most notable.

Will there ever be a time on campus when we as students don't have to

navigate through construction and detours to get to class?

The longevity of the construction is phenomenal, given that it lasted long enough for students to grow attached to a construction crane, sell merchandise in honor of its presence and fund a statue of it in memoriam.

If we students have become so acclimated to having construction on campus that we wind up worshipping a construction crane, it may be time to reevaluate just how long

said construction has been around.

So why is it that something like the Native American Longhouse can be torn down and reconstructed into the beautiful structure it is today in a single summer, aside from the obvious factors of it being a smaller

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Letter to the Editor

Regarding OSU's hospitality Newly Beaver believers

Hello Oregon State University, Make no mistake: I am a Husky. My wife and I each graduated from the University of Washington. Both our fathers returned from WWII and graduated from UW under the GI Bill. We have supported UW now for generations. Indeed, I am a Husky.

Something truly amazing happened last October.

A short story here, if I may: Mary and I have a daughter and three sons. Our children are all grown and have now departed our home to follow their lives, their interests and passions. Our daughter has children and lives in San Diego. Mary and I have many blessings. Providence granted Mary and me a wonderful gift last autumn, and Oregon State University is an integral part of this gift.

For the first time Mary and I attended an away Husky football game — the 2013 game at OSU. Schedules lined up so that all three of our sons could attend with us. Given that one son is a field biologist, another is a junior officer serving on a submarine and our "baby" is graduating this May from West Point with ensuing duties "somewhere in the world," the gift is that we were together in Corvallis. We do not know when we shall all be together again.

But the amazing part of the trip was the kindness, grace and unconditional hospitality extended by the Beaver fans to our family. I had no concept that football fans from an opposing school could be so kind and hospitable. I was truly amazed at the Beaver community. I will not forget this cordial hospitality.

Entertainment is fun. Being together with family is a blessing. And I am now (while still a Husky) a real Beaver believer.

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Hall of memories: Eugene's WOW Hall

By Randi Bjornstad
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — Mention the WOW Hall these days, and a jam-packed venue blaring lively music by groups with names like Devin the Dude, OUI/LOUD and Ty Dolla \$ign may be the first thing that springs to mind.

But while it is a great spot these days for music, dancing, yoga and other leisure activities, the venerable 82-year-old building at the corner of West Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Street in downtown Eugene also has a history that is firmly rooted in the day-to-day economy, politics and culture of days long gone by.

The Community Center for the Performing Arts, or CCPA, the nonprofit organization that now owns and cherishes the WOW Hall, will show it off during National Historic Preservation Month in May, with an extensive photo and artifact exhibit that has its opening reception today. The CCPA also is in the process of restoring many of the building's rooms and features to their original, historic character.

WOW stands for Woodmen of the World, a fraternal association that began in 1890 in Omaha, Neb., and swiftly spread throughout the Western United States. Its mission was to provide social and recreational services for people in communities that were part of the vast expansion of settlement that followed the Homestead Act of 1862.

The charter issued to the Eugene chapter in May 1892 begins with the words "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

While Woodmen of the World might imply that membership revolved around the lumber industry, at least the Eugene chapter of the national organization was more bent on nurturing values of friendship and mutual support among all residents of a community still in its formative stages.

Its early members included many prominent businessmen, educators and pioneers of the day, among them John Straub, dean of the University of Oregon's college of arts and sciences; William Yoran, owner of the Morning Register, a newspaper later consolidated into The Register-Guard; R.E. Bristow, a member of the pioneer Bristow family that settled the Pleasant Hill community; and physician-pharmacist William Kuykendall, who served as mayor of Eugene, founded what became the Eugene Hospital and Clinic and became president of the Oregon Senate.

But the group also included many people in the "blue collar" trades, such as carpenters, laborers, farmers, mill hands and loggers.

According to documentation that helped land the WOW Hall on the National Register of Historic Places in 1996, the Woodmen of the World never occupied any location but the one at Eighth Avenue and Lincoln Street, although they weren't the first inhabitants of the corner.

"There's been a major public building on this property from 1857 to now," local

historic preservation specialist and WOW Hall volunteer Jonathan Pincus said.

"First, there was a small church that was bought by the First Presbyterian Church, and that burned in 1882. That was rebuilt into a much larger Presbyterian church the next year. The Woodmen of the World bought the building from the church."

Records show that the Presbyterians originally purchased the land from the city of Eugene's founder and namesake Eugene Skinner and his wife, Mary. At the time, it lay on a busy thoroughfare, part of the Territorial Road that later became known as the Pacific Highway.

The Presbyterians left the church in 1906, when the First Presbyterians consolidated with the Cumberland Presbyterians and became Central Presbyterian Church.

The Woodmen of the World bought the building and used it until 1932, when they replaced it with the unprepossessing but still-existing hall.

Helping the workers

Building anything new in 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, was a significant undertaking, but Pincus said it showed the determination of WOW members to live up to the purposes of their charter.

"Building this hall envisioned their pledge to create a utopian place with mutual support for the people of the community," he said. "We believe the reason for building it was so that the Woodmen would have jobs."

The Register-Guard wrote that at a cost of \$8,000, the new WOW Hall was the most expensive building constructed in 1932 and described it as "modern in every detail."

The hall opened for use in December that year and was dedicated in January 1933.

One of its most exotic features was the hardwood maple "floating" floor in the main hall, which was used every Saturday night for public dances, from ballroom to square dance, and still remains in use.

"It was accomplished not with ball bearings or springs but with a certain kind of structural carpentry that allows the floor to 'give' as people move on it," Pincus said. "It was done to be really easy on the legs and feet — apparently the old-time dancing could get very vigorous."

It's a facet of the WOW Hall that still makes dance and exercise groups love to use it, said Katy Vizdal, assistant program coordinator at the hall. "Everyone always comments on how much they appreciate this floor, how much more comfortable it is than any other place. Through the years, several dance groups have been resident companies here."

One of the more mysterious aspects of fraternal organization rituals can be seen in the raised, wooden pewlike seating that runs around the perimeter of the main hall. In the middle of the east and west walls, there's a built-in chair, presumably reserved for the WOW's top officers.

Curved to fit the human anatomy, the pews around the 50-foot by 66-foot main

hall could hold about 200 people comfortably. Much of the pew seating isn't always available, but instead of being removed as the use of the WOW Hall evolved through the decades, portable risers, storage and backdrops were constructed to conceal but preserve them.

That level of conservation is one reason the WOW Hall has both exterior and interior historic designations, which is relatively rare among old buildings.

Perhaps in part because of the Eugene area's traditional boom-and-bust economy, the WOW Hall was maintained well but not structurally changed through the decades. When applying for historic designation, analysts determined that the building in and out was 95 percent original.

One partial exception is several rooms in which floors that used to be linoleum are now wood, but Pincus said that's going to change.

"The old art deco linoleum wore out, and it was removed, and the wood you see now is the original fir subflooring," he said. "The company in Sweden that originally made the linoleum still exists, and the plan is to replace it in at least some of the spaces."

One of the original functions of the WOW Hall included providing medical services, and the spaces in which that was done still exist, Vizdal said.

The ticket office to the left of the main entrance "originally was the waiting room for people coming to the clinic," she said. "The small offices down the hall from there were the doctors' examining rooms."

Saved from demolition

The original application for historic status described the WOW Hall as "a mix of stylistic influences popular for public buildings at the time of its construction, including a mix of art deco and commercial style details with Spanish or Mission style finish on the exterior, and stripped classical and commercial style on the interior."

The building was designed by John Hunzicker, a prominent architect in Eugene at the time, and built by contractor W.B. Baker. It was used actively by the Woodmen of the World until 1946, after which it became a more general center for community activities.

From then to the early 1970s, it suffered from neglect that led many to believe it had become structurally unsound. In 1975, Pincus recalled, "It was announced that the hall would be sold, and people were really afraid it would be torn down."

In reaction, fans of the old WOW Hall formed the Community Center for the Performing Arts and announced their intention to purchase and restore the building. Emile Mortier, a well-known structural engineer in Eugene, conducted a complete inspection of the building, charging the nonprofit organization only \$50 for his services, and determined that it was structurally sound and, in fact, "somewhat overbuilt."

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The multiple "how not to get raped" guides and self-defense classes campuses — and "real life" — made available for their female populace is proof of that.

Rather than focusing our energy on teaching people not to rape in the first place, we instead teach young people how not to appear as if they're "just asking for it."

Rape is never the victim's fault. It is only a woman's fault if she is the one perpetrating it, which happens more than you may think.

But being a victim of rape is not something that someone did wrong, or something someone should be ashamed of.

Our society is backwards. No one is ever "just asking" to be victimized. The very concept is paradoxical.

Rape isn't rare and it isn't something that only happens to other people or in other places — one in four college women has been or will be the victim of sexual assault. Only 28 percent of those women have or will report the crime to the police or other authorities, according to the 2013 Criminal Victimization report from the Bureau of Justice.

So if you know more than four women, odds are you know someone who's survived a sexual assault, even if no one knows.

Remember that the next time you think rape doesn't concern you.

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structure and made of wood, but construction elsewhere on campus proceeds at a glacial pace?

Fun fact: The Empire State Building took only one year and 45 days to complete. It's 103 stories tall; a skyscraper. Its construction began during the Great Depression.

If such a notable building can be crafted that quickly in a time 84 years behind our technologically improved existence, then perhaps construction on campus should not be taking this long.

At this point, I know I sound like an ungrateful brat. We all understand that this construction is being done for the benefit of the students of OSU.

The giant pit by the old bookstore, with its talons of iron and rebar scaling its walls, will one day become the Student Experience Center — the future home of the Barometer and the rest of student media. (And believe me, we need it. Our escape from Snell Hell is eagerly anticipated.)

The new dorm behind Wilson providing more student housing will definitely help staunch the absolute nosebleed that the overbooking First-Year Experience turned into.

Everything being constructed is to give OSU's students more room and provide us with more opportunities for educational development.

While all this construction holds a promising future, despite its eyesore appearance

on campus, I have to wonder about our older buildings.

It's all well and good to want to build bigger and better things, but what about our older buildings on campus? To a degree I understand this — the home guides section of the San Francisco Chronicle claims that if you intend to use a building for a long time, then starting from scratch and building new is the way to go.

In a way, OSU is just being financially conservative. Yet, our past is part of what forms us and there is no doubt that our older buildings should get a healthy amount of maintenance and structural care.

Historic buildings need a lot of love and attention — it's why organizations like the U.S. General Services Administration exist, to symbolize the permanence and stature of the federal government as well as to serve function purposes and maintain architectural excellence of America's buildings, according to their website.

Will Benton Hall or any of our other historic buildings on campus get the same amount of long-standing work that the Student Experience Center is receiving, should pipes bust or the West Coast finally gets that big earthquake for which we're decades overdue?

Regardless, it would be nice to finally see campus in a less liminal position than it is currently.

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