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Maria de Jesus Gonzalez balances a bottle of iced tea on her head as she performs a traditional dance during the Mi Familia Weekend.

Mi Familia Weekend brings OSU Latino community together

The Latino population

keeps growing and

growing, and I'm

seeing alumni here

coming to an event

that wasn't offered to

them in their days.

Laura Mondragon

OSII senior

 3rd annual event returns to embrace parents, Latino students over weekend

By Ria Rankine

THE DAILY BAROMETE

It started with a vision. To include families of the Latino community at Oregon State University, first-year graduate student Arlyn Moreno created the Mi Familia Weekend.

Mi Familia Weekend began in 2012 to satisfy the needs of students and their families within OSU's Latino community. The bilingual celebration follows the theme of Mom and Dad's Weekend by giving students

a chance to share life on campus with their families.

The event started at the Memorial Union ballroom Friday, offering dinner, student performances and family activities. Guest speakers included Vice Provost for Student Affairs Dr. Larry Roper and Angelo Gomez, the interim executive director for equity and inclusion.

The theme of the night was "Our stories, our voice."

"I started this because I noticed my parents were not connected to campus," Moreno said.

She soon found she was not alone.

Moreno took a small survey within
the Latino community to gauge the
necessity of the event. Twenty-three
students entered the survey. Of those
23, only three students said their
parents came to Mom's Weekend or
Dad's Weekend.

So, these students funded trips for the families who were unable to attend Mi Familia Weekend through scholarships. Combined, the group was given a small sum, which was then distributed according to financial needs.

"We rank how much money students can get according to the mileage (of the parents coming to OSU) and also for lodging," Moreno said. Many events at OSU create cul-

tural disconnect for families, such as organizing events in English alone.

"A lot of our parents speak predominantly Spanish and a little English," said Nazario Rivera, a senior studying public health and a Mi Familia Weekend coordinator.

By offering Mi Familia Weekend in Spanish and English, families can better appreciate the event. The event addresses other issues that are

prevalent within the Latino community, such as the pursuance of higher education. Performances are aimed at inspiring families to push their children to attend college. "A lot of our kids

are told, right out of high school, 'Go work,'" Rivera said. "For me and

my mom, we never talked about college."

Most of the parents never attended college, Rivera said, which creates misconceptions.

The members of the committee invited keynote speakers and held workshops to enlighten families on available resources for their children. Other workshops were designed to let parents know it's never too late to go back to school if they want to earn a college degree.

Education was high on the weekend's agenda, but there was plenty room for fun.

The Mi Familia Weekend commit-

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Thesis fair celebrates student accomplishment

 130 graduates share thesis projects, research, collaboration

> By Emma-Kate Schaake THE DAILY BAROMETER

Thermodynamics, toxicological assessment, salaries in the NBA, transgenic biotechnology, the philosophy of leadership, colonial Latin America, zebrafish and dynamic time warping.

These are just a few of the theses the graduating class from the University Honors College's presented during the annual thesis fair Friday.

"This is our largest fair ever," said LeeAnn Baker, University Honors College director of student success and engagement.

With nearly 130 projects, the Valley Library rotunda and surrounding hallways were full of student thesis posters.

After completing and defending an honors thesis, students then earn an honors baccalaureate degree in accompaniment to their chosen major.

"Students spend typically four

"Students spend typically four terms working with a faculty member on campus through mentorship," Baker said.

The collaboration with faculty during this process is a way for students to engage with campus resources and explore options post graduation. Students create theses in a variety of disciplines, whether in preparation for graduate school or for entering the work force.

the work force.

"We are represented by every undergraduate college," Baker said.

As such, the thesis projects cover a wide range of projects across disciplines, and students are not required to choose a project that is in their major department.



poster and the dress she created to illustrate her research on Irish women's dress between 750 and 900 CE Friday in the Valley Library.

Alexandra

McConnell

stands with her

completed thesis

EMMA-KATE SCHAAKE THE DAILY BAROMETER

Alexandra McConnell will be receiving her degree in electrical and computer engineering this spring, but she chose to do her thesis with a mentor from the School of Design and Human Environment. "I've been doing sewing, weaving and knitting all my life," McConnell said. "I do medieval recreationism, and this fit right in."

As part of her project, "Re-Examining See HONORS COLLEGE page 4

Community pulls campus all-nighter to fight cancer



KAITLYN KOHLENBERG | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Members and friends of the Sigma Kappa sorority team hung out on couches and blankets, while teammates walked laps around the auad.

2014 Oregon State Relay For Life raises more than \$49,000

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg

From sunset to sunrise, the Oregon State University and Corvallis communities camped out in the Memorial Union quad to fundraise for the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life is a nationally held event, hosted by communities seeking to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

Anyone can donate and fundraise, but the big event is based around the all-night relay. For the relay, teams camp out around a track (or at OSU, in the MU quad) and members take turns walking around in circles. For the 2014 OSU Relay for Life,

For the 2014 OSU Relay for Life, activities were planned so all team members could participate, even when they weren't actively walking

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Passive-aggressive shoppers

A female called Corvallis police about a suspicious person in the Safeway parking lot on Circle Boulevard. She said she was sitting in her car when she allegedly heard a shopping cart strike the back of her vehicle. After she got out, she saw a male quickly get in his car and drive away. The suspect and car couldn't be located.

No smoking and reading allowed

At 10:52 a.m. officers spotted a man sitting in front of the Corvallis Public Library allegedly smoking a cigarette. Corvallis police cited him for smoking in a prohibited place.

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

Classic Monday

A woman reported her vehicle stolen from the Circle K on Monroe Avenue. Corvallis police located the vehicle and initiated a high-risk traffic stop. Troy Lowery, 45, Danacio Hernandez, 45, and Shannon Taylor, 43, none of them students at Oregon State University, were all allegedly inside the car and intoxicated. Officers arrested all three for unauthorized use of a vehicle. Lowery was also arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

A bad time to blackout

Benton County sheriffs reported to a residence on Territorial Highway for assistance. A male called in to report that he allegedly couldn't get a handcuff off that was put on him the night before at a party. He reported he was intoxicated and couldn't find the key. A deputy removed the handcuff without incident.

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Medford: The animal shelters are full

By Ryan Pfeil MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD-Arecent flood of felines has filled several animal adoption agencies to the max, and animal shelter officials anticipate the overcrowding could continue for months.

Organizations such as Jackson County Animal Care and Control, the Southern Oregon Humane Society, and Committed Alliance to Strays are all reporting they are at capacity, and that hundreds of cats and kittens have been placed on waiting lists. Many remain in a holding pattern, waiting for new owners

We filled up more quickly than expected for this time of year," county animal services manager Barbara Talbert said in a release. "Since we only have so much space for cats, we are no longer accepting cats surrendered by their owners, and we do not have enough resources to treat cats or kittens that come to us sick or injured."

Officials say this isn't a new problem, but this year's early heavy influx has been building up for awhile.

"It's been ongoing in increments over time, getting worse and worse and worse," said Sally Mackler, of Spay/Neuter Your Pet, a nonprofit with the aim of reducing cat overpopulation. This year I think the shelters have filled up earlier than they ordinarily do, which does not bode well. It's a sign that we are in an epidemic here and are



MAIL TRIBUNE

Melody, Mindy and Mickey wait to be adopted at Jackson County Animal Care and Control Center on Friday.

reaching crisis proportions for exponential." cat population.'

There are more than 120 cats waiting to be adopted between all three shelters, with more than 60 cats -- mostly kittens -- in foster care, an effort largely supported

by volunteers. "We are currently full, and we are starting our waiting list for both adult cats and for kittens," said SOHS Director Kenn Altine. "It's a crisis that just sort of gets

Shelter officials are encouraging Rogue Valley residents to take on a more active role in helping the problem.

The current push is the "just one more" approach, urging anyone who has been feeding a stray to take it in (and get it spayed or neutered). They have also been pushing for more animal adoptions and foster care volunteers to take care of

newborn kittens.

One female cat and her offspring can produce 25 new cats annually.

I wish there were some magic bullet we could draw upon that could draw relief to the situation," Mackler said. We can't make it go away. I wish we could. But we can take steps to help. The Band-Aid approach isn't going to work any longer."

Hospital music therapy program strikes a chord of healing

By Emily Thornton

COOS BAY - Soft harp and flute music wafts through the air.

There is a feeling of relaxation.

No, it's not an exclusive spa. It's Bay Area Hospital's main lobby during midday Thursdays.

The melodious notes began about a month ago, according to Robin O'Neill, who plays the harp, guitar, Native American and silver flutes, and the banjo. She's been playing the instruments for the past 15 years for therapy and said she's excited for

the program at BAH.
"I think it's just huge for Bay Area Hospital to take this step," O'Neill said. "A prescription can do a lot, but there is a point where music can heal so much."

Music therapy, as it's called, has already taken root at larger facilities such as PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend, O'Neill said. She said a group of a half-dozen or so volunteer musicians would meet in two weeks to "discuss how much further they wanted to go" with the program. She said they were looking for pianists and a baby grand piano. They'd also welcome other musicians, she said.

"I'm so excited," O'Neill said, "I've been wanting to do something like this all my

O'Neill has been playing music for the sick and elderly at Life Care Center at Bay Crest Village and other places, so she knows its healing power, she said.

O'Neill said she goes to work and notices a huge difference in the residents. "If I go in and play harp, they (caregiv-

ers) say, 'We didn't have to use medicine,'" O'Neill said.

Lynda Cole, a nurse, also was instrumental in getting the music therapy started. She said she waited until much of the remodeling was finished at the hospital before she approached CEO Paul Janke.

After Janke's approval, she said a group of individuals visited Riverbend to see how they run their program.

'It's a two-tiered theme for right now," Cole said. "We're getting grants and fundraisers to be able to go to individual rooms. Bigger hospitals have therapeutic rooms. It's one of my dreams to get that going eventually."

There is a certificate, the Music for Healing and Therapy Program, that several of the performers want to get, O'Neill said. Cole said she hoped to be grandfathered in because she'd been playing so long.

Cole said working as a nurse prepared her for many situations, so she knew that music helped.

You have to be really in tune for what's working and not working," she said.

Calendar

Monday, May 19

Events

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

Tuesday, May 20

Vegans and Vegetarians @ OSU, 10am-4pm, West side of MU Quad parking lot. Get paid to watch a 4 min.

Spring Creek Project for Ideas,

Spring Creek Project for ideas, Mature, and the Written Word, 7-Bpm, ILLC 155. An evening of art, photography, film, poetry, and prose in celebration of biodiversity on campus.

Wednesday, May 21

Meetings

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

Vegans and Vegetarians @ OSU, 10am-4pm, West side of MU Quad parking lot. Get paid to watch a 4 min. video!

Thursday, May 22

Events

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

Active Minds, Bam-4pm, MU Quad. Join Active Minds in honoring those who were taken by suicide. Active Minds will lay 1,100 daisies down in the MU Quad to honor the 1,100 students who commit suicide across college campuses each year. Campus Recycling, 6-8pm, 644 SW 13th Street. May Repair Fair - Bring your broken items and questions;

receive free repairs. Recreational Sports, 11am-Noon,

Dixon Rec Center Conference Room Recreational Sports Board Meeting.

Friday, May 23

Meetings

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

Monday, May 26 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Wednesday, May 28

College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Come join us for discussion on current events in the state and nation. W70SU, 5pm, Snell 229. OSU Amateur

Friday, May 30

Meetings

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

Volunteers

Center for Civic Engagement, 2-4:30, 3-5:30, check-in begins at 1:30pm in Dixon lower courts. Choose from more than six different service projects. Pre-registration is required. You can

Wednesday, June 4

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

Friday, June 6

Meetings

OSU Chess Club, 4-8pm, MU Com-mons. Come play with us and learn more about this classic game. All skill



Bay Area Hospital music therapy program strikes a chord of healing.

THE WORLD

Trouble at Three Rivers School District

By Ruth Longoria Kingsland DAILY COURIER

GRANTS PASS - With less than 60 days left on her oneyear interim contract with the Three Rivers School District, Superintendent Patricia Adams has filed a tort claim against the district, threatening to sue the school board, and in particular former Chairman Ron Crume, for harassment and retaliation.

In her claim, a copy of which was obtained through a public records request by the Daily Courier, Adams accuses Crume of harassing her over his opposition to the controversial Common Core national education standards and for telling him it was "not proper to conduct Christian prayers prior to school board meetings.

She also accuses him of subjecting her to "various political videos and articles É that had nothing to do with her job as superintendent," and alleges he and other board members attempted to illegally meet in violation of the state Public Meetings Law.

Perhaps most explosively, she claims Crume once loudly used several profane anti-gay slurs during a private exchange before a school board meeting, during a discussion about proposed anti-bullying and sexual orientation protection policies.

In lieu of filing a lawsuit, Adams is demanding \$100,000 in damages for medical bills, legal fees and stress. She also demanded assurances the school board will stop "interfering" with her in the performance of her job duties and take "necessary steps to ensure that Mr. Crume and other school board members will not violate school board policy, state, and federal law."

Her attorney, Ryan J. Vanderhoof of Medford, told the Daily Courier his client has been treated "pretty poorly."

"If a jury believes she's been retaliated against, they award the amount," he said, referring to the \$100,000 claim, which is nearly as much as Adams is being paid for a year as interim superintendent.

Vanderhoof also is representing Shelly Quick, Adams' assistant and the school board secretary, in another potential claim against the district and

The Daily Courier has been attempting since March to get a copy of Quick's original complaint against the board, which was discussed by the board during an executive session in denied the newspaper's public records request for a copy of the complaint.

The paper recently appealed to Josephine County District Attorney Stephen Campbell, asking that he order the district to release a copy of the com-plaint. The status of that appeal remained unclear as of Friday.

In her tort claim, Adams cites no specific examples of ways

in which Crume or any other board members allegedly harassed or retaliated against her.

"Mr. Crume has attempted to remove Ms. Adams' ability to govern the school and has attempted to intimidate her and prevent her from hiring or firing employees and in

carrying out the school district's disciplinary policies with employees under her supervision," the tort claim says

Vanderhoof said that since Adams' claim isn't yet part of a lawsuit, just a threat of one, he hasn't deposed any of the peo-ple in that potential lawsuit and therefore didn't need to put any more specific details concerning her claims of retaliation.

He said he is currently in negotiations with the district's insurance carrier and won't provide additional information at this time.

Although the tort claim does not cite exact dates, the complaint about "Christian prayers" appears to be a reference to a school board meeting last fall that was called to discuss the Common Core standards.

The meeting was standingroom only. Before the meeting began, board member Danny York led an invocation asking for wisdom in dealing with issues to be discussed.

The tort claim also contends that, in a private exchange prior to a board meeting to implement a sexual orientation and nondiscrimination policy, Crume yelled at her that implementing such a policy was 'pro faggots', favored 'queer boys' and used other extremely offensive terminology for gays and lesbians."

Crume and fellow board members Kate Dwyer and Ron Lengwin told the Daily Courier they have been told by the district's legal counsel not to talk with the media about Adams'

York and board Chairwoman Kara Olmo, who took over February. The district has twice the chair duties after Crume

not respond to requests for comment.

When he stepped down, Crume cited unspecified personal reasons and the need for more time for family and work. He remains on the board, however. Two months earlier, he and his wife took their two sons out of Fort Vannoy Elementary School and placed them in private school.

The school district's attorney, Karen M. Vickers of Portland, told the Courier on Friday that she is reviewing the allegations.

The tort claim contains allegations, which a factual investigation may show are not accurate or could have

been perceived differently," she said. Crume's wife, Lisa Crume,

told the Courier that she's saddened and frustrated by the problems in the district and Adams' claim, which, she said, can potentially hurt students in a district already short on funds.

Lisa Crume also said, according to what her husband has told her, Adams has taken out of context a hypothetical story he told Adams in opposition to policy that he believed could lead to the creation of transgender bathrooms, such as those in California and some Portland area schools.

Crume said her husband's scenario included terms other students might potentially use against a male student who used a transgender bathroom. She said her husband would not use the derogatory terms himself.

"He's never treated people conservative.

stepped down in March, did differently or without respect," she added.

Adams was hired by the school board in April 2013 on a one-year basis only. With an upcoming school board election set in May 2013, the thinking was the new board would likely want to hire its own long-term administrator. A permanent superintendent, David Holmes, was hired three weeks ago and is scheduled to take over from Adams this summer.

This isn't the first time Adams has had run-ins with board members shortly before leaving a superintendent position.

She served as superintendent for the St. Helens School District from 2005 until retiring in June, 2011. In May of that year, according to the St. Helens Chronicle, Adams banned a newly elected school board member from school district property without her written approval after he showed his licensed concealand-carry weapon to a district employee off school property.

Columbia City police Chief Mike McGlothlin at that time told the Chronicle that the board member, Ray Biggs, didn't violate the law and no charges were filed.

When Biggs later brought copy of Adams' letter to the school board and read it during public comment, despite being told he couldn't read the letter as it involved personnel concerns, police were called. He was not charged with any violation of law, however.

Biggs, who is still on the St. Helens school board, told the Daily Courier he believes Adams "had it in for me once she found out I was a





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Drug courts to provide new anti-opiate

By Alando Ballantyne

THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE - This summer, the Lane County Adult Drug Court will become the first drug court in Oregon to provide Vivitrol — a drug injected just once a month that can help opiate addicts overcome drug dependence.

The drug works by helping to reduce the craving for opiates, such as heroin, and can prevent individuals who do use opiates from feeling their euphoric effects.

"That's the one concrete report that they continue to hear that it takes away the cravings for the addiction," said Bonnie McIrvin, director of the local drug court. "For opiate addicts, that is the biggest draw."

The new treatment will be available starting sometime this summer to eligible individuals in the drug court and Lane County Veterans Treatment Court — roughly 115 people in all — and will be paid for by a \$38,000 grant that the county has received from

the Oregon Community Foundation. Currently, 43 percent of local drug court participants use opiates, according to county statistics.

Court officials say they are excited to test the efficacy of Vivitrol, which may hold some promising advantages over other drugs that are taken on a daily basis to treat opiate addiction, such as Methadone and Suboxone.

say no to the opiate (and) say yes to the medication," said Carrie Carver, a sergeant with the Lane County Sheriff's Office. "That's a very hard decision to make."

'(Every) morning, you would have to make the decision to

Additionally, unlike Suboxone and methadone, Vivitrol is not

a narcotic.

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tee rented out McAlexander Fieldhouse for a few hours Saturday to play soccer, rock climb and delight in the appearance of OSU mascot Benny the Beaver.

Still, some attendees would like to see more of a celebration.

Laura Mondragon, a senior studying human development and family sciences, came to the event with her mom, Maria. The weekend is a special event for her family, but she would like them to experience

"I would actually like to have (my mom) come to Mom's Weekend, as well," Laura Mondragon said. "There are a lot more activities, whereas this one is more informational."

This is the third time Laura Mondragon has attended the event with her mother, and she said that each year it gets better. One of Saturday's speakers even moved her to tears. She said she is proud to see how Latino students are contributing in the community. She's surprised this event only began three

"The Latino population keeps growing and growing, and I'm seeing alumni here coming to an event that wasn't offered to them in their days," Laura Mondragon said.

When the families returned to the ballroom, special performances brought the stage to life, which was followed by administration lauding the students for the success of the event.

Ria Rankine

Greek and clubs reporter managing@dailybarometer.com

Mongolian Grill's roof catches fire after dumpster ignition

By Tristan Hiegler

HERALD AND NEWS

KLAMATH FALLS - No injuries were reported after part of the More Than Mongolian Grill restaurant roof caught fire Friday afternoon.

According to Scott Rice, fire marshal for Klamath County Fire District No. 1, the fire was reported at approximately 2:15 p.m. Rice said a garbage dumpster and cardboard dumpster are located at the rear of the building in the 4400 block of South Sixth Street.

The fire appears to have originated in the cardboard container, Rice said, before spreading to the other dumpster to travel up the wall and ignite a small portion of the roof.

A law enforcement officer and restaurant employees apparently used fire extinguishers and buckets to help put out the fire. Rice said three KCFD No. 1 engines responded, and the fire was out within 10

The ignition source is currently unknown, though Rice noted numerous cigarette butts were found around the fire's point of origin.

Rice said it is likely a cigarette caused the fire, and the fire department was notified numerous people, not just employees, use the rear of the building as a smoke break spot.

Rice estimated the total damages to the roof at \$5,000. He confirmed there were no reported injuries



More Than Mongolian Grill restaurant roof catches fire after the dumpster ignites.

HONORS COLLEGE

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Medieval Irish Women's Dress between 750 and 900 CE," McConnell sewed a dress as a recreation of what Irish women may have worn.

"I constructed it as an approximation based on the other evidence that was available," McConnell said.

Kyle Thompson, on the other hand, chose a thesis topic in very close relation to his upcoming degree in electrical engineering. In his project, "Designing for the Future: A Software Architecture Inspired by Internationally Developed Virtual Laboratories," Thompson created a virtual version of the laboratories he has

used in electrical engineering courses. "This is a virtual version of those lab experiences," Thompson said.

Simulating the lab experience can save time and money with the investment of

physical lab equipment.

"You can achieve things in a virtual lab that you can't in a physical lab," Thompson

Shireen Weik, graduating with a major in sociology and a minor in business entrepreneurship, was also interested in the hands-on aspects of her education. Her thesis is titled "Developing the next gen-eration of corporate social responsibility employees: the case of Enactus at Oregon State University."

Enactus is an international organization

that focuses on helping university students practice business skills like entrepreneurship, finances and ethics in real-world situations.

"How are you able to apply what you learn in the classroom in the real world?" Weik asked in her thesis.

Applying the concepts learned in the classroom is a central goal of the thesis program. The fair allowed students to display heir accomplishments over the course of the thesis project and as a summation of their undergraduate education.

"This is our event to celebrate," Baker

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the track. At the end of the night, the teams with the most points received prizes.

Kiesha Fisher-Riley, a senior studying interior design and merchandising management, was on a team with her sorority, Chi Theta Phi, which was participating for the first time. She felt the event was the perfect combination of fun, fitness and fundraising.

'I was telling one of my sisters earlier that it's just kind of fun being outside, in nice weather, doing something for a cause and getting exercise and being around friends," Fisher-Riley said. "It's just awesome altogether.'

At the event, teams spread throughout the quad, each nesting in its own area. Many teams had tents for team members to sleep in while peers participated. Some

brought in couches and televisions, effectively building their own living rooms within the quad.

Laura Gordon, a junior in human development family sciences, noted the variety of team bases.

"It's really just whatever your team is comfortable with," Gordon said. "We actually thought about bringing a tent, but decided against it. I know other teams that are much larger like the larger setups."

Gordon and her team had a canopy over their small set up on the west side of the quad. Another team nearby had an RV to which team members would go and sleep during

The 2014 relay was one of many for Gordon, who lost her grandmother to breast cancer in 2009. She said the biggest changes for this year's relay were the people and activities.

"There's definitely a lot less

Gordon added that the organized activities were new, but seemed like a positive change for the teams that were waiting for peers to finish their laps.

Zoey Rochefort, a junior at Corvallis High School, came out to the event with her father, who was the head of the chemical engineering department's team. Like Gordon, she said she noticed a change in the population.

"There used to be more people and more different groups of people," Rochefort said. "Now it's mainly just like, sports teams and fraternities and stuff."

Despite the lower population, event chair Kendall Dunlop, a second-year public health student at OSU, said many of the entertainment changes were well received.

The biggest changes, Dunlop said, were for the Luminaria ceremony, which let particiteams roughed it with just people here this year and I'm pants take time to celebrate, blankets and snacks, while not sure why ... but we still reflect and remember those some of the larger teams always have a good time," she who have survived cancer, lost

their lives to cancer or are still fighting. Gordon said the Luminaria

ceremony is her favorite part of Relay for Life. "It's a time to be joyful and mourn and to remember,"

Gordon said. Dunlop said she was pleased to have the chance for so many different groups of OSU and Corvallis to participate in the

ceremony and event. "It was really cool that we had so much involvement with that from all over campus," Dunlop said. "It's just really amazing to see how a commu-nity like Corvallis and OSU can pull together for the American

Cancer Society. By Saturday night, Dunlop said the tentative amount that teams and individual participants had raised for the American Cancer Society reached nearly \$50,000. They will not know the final and official total for a couple weeks.

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Wetzler, Beavers inch closer to Pac-12 title



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Senior left-hander Ben Wetzler lets go of a pitch in Sunday's 3-0 victory against No. 5 Washington in Goss

 Oregon State beats Washington Saturday, Sunday after falling to Huskies in series opener

By Andrew Kilstrom

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It was unclear if senior Ben Wetzler would pitch this weekend for the No. 2 Beavers after he was arrested and charged with two misdemeanors a little more than a week ago.

When head coach Pat Casey announced Thursday that Oregon State's (41-9, 22-5 Pac-12) all-time wins leader would be suspended for Friday and Saturday's game, but allowed to start Sunday, Wetzler said he was "ecstatic."

With the series tied at a game apiece, the left-hander made the most of his opportunity, allowing just two hits in a complete-game shutout. The Beavers won, 3-0, and are now two games up on the Huskies (38-13, 20-7) with just three Pac-12 games

remaining. Sunday's performance was the culmination of a chaotic week for Wetzler, and one he's more than happy to put behind him.

I was just ecstatic that I got to wear the uniform again," he said. "I

wasn't sure afterwards if I was ever going to get to be a Beaver again.

"I've been so ashamed of myself this past week and ashamed that I could put my teammates through what I did. They mean the world to me, and for what happened, I feel so terrible.

Wetzler struck out nine Huskies batters and allowed just four base runners Sunday, none of which got farther than first base.

His intensity and resolve were apparent from the opening pitch.

"You could just feel it," said fresh-man infielder Caleb Hamilton. "I was talking to (freshman Trever Morrison) before the game and you could feel the energy he had feeding off to us. The dude only gave up two hits, so he was on fire.

With all the uncertainty and public scrutiny Wetzler underwent this past week, Casey said he was proud of his ace. Though he was disappointed that the incident ever occurred, he was impressed with the way Wetzler handled his emotions Sunday.

'The kid cares and I don't think that's an easy situation to be in, no matter who you are," Casey said. "I thought he would be filled with

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Franklin, Fink won't advance to nationals

Oregon State's Alex Franklin ties for 14th Saturday at NCAA Eugene Regional

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Oregon State men's golfers Alex Franklin and David Fink saw their seasons come to an end Saturday at the NCAA Eugene Regional.

Franklin, a junior in his first year at OSU, finished the three-day, 54-hole tournament in a tie for 14th-place (out of 75 individuals). He fired an even-par 70 Thursday before posting a 72 Friday and a 74 Saturday to finish at 6-over.

Fink, a fifth-year senior playing in his fourth postseason, wrapped up a terrific career when he finished tied-for-22nd. Fink was even



through two rounds after posting a 71 and 69 in the tournament's first two days, before struggling to the tune of a 10-over 80 Saturday.

Both OSU golfers entered Saturday with a realistic shot at advancing to nationals. The highest-



placing individual not on one of the top-five finishing teams earned a spot at nationals. Fink entered Saturday one stroke off the pace, while Franklin was three strokes off the pace. Liberty's Chris Robb, who entered Saturday at 1-under, earned the individual berth by finishing tiedfor-third overall at 3-over, just three strokes better than Franklin.

Stanford's Patrick Rodgers won the regional in runaway fashion by firing a 6-under 204, six strokes better than anyone else in the field. The Cardinal, as a team, won the regional, while Oregon finished

This marked the first time in eight years that OSU didn't qualify for regionals as a team.

Franklin and Fink each earned individual spots with respectable regular-season campaigns.

Franklin was second on the team in regu-

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Men's rowing takes 3rd at Pac-12s

 Oregon State finishes behind Washington, California Sunday morning in Gold River

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Oregon State men's row-ing finished in third place at the Pac-12 Championships Sunday, totaling 50 points in all. The Beavers finished behind Washington and California to set themselves up for a potential at-large bid for nationals.

The Beavers raced four boats Sunday, three of which took home bronze medals. The Freshman 8 had the first third-place finish for the Beavers, earning a time of 6:06.6, giving the Beavers 12

The Varsity 4 followed with another bronze medal. The boat finished with a time of 6:55.6 and six team points.

Oregon State's JV8 brought the third bronze medal victory of the day with a final time of 6:06.9, giving OSU 12 more team points.

The final race of the day was the Varsity 8 race. While it was Oregon State's worst finish of the day, the Beavers took home fourth place with a time of 5:56.7, which was good for 20 team points.

Oregon State finds out Tuesday if it will compete as one of 24 teams in the IRA National Championships.

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Women's rowing finishes in 7th at Pac-12s

 No. 3 Stanford takes home 1st place Sunday in Gold River, Calif., for Pac-12 Championships

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No. 19 Oregon State women's rowing took home seventh place Sunday morning at the Pac-12 Championships in Gold River, Calif. The Beavers had their best margins and times in the Varsity 8 since 2009 and earned seven points in the final team standings. No. 3 Stanford took home the Pac-12 Championships among

many ranked conference opponents. Besides the No. 3 Cardinal, Oregon State faced No. 4 California, No. 7 Washington, No. 8 USC, No. 12 UCLA and No. 15 Washington

The Golden Bears and Bruins were the only two teams to finish above their rankings at third and fourth, respectively.

Oregon State's Novice 8 boat held on for the best finish for OSU of the day, finishing in sixth place with a time of 7:14.9, nearly five second ahead of USC.

The Varsity 8 boat finished less than a second behind Washington

State after the two teams tied in their last meeting.
The selections for the NCAA Rowing Championships at Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis. From May 30 through June 1 will be announced Tuesday by the NCAA.

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Sophomore center fielder Jeff Hendrix shows the umpire the ball after a sliding catch Sunday.

Track can't find consistency at Pac-12s

 Sophomore Michelle Turney is lone Beaver to score, finishes 7th in triple jump for 2 points

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Oregon State track and field was looking forward to the Pac-12 Championships, hopeful that the Beavers would have multiple athletes scoring over the weekend. That, however, was not the case.

Friday, the first day of the meet, did not turn out as well as the team wanted, with no one from OSU scoring, despite multiple personal records.

Redshirt sophomore Kelsi Schaer highlighted Saturday's meet with a personal record in the 800-meter. She finished in 12th with a time of 2:09.90.

good for third on OSU's all-time list. Redshirt freshman Morgan Anderson, who was attempting to qualify for the NCAA West Preliminary Championship, was not able to finish with the result she wanted. She was trying to get a qualifying time, or finish in the top 12 in order to make it into the event finals. She finished in 4:28.37, about five seconds off a qualifying time and just five hundredths of a second behind 12th place.

While both Schaer and Anderson barely missed making their event finals, senior Taylor Nowlin barely missed scoring. Despite being in fifth or sixth for the majority of the race, she trailed off toward the end, and finished in ninth place with a time of 10:54.07.

The Beavers did not fair much better in Sunday's events either, with sophomore Michele Turney as the lone bright spot for the Beavers.

Turney was able to finish in seventh place in the triple jump, her signature event. Her jump of 40-43/4 helped the Beavers earn their only points of the weekend. It has her tied for 48th place in the region, a mark that would qualify her for the NCAA West Preliminary Championships. Only the top 50 qualify, so she will have to hope the rankings don't shift around too much before then.

Freshman Melissa Ausman, who had a monster outing two weeks ago, continued to be in a small slump. Her past two outings have been some of her worst of the season, with her throw of 144-3 at the Pac-12

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Blazer goal: Stick together, get better

By Kerry Eggers PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND - Of all the comments made at the Trail Blazers' media availability following exit interviews Friday at the team's practice facility, this one by general manager Neil Olshey most caught my attention:

"We're out of the talent acquisition mode. We are out of the asset acquisition mode. Now we're about

winning games." And advancing beyond the second round of the playoffs, the plateau Portland reached this season for the

first time in 14 years. Said Olshey: "Everybody has a taste of what it's like to being in the second round of the playoffs, and being really close to where we all want to go, which is to still be play-

Olshey believes the best way to do that is to allow the current group to stay together. That includes coach Terry Stotts, who earned a contract extension that runs through the 2015-16 season, with a team option

for the following season. "It's as much of a no-brainer as any contract extension I've ever done, Olshev said.

Stotts said Friday he will retain all five of his assistant coaches next

All five starters, and most of the reserves, who helped the Blazers to their 54-win regular season and playoff series victory over Houston are under contract for next season.

The only players who are unsigned are sixth man Mo Williams, who will opt out of his contract, and reserve point guard Earl Watson, who may retire and enter the coaching field.

Williams said he is looking for a "good contract," a three-year deal, and would be amenable to re-signing with the Blazers. "Hopefully, I'm here for a long time," he said.

Said Olshey: We can't talk to free agents until July 1. Mo's a critical piece. We'll talk about it when I'm

allowed to talk about it."

If the Blazers don't release secondyear guard Will Barton by July 31, his contract (for about \$915,000) is guaranteed for next season.

"I'm sure we are" going to retain Barton, Olshey said.

Glibly, Portland's second-year GM added, "How do you get rid of someone who sends a text to his coach, congratulating him on his extension,

and signs it, 'The Thrill?' The Blazers have no picks in the upcoming NBA draft. They could trade for one, but with eight players on the current roster with one or two ears of NBA experience, that seems

Everybody gets caught up in the draft," Olshey said. Since the Blazers own no selections, "it's more complicated for us than any draft I've been in. We have to be prepared from (picks) 1 to 60. You just don't know when the phone's going to ring, when a player is available you can pursue.

With the reality of having potentially only two roster spots available, we have to be judicious with what we add."

Portland has both the biannual exception (about \$2 million) and the mid-level exception (\$5.3 million) to offer free agents.

"Adding veteran talent is important, but we're not going to pigeonhole ourselves into saying we need one specific position," Olshey said. "Even if it's a redundancy, if a guy is more talented, we'll be interested. You're looking for the five best players you can put on the court and coaching them within that framework."

Olshey is open to obtaining players through any means possible.

"We're going to be creative," he said. "We'll be aggressive in free agency. We'll be opportunistic in trades. It's my goal and my job to move the organization forward, to give Terry the tools he needs in terms of roster composition, to compete at the highest level.

'If we can find a player who moves that process forward, then we'll be trade. The goal is to have a better team on the floor Oct. 1 than we did this past Oct. 1."

The players believe that's going to happen.

We should be in the top four next year," small forward Nicolas Batum said.

That would mean the Western Conference finals.

It's a logical progression, but easier said than done.

The West will be loaded again, with San Antonio and Oklahoma City and a host of other playoff contenders.

The national perception of Portland has changed. Expectations will be elevated, though at least one starter doesn't seem to fully realize it.

"They'll still pick Houston ahead of us, or Golden State, or Dallas," Wesley Matthews said. "But regardless of what people think of us, we are still a group of underdogs. That's our mentality. That's not going to change."

What has changed are the Blazers'

We're not a team fighting for a playoff spot," Matthews said. "All that writing is out the window. Now it's, 'How do we get out of the second round?

'We saw what it takes against the Spurs. We couldn't have asked for a better situation, other than beating

Portland's starting five stacks up with any in the league. Rating them in order of importance, LaMarcus Aldridge would be No. 1, with Damian Lillard as 1A, followed by Batum, Matthews and Robin Lopez.

Few teams, if any, have players the quality of Matthews and Lopez as their fourth and fifth guys. Would you trade them to Miami for Mario Chalmers and Shane Battier? To Oklahoma City for Thabo Sefalosha and Kendrick Perkins? To Indiana for Lance Stephenson and George Hill? No, you wouldn't.

Olshey is unlikely to mess with the Portland starters. At some point this summer, he'll negotiate a contract extension for Aldridge, who has one aggressive -- draft, free agency or more year on his deal at \$16 million.

the organization right now," Olshey said. "It's a goal of ours to keep LaMarcus here a long time.

"The biggest thing is, LaMarcus wants to be here, and we want him here. That's the challenging part. The economics take care of themselves.

Aldridge told me at midseason he was amenable to contract extension discussion this summer. After Game 5 of the San Antonio series, I asked if anything has changed.
"No," he said. "I'm going to sit

down with my agent (Arn Tellum) in the next week or two, and we'll talk

It's still possible they'll decide to have Aldridge, who turns 29 on July 25, play out next season and go into free agency next summer. It's something to keep an eye on.

The bench is where Portland needs help. In their four victories, the San Antonio reserves outscored their Blazer counterparts -- with Williams missing the final three games due to a strained hamstring -- 180-51.

"One of the things I want to do is utilize the bench better," Stotts said.

The Blazers seem likely to add a pair of veterans through free agency, or perhaps a trade. Stotts said he is also counting on each of the reserves to return to training camp an improved product.

"Those guys need to make a jump," he said. "They all have to get better not just one guy." Barton, Joel Freeland, Thomas

Robinson, Mevers Leonard, C.I. McCollum and Allan Crabbe will be members of Portland's entry at the Las Vegas Summer League in July.

Aldridge and Lillard are among candidates for the U.S. team that will participate in the world championships at Barcelona in September. Batum is uncertain whether he will represent his native France there.

When they convene in Portland in late September, they'll all have one goal.

'We had a good year," Batum said. "Next year can be a great year."

Ducks put themselves in position for hardware

By Chris Hansen

THE REGISTER-GUARD

PULLMAN, Wash. - Score and advance were the priorities for Oregon on Saturday during the first day of the Pac-12 Track & Field Championships, and the Ducks did plenty of both.

On a breezy, warm afternoon at the Mooberry Track & Field Complex, Oregon gave a commanding performance and will head into today's finals with a comfortable lead in both team races.

The third-ranked Duck men, who are trying for their eighth consecutive Pac-12 title, started Saturday with 21 points from the multi-event meet and scored 49 1/4 to increase their total to 70 1/4. Washington is second with 40 1/4.

The third-ranked Duck women, who are going for their sixth straight title, scored a whopping 61 points Saturday to increase their total to 64. UCLA is second with 32

Oregon also advanced a combined 26 runners out of Saturday's qualifying rounds and into the finals.

"Lots of good stuff happening overall," Oregon coach Robert Johnson said. "Today was pretty much business as usual."

Each Oregon team got a Pac-12 champion, with Jenna Prandini winning the long jump and Sam Crouser winning his third-straight javelin title.

It was a gratifying victory for Crouser, who battled through patella tendinitis in his right knee that flared up after his first throw.

'It just kind of tightened back up," the junior said. "It was just really hard to get into the throws and really turn that right knee. Between each throw it would just get tighter and tighter, so I was happy just to get through the meet because it was pretty painful."

Even with his burn knee, Crouser had the four best throws of the competition and hit his winning mark of 243 feet, 7 inches on his second attempt.

There was a little bit more drama in the women's long jump, which Prandini led alone until UCLA's Kylie Price matched her mark of 20-6 1/2 on her third attempt.

But the Oregon sophomore answered with a personal best of 20-11ż on her fourth attempt to reclaim the lead for good. UO freshman Jasmine Todd finished fourth at 19-10 3/4.



Freshman shortstop Trever Morrison fires to first base against No. 5 Washington Sunday in Goss Stadium. Morrison and the Beaver defense didn't commit an error in the win.

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Championships being her worst throw of the season.

Juniors Kinsey Gomez and Aly Nielson closed out the weekend for the Beavers when they competed in the 5,000-meter. Gomez finished in 14th with a time of 16:51.62, and Nielson finished 27th in 17:43.81.

Overall, the Beavers finished in last in the conference, scoring a total of two points. Their outing

was worse than last season, for which they scored six points. They did strengthen their group going to the NCAA West Preliminary Championships, with Turney possibly joining the group with her top-50 triple jump, however.

If the current marks hold up, Ausman, Turney and Gomez will be heading to the NCAA West Preliminary Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., May 29.

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lar-season scoring average (73.0), and was the Beavers' top finisher at two tournaments.

Fink was OSU's leader in regular-season scoring average (72.65), and fired 15 sub-par rounds en route to being named All-Pac-12 Second Team for the sec-

ond-consecutive season. Fink, OSU's lone senior,

will leave Corvallis as one of the most decorated golfers in school history, ranking in the top five at OSU in scoring average and rounds played, and holding claim to the second-best ever three-round score in program history.

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emotion and either he'd throw it all over the place, or he'd be good, and he was really, really determined.

While Wetzler was dominant all game for the Beavers, he credited the defense behind him for his success. Oregon State didn't commit an error and made many difficult plays look easy.

Senior second baseman Andy Peterson injured his ankle in Saturday's 1-0 victory, meaning Hamilton had to move to second base. Junior Jerad Casper started at third base, while junior Gabe Clark continued to man first base with senior Kavin Keyes unable to return to the lineup for the first time since a thumb injury April 13.

The infield didn't miss a step in Sunday's win.

"With Peterson going down and Keyes being down, I was glad we found a way to win," Casey said. "(Sophomore center fielder Jeff) Hendrix made a great catch in the outfield to pick us up, Morrison played great at short all weekend, Hamilton moved over to second today and held his own, and (freshman catcher Logan Ice) caught all 27 innings — they were pretty impressive."

Offensively, the Beavers had trouble at the plate all weekend, scoring just six combined runs in the three games. Still, OSU managed a 1-0 walk-off victory Saturday and scored three runs in the fourth inning to win Sunday.

Oregon State combined for seven hits in the rubber match, four of which came in the pivotal fourth inning. Casper scored the game's first

run when he walked with the bases loaded.

As Hamilton stepped to the plate with one out, however, rain started to come down hard, inducing a delay of roughly 30 minutes. When both teams came back out onto the field, the freshman came through with a two-run single, the last two runs of the

"I was just trying to stay calm and stay with my approach during the rain delay," Hamilton said. "I just tried to stay focused in the dugout and be ready for when we got back out there."

With Wetzler's adversity and Peterson out of the lineup, rain didn't seem like much of an obstacle for the Beavers to overcome. Needing just one win in next weekend's threegame set against USC, there's a good chance Oregon State will be Pac-12 champions for the second year in a row.

Still, the Beavers aren't satisfied. Casey said Peterson is "day-to-day," meaning he probably won't play Tuesday against Oregon, but could be back for the USC series.

If both Peterson and Keyes are back in the lineup, it will be the first time OSU has its normal starting lineup in more than five weeks. The Beavers hope it means they'll be playing their best baseball when it matters most.

"We're not going down (to Southern California) to just win a series," Wetzler said.
"We're going down there to
get hot at the right time and go into the playoffs on fire."

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Editorial

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Don't trust rumors until they're verified

ou have probably heard the rumor that Ellen DeGeneres is going to be on campus Wednesday. She mentioned it on Twitter, and Oregon State University

However, OSU only confirmed that something fun is happening on our campus Wednesday, with the added teaser of "Details to come.

Lots of somethings are happening on our campus Wednesday.

We wouldn't necessarily classify them all as fun, but other people might. So we didn't really need confirmation of that, since as Internetcapable people (evidenced by using Twitter), we have access to the OSU event calendar.

We asked the Internet for details. We asked it nicely. We freaking begged it for details.

It didn't have many. Either everyone's being extremely and successfully close-mouthed about it, or it's a hoax.

We know which one we're leaning toward - but then, we're cynical journalists. We could be wrong.

The rumors the Internet coughed up ran from DeGeneres filming her show here Wednesday, to Coldplay and DeGeneres crashing campus Wednesday to promote Coldplay's new album, to her speaking at commencement (which is most definitely not Wednesday, and we already have a commencement speaker).

We got "confirmation" on one of the rumors — a screenshot of an alleged email exchange between a supposed OSU student and a supposed member of DeGeneres' "people.

However, according to the Oregon State University online directory, there's nobody at OSU - student, faculty or staff - with the email address pictured in the image. Yes, it's an ONID email address, but the only William Hawley (sorry to call you out here, dude, but it's information readily available on the Internet) has the ONID username of hawleyB, not hawleyW, because William isn't his

Photoshop skills are a real thing. Those skills are even taught here at

So don't believe everything you see on the Internet, unless you can get it independently confirmed.

Because Internet rumors are like magic tricks — especially the ones originating on Twitter.

They're entertaining, and fun, just like magic tricks. But when it comes to magic tricks, we don't seriously believe that innocent bystanders actually have quarters wedged inside their ear canals. If they did, they'd likely be in the emergency room waiting for a doctor to come help them

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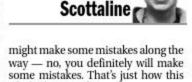
Religion in college is rarely simple, struggle means it matters

veryone goes to college with a past. More specifically, everyone who goes to college was raised with either a religious or nonreligious upbringing. During the college years, most people are sorting through how they were raised and which traditions of their parents' they want to hold on to.

Figuring yourself out with the aid of a moral or religious lens is tough and soul-searching stuff.

Not all students go through this spiritual journey — or sometimes even a spiritual reawakening — dur-ing college, but most work on breaking free from the old homestead. At least one or two beliefs or belief subsets, will be different as a result of this change.

To some spectators, this time in a person's life may seem rebellious and spiteful. However, I see it as a time to break free of habitual behavior and discover on your own what you're going to do and why. Granted, you



whole thing works. Within the realm of faith, measurements are faulty and obscure, and categories abound.

There are spiritual individuals who live in a world in which karma is king, wherein discerning one's spirit or aura is more productive than a Facebook checkup. There are faith-based individuals who wait contentedly (sometimes for no reason) and possess the ability to make sleeping while sitting in pews look like listening. And then there's the secular category (cue ominous thunderstorm and cackling laugh soundtrack). This crowd is just bad news - they dye their hair and say unsavory words.

Stereotypes are funny.

But in all seriousness, it's interesting to break down the differ-ent demographics in college and access their claims. Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., conducted a survey of college students nationwide, asking them about their religious, political and moral believes.

"About a third, 32 percent, are true believers. Another 32 percent are spiritual, but not religious. And 28 percent consider themselves secular," wrote Bob Smietana in "College students divided on God, spirituality."

These numbers don't mean much to me, because most college students live somewhere between actually knowing what they stand for and coasting on autopilot. Not all of them, but I believe that's where most college students fall on the bell curve.

Being a college student doesn't

give us an excuse to go haywire, but it does give us some slack to figure things out. A lot of students are too hard on themselves when it comes to faith and sticking closely to their parents' beliefs.

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It's important to respect your parents, but there comes a time - even if you decide that what they believe is where it's at for you — to make your own way in the world.

Don't be afraid to tell people what you believe. No one knows what they're doing anyway, so a discussion about something that's important to you probably isn't going to hurt. Be understanding and know that this isn't business, it's personal. People get offended, so be understanding. But most of all, remember that having conversations about serious topics isn't a bad thing.

Gabi Scottaline is a senior in English. The opinions expressed in Scottaline's columns do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff. Scottaline

PETA aggression toward ag students prevents compromise

the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals set up a large tent last week in the Memorial Union quad, depicting graphic images and various other visual aids of what they felt represented the agriculture industry. The organization has been present since the 1980s, and advocates on its website that "animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, use for enter-



tainment or abuse in any other way." Personally, I was too chicken - to walk Get it? Chicken? I'll stop. through the tent myself, but I had the

opportunity to speak with someone who did. I asked Greg Christensen, a senior in agricultural science, how he felt about PETA's depiction of his industry inside the tent.

He felt that the images depicted within the PETA tent were not accurate representations of the entirety of the agriculture industry in the United States. Christensen said that his goal is to use his degree to "spread the positive influence of agriculture, especially Oregon agriculture," and to speak on behalf of the industry.

He acknowledged that some of the images were true depictions of agriculture "in some respect, by a few farming facilities," but pointed out that "we cannot let the few represent the many."

"Some of us are behind in the times," Christensen said. "We can't utilize some small fraction, which is less than 1 percent of a heavily regulated industry."

Throughout the week, Christensen and several of his agriculture col-leagues spoke with PETA members at

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Letter to the Editor

Regarding Scottaline's May 15 column

I enjoyed Gabi Scottaline's col-

umn in May 15's edition of the

Barometer, and agree that today's

meaning is more important than

the holidays' origins. However, origins are still important and

it's important to have the facts

accurately presented. Gift-giving

on Christmas originated with St.

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, Turkey. A very much a real person. I

believe you meant that the Coca-

Cola-depicted version of a jolly fat man traversing the earth in

one night with flying reindeer is

fictional (sorry to break it to you).

celebration of a holiday (the word

emanates from Holy Day) is very

specific to the individual. While

your belief and perception is that Christmas has become a capi-

talistic excuse to burden people with debt, millions of people do

not celebrate Christmas, accord-

ing to America's secular version.

column's premise that today's meaning is more important

and we all should allow every-

So again, I agree with your

In addition, remember that the

Fact-checking is important

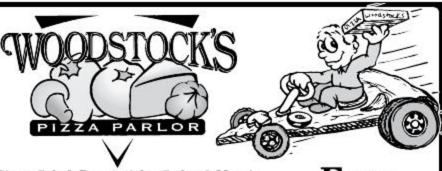
ATT Random by Ryan Mason



www.AtRandomComics.com one to celebrate it as they feel so inclined, but as a senior in English and writer, I do expect a high level of standards on your part to ensure you do proper research and check your facts. If we were in the pre-Internet days and you had never taken early Christian history, it would be more understandable, but then again, you shouldn't be com-

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menting on something you have not researched or studied. TOM CONNOLLY Corvallis Resident



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out, not a magician. We need to extend that same skepticism to Twitter rumors.

True, we could just be epic failures at navigating the database.

But if it were true, wouldn't OSU have tried to capitalize on this visit by advertising it?

Surprise is all well and good, but if someone's trying to fill seats at a show or a performance, we're pretty sure advance sales would be much more effective than "Surprise! Pull out your wallets! Cool things are going to happen while you're in class, because as a university administration, we forgot students have classes!"

There's a reason news outlets still exist and

everyone doesn't get their news crowdsourced from Twitter.

Rumors abound on the Internet, and they can blow all out of proportion in seconds when people retweet and speculate without bothering to even try to get confirmation of what they're purporting are facts, or when they forge ahead anyway when they can't find confirmation. Like that Russian colloquialism President Ronald Reagan turned into an American adage goes, Trust, but verify."

That said, it would be pretty awesome to have daytime's reigning queen grace our hallowed halls.

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the tent. Their goal was to start conversations and find some kind of middle ground with the PETA members.

The agriculture students and I believe finding a middle ground could be incredibly beneficial to both sides, resulting in a more ethical treatment of animals overall.

Unfortunately, even in an attempt to find commonality between agriculture and PETA, tempers ran high. During a seemingly peaceful 45-minute discussion on slaughtering techniques, a female PETA member allegedly said to Christensen, "If you kill animals and eat them, you too should die," and "Why the (redacted) shouldn't I just slit your jugular right now? Or would a gas chamber be a better idea? You can pick. I would be happy to do either."

Concerned, Christensen filed an incident report with the MU, stating "comparing CO2 euthanasia in the U.S. to Hitler's Germany and events that happened in the Holocaust was extremely unprofessional."

Despite the threat to his jugular, Christensen and his colleagues continued to visit the tent to keep the discussions running, hoping to find that sought-after middle ground. They also encouraged others to go check out the tent and come to their own conclusions.

He explained to me that he made several offers for the PETA team to tour Oregon State University's farming facilities and a farm in Corvallis, as well as several other locations throughout the Pacific Northwest, but that none of the PETA members took him up on

"You can't understand what is being done if you don't attempt to see it," Christensen said. Granted, the slaughtering process is probably not something that everyone wants to see. But don't judge something we're doing without taking the opportunity to see it firsthand."

Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail and some kind of middle ground can be found between PETA and agriculture and animal science majors here at OSU, provided that politics on both sides can be put aside. If that happens, some real good could be accomplished

"Their (PETA's) program does work, they are our checks and balances, and they are bringing up the issues that we need to fix," Christensen

However, he made the very good point, 'Agriculture has an importance too — we feed the world."

Unfortunately, Christensen pointed out that while every person is entitled to his or her own opinion, "We're an emotional species of animal, and bringing emotion into your argument is not the best way to have a positive conversation. It'll get your point across, but it's unethical."

Basing your arguments on a solely emotional point of view, rather than logic, won't convince anyone but the sheep of your argument.

If the overzealous combatants on both sides can come to terms, the combined powers of PETA and the agricultural industry could effect real change, and maybe even "make the world a better place," Christensen said.

Hopefully Christensen's idealized future comes to be, one in which PETA no longer threatens murder in an attempt to spread its vision of pacifism toward animals. Threats tend not to make potential converts receptive to your point of view.

Logic and mutual understanding with respect to differences in opinion are gold when it comes to debating touchy topics, and actually reaching resolutions.

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