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# Speaking out about Ferguson

University holds dialogue after Grand Jury decides not to indict officer who shot, killed unarmed black man

By McKinley Smith  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students filled the Memorial Union ballroom in the wake of the Grand Jury's decision in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer, Darren Wilson, in Ferguson, Mo.

Wilson was not indicted by the Grand Jury, igniting protests in Ferguson and across the country.

"I'm sick of hearing another unarmed black man gets shot," said senior mechanical engineering student Kenny Warren. "It's not like it hits home for me; it is me."

Warren identified himself as a black male about the same height and weight as Trayvon Martin.

Martin was shot and killed by George Zimmerman, a Sanford, Fla. resident and member of a neighborhood watch group, in 2012. Zimmerman was acquitted.

"It is my case. I'm a black male. I'm 20. I live in inner city Portland," Warren said.

Between 300 and 350 members of the community showed up at the MU ballroom to join the dialogue about the jury's ruling.

"We knew that the community needed a space," said Teresita Alvarez-Cortez, the director of diversity initiatives and programs for University Housing and Dining Services.

Alvarez-Cortez said that they thought there would be a few dozen people at the event, but the number of attendees on the Facebook page kept rising, prompting them to change their venue to the ballroom.

Ariah Suek, the executive director of diversity programs at the Associated Students of Oregon



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Members of the community filled the room and raised their voices during the dialogue held in the Memorial Union ballroom Tuesday afternoon.

State University, said the dialogue brought together the community and touched on larger issues.

"I felt it was empowering," Suek said. Suek is a junior in public health with options in health management and policy as well as health promotion and health behavior and has a minor in business and entrepreneurship.

During the dialogue, microphones changed hands, giving voice to the members of the crowd.

The air was charged with feeling. One student said he didn't leave his house for a week after the Michael Brown shooting and agonized about how he appeared. One woman told her brother to take his hood off after the Trayvon Martin case, worried that he'd be killed for looking like a "hoodlum."

One tense moment occurred when a student supported officer Wilson's decision and gave other facts — which were challenged by some

other members of the audience — and stepped up to leave.

Another woman called out and told him that he couldn't just say that and leave — he had to hear what they had to say.

Some audience members expressed feelings of hopelessness. Others were looking for ways to spark change.

A common talking point was white privilege and the fear of violence that minorities face with the system stacked against them.

They spoke about education.

They spoke about activism.

They spoke about violence and police accountability and justice and race and identity and diversity.

They spoke about brothers and sons.

The mic passed hands and the dialogue built on the speech of the previous speaker.

"It was good to get more stories out there and education about race issues that we face, even in the Northwest," Warren said.

Warren said that it's important that everyone should have a voice in the discussion, but that they should be informed about the issues.

"People should just be conscious about what privileges they have," Warren said.

For Thanksgiving, Warren said he's thankful he still has a family, and that his family has been so supportive of him.

Alvarez-Cortez said that the issue affects entire community, and hopes that people reach out and connect with the services available to them at the OSU campus.

"I hope they walked away with a little more hopefulness than they walked in with," Alvarez-Cortez said.

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## Yik Yak app inspires mixed feelings at Oregon State

Social media app Yik Yak spreads across OSU campus, prompting approval, criticism

By Chris Correll  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In an age of lurking internet trolls, no online medium is free from bitter individuals looking to stir up trouble. Yik Yak has inevitably been no exception.

The Oregon State University campus is a hotspot for the popular iOS

and Android app. Created by Furman University graduates Tyler Droll and Brooks Buffington in 2013, Yik Yak quickly took root on college campuses and became an instant sensation.

The app's bulletin-board style interface allows users to anonymously post their thoughts and feelings while viewing anyone else's "yaks" within a 1.5 mile radius. The new Peek feature even lets you see what students are talking about at other college campuses across the country.

Ben Popkin, Yik Yak's lead community manager, said the app was intended to "break down communication barriers" by spreading word of local events in mere seconds, and that unlike Twitter or Facebook, the anonymity lets users "voice an opinion without being labeled."

Many students enjoy Yik Yak's simplicity and see it as an easy way to kill boredom. A built-in voting system can be used to find popular posts under the "hot" section, where the highest-rated tend to be the funniest. With new posts nearly every minute, there's constantly fresh material.

"It's just fun; it's a good way of wasting some time when you've got nothing else better to do," said Joe Gilmour, a sophomore in zoology. Gilmour said that in his experience, only a few yaks are actually questionable. "There is some dodgy stuff on there. People dishing out their numbers and stuff like that."

Some people are concerned about the app's lack of accountability, which they believe can lead to hateful content and personal attacks.

After its launch, numerous cases of bullying among children led the creators to bar Yik Yak on most



COURTESY OF JAMES THOMAS Nazario Rivera, a public health major, features in the Yik Yak video.

middle and high school grounds. GPS tracks the user's location and will lock them out if they try to access from those areas.

Among its intended audience — college students — most posts are harmless, but a few racist or intentionally offensive ones do pop up. Several student leaders feel the app has devolved from its intended purpose into a space that promotes discrimination.

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## 6 years to press charges

Oregon statute of limitations allows 6 years to press charges in rape cases

By Claire McMorris  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When Brenda Tracy came out to The Oregonian with her 16-year-old allegations of rape by four people, two of whom were on the 1998 OSU football team, there was never an expectation that the case would be reopened because of one large barrier: Oregon Statute 131.125, also known as the statute of limitations.

This statute sets time limitations on prosecuting specific crimes, such as rape, murder and arson.

For all degrees of rape, the survivor has six years to press charges. After that, all evidence is destroyed, and the case is taken off the official record.

So in this case, Tracy speaking out about her assault in 1998 comes with no legal redress.

The university, however, was quick to respond to Tracy's release with sympathy and open arms.

"There is no statute of limitations on

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Lyndi-Rae Petty, a biology student, participates in the Yik Yak video some groups on campus, such as ASOSU, are putting together.





### Monday, November 24

#### Stolen backpack

An Oregon State University student contacted university dispatch to report that her backpack had been stolen from the Agricultural and Life Sciences building on campus. Her backpack had reportedly been left unattended between 1 and 5 p.m. Monday, and since the theft, the woman has received inquiries from her bank regarding suspicious purchases at Staples, Fred Meyer and Safeway. According to Oregon State Police logs, the woman said these attempted purchases totaled nearly \$5,000. An investigation into the theft and the fraudulent purchases is underway.

#### Stolen vehicle

A man contacted the Benton County Sheriff's Office to report that a car had been stolen from his driveway. Two officers responded to the man's home to investigate. Through their investigation, the officers logged that it appeared as though someone had entered the man's home through the back door and stolen \$60 in cash and the keys to the truck, which was in the driveway at the time. The man had allegedly been borrowing the truck from his mother, who lives in Salem, and officers were reportedly able to confirm this with the owner of the truck.

#### Stolen parking pass

An OSU student contacted the campus Department of Public Safety to report that his B2-zone parking pass had been stolen from his truck. The investigating officer logged that the student explained his truck had been unlocked, and the pass had been inside the unlocked canopy of the truck. The pass is valued at roughly \$300.

### Sunday, November 23

#### Attempted purse theft

A Corvallis city police officer responded to a call at Northwest 16th Street and Northwest Van Buren Avenue after a woman reported an attempted theft. According to the officer's log, the woman said an "olive-skinned" man approached her, while at the intersection, and he "grabbed her purse and attempted to run away with it." The woman reportedly told the officer that she was able to hold on to her purse and yelled at the man until he left and allegedly began running southbound down Northwest Van Buren Avenue.

### Friday, November 21

#### Unexplained bullets found in library

Two Corvallis Police Department officers responded to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library where cleaning staff had reported finding two .22 caliber bullets on the floor of the library's meeting room. According to the CPD log, no one had an explanation for how the bullets entered the library or how they ended up on the floor.

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# Bailing out before Thanksgiving break

■ Many students choose to leave campus early before break, even if it means missing some class

By Chris Correll  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Hundreds of students will likely opt out of class this Wednesday to get a head start on their mini-vacation.

Reasons for wanting to get out of town as quickly as possible vary between students. Some need to leave before traffic gets too heavy, while others simply want as much holiday time with their loved ones as possible.

Hayden Reynolds, a junior in environmental engineering, said he wants to spend his break with distant family members.

"I'm leaving in a couple of hours, but I'm skipping a few classes to do so," Reynolds said. "My brother and his wife are flying in, so I'm just trying to get as much time with them as I can."

Some students planning on departing early make preparations. By staying on top of their work and having it done ahead of time, they can avoid any potential losses from missing class.

Occasionally, an important event like a midterm may prevent people from leaving. For many students, Thanksgiving is one of only a handful of opportunities to go home, so they may need to make special arrangements that pull them from class.

"I don't know if I would say it's unfair, but it can be very frustrating," said Bethany Carlson, a senior in computer science. "Particularly for those of us that are making a lot of the Thanksgiving dinner, or if you're traveling. It's really hard to balance the demands of classes with getting home



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People walk through the Memorial Union quad. As Thanksgiving vacation approaches, many students leave campus early, sometimes missing classes.

to see your family."

Master's student in interdisciplinary studies Marie Rochat said it falls on both students and professors to cooperate under special circumstances.

"I think professors should be able to be flexible, like if a student lives far away," Rochat said. "But I think both sides have to be flexible. It's a two-way thing."

Experienced instructors are well aware that attendance drops on the last day before a break. Many try not to schedule essential work at that time.

Liz Delf, an Oregon State University writing and literature instructor, has learned to adapt to students' absence in her six years of teaching.

"I have mixed feelings," Delf said. "I sympathize, and I know people need to travel. As a teacher, I don't want to lose another day of instruction, but I feel like I can't really cover crucial things because half the class is going to miss it if it's late on Wednesday."

Some staff members, including Delf, use days before vacations to lecture on material that's beneficial for students, but not necessarily vital. Others cancel class altogether in favor of an online assignment, eliminating the attendance problem.

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# Man's best friend roams campus, Wilkinson building

■ Professor, dog make nearly every trip together: from around the world to down the hall

By Justin Frost  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Walking into the office of Peter Clark, a professor in the department of geosciences, I couldn't help but be surprised by the deep, raspy bark of the professor's companion. My emergence through the door was met by the critical and skeptical gaze of Luca.

"No Luca, it's alright," Clark said.

Clark's approval caused Luca's glare to relax as he trotted back over to the cozy corner of the office, right beside his owner's chair. Luca plopped back down and picked up his chew toy, ready to tune in to the interview.

Luca, a 10-year-old black lab, comes along to work with Clark weekly. The visits are frequent enough that all of Clark's neighbors in Wilkinson Hall recognize the dog.

"My wife and I got Luca when he was about 5 weeks old," Clark said. "He's pretty much gone everywhere with us since then."

The name Luca is short for Luca Brasi, a character in the classic mafia film, "The Godfather." According to Clark, the name was chosen because of Luca Brasi's loyalty to the Godfather in the film.

Clark, who studies the history and



COURTESY OF PETER CLARK

Peter Clark and his dog, Luca, overlook Yellowstone Lake in Wisconsin during a recent research venture.

dynamics of former glaciers and ice sheets as indicators of abrupt climate change, has been accompanied all around the world by Luca. They've conducted research and attended conferences across the United Kingdom, as well as all up and down the West Coast. Clark even brought Luca along on his four-month sabbatical to Edinburgh, Scotland.

"Our latest trip was up to a glacier

in the Three Sisters Wilderness," Clark said. "We got him some little booties so his feet didn't get too cold in the snow."

The duo loves hiking and walking, everywhere from up to glaciers to around campus. When Luca visits the office, the two end up taking two or three walks during the course of the day.

"He tends to lead me on the

walks," Clark said. "Luca knows campus like the back of his paw."

Clark has taken Luca in to visit the office since he was a puppy, allowing Luca to develop friendships with professors, students and staff members throughout Wilkinson.

"Whenever Luca visits, he comes into my office looking for food," said Curtis Johnson, a second-year graduate student in geology. "He has a little Yoda chew toy that he brings around and drops on people's desks."

Luca loves socializing with Clark's colleagues, but usually is after food over petting, according to Johnson.

During the interview, Clark suggested that we go to visit Melinda Jensen, the office manager in Wilkinson. Upon hearing "Melinda," Luca sprang up from his corner and led us to the office without hesitation. Jensen's office was covered in Luca-themed décor, including photos and postcards from Clark and Luca's travels.

Jensen gave Luca a treat from a jar on her desk.

"I think that's why he loves me so much," Jensen said. "I never run out of treats."

The friendship between Luca and Jensen was clear, with Jensen referring to Luca as the "office therapy dog."

"We just love when Luca visits," Jensen said. "He brings so much joy."

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# Calendar

## Wednesday, Nov. 26

**Meetings**  
**College Republicans**, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for fun discussion on local and national political current events.

## Thursday, Nov. 27

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## Event

**Campus Ambassadors**, 7:30-9pm, First Baptist Church of Corvallis. Come enjoy teaching, worship and fellowship in the Christian college community.

## Friday, Nov. 28

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## Wednesday, Dec. 3

**Meetings**

**College Republicans**, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for fun discussion on local and national political current events.

## Thursday, Dec. 4

**Event**

**Campus Ambassadors**, 7:30-9pm, First Baptist Church of Corvallis. Come enjoy teaching, worship and fellowship in the Christian college community.

## Meetings

**Baha'i Campus Association**, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Men and Women Equality - A myth or reality? - A discussion.

## Friday, Dec. 5

**Events**

**OSU Music Department**, Noon, First United Methodist Church. Music à la Carte: Songs of the Season, University Chorale and the Corvallis Community Choir.

# Correction

In the Tuesday, Nov. 25 issue of The Daily Barometer, the piece, "Where are you spending Thanksgiving vacation?" incorrectly identifies the second man from the left as Jerome Stretch. The man is actually Matt Williams, a senior in exercise and sport science. The Daily Barometer regrets the error.



# Agency caught in former Portland deputy's fight

By Shasta Kearns Moore  
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — Former Clackamas County Sheriff's Deputy Donny Hollis is convinced that he has been wronged.

By his ex-wife. By his ex-employer. By a court system that adjudicated his messy divorce and the custody of his three children.

"If I didn't have this gym," Hollis said recently in his black-and-red motif 9 Round gym off Molalla Road in Oregon City, "I would be jobless and broke because of their actions."

"I just want them to do the right thing."

On Oct. 24, former Deputy Hollis filed a 10-page internal complaint to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, accusing the law enforcement agency of a litany of rule-breaking and cover-ups surrounding his 2012 divorce that came with accusations of domestic violence and assault from his ex-wife.

Hollis said he feels he is being made a scapegoat for an organization that was named "Oregon's Scariest Cops" by the Willamette Week in 2010 for a series of domestic violence incidents involving members of its police force.

"It's inconsistent. It's who's disposable and who is not disposable," Hollis said. "Look, we're cleaning house, we're changing, but really deep back in the walls of that place, they're still covering for their buddies."

Sgt. Nate Thompson, CCSO spokesperson, declined numerous requests for a response, saying the agency cannot comment on personnel issues. Thompson confirmed that the agency received Hollis' complaint Oct. 24 and the allegations of misconduct will be investigated by its Professional Standards Unit. A decision is expected 30 to 60 days after the complaint was received.

At the center of Hollis' complaint is a Washington County Sheriff's Office determination that criminal allegations against Hollis weren't actionable. Washington County investigators also cast doubt on Hollis' ex-wife's allegations.

Clackamas County continued its investigation for several months after that. Hollis said he took a settlement of a year's worth of insurance and nine months of pay and resigned

from the organization in April. "After what they had done to me, I was done. I didn't want to work there anymore," he said. "I know the sheriff's office just wanted me to go away, but that's not the way it goes."

## Drinking, guns and suicide

Hollis and Alicia Corzine — now Alicia Staats — met at Southern Oregon State College in 1997. Soon after, the couple moved to Eugene, where Hollis joined the Eugene Police Department in 2002. Staats told investigators that her physical and emotional abuse started then and continued for the next decade, through the family's move to Happy Valley in 2009.

"Some of the things that Donny used to say to me are: 'They're never going to believe you. I'm a cop,'" Staats said in a recent interview with the Portland Tribune.

Hollis vehemently denies the claims. He does, however, admit to severe depression and alcoholism — including taking vacation days to stay home to drink — culminating in an Aug. 2, 2011, incident. "My drinking alcohol came to an apex and I became legitimately suicidal while intoxicated. It was the first time in my life I legitimately wanted to die," Hollis wrote in his Oct. 24 complaint.

After a three-day drinking binge, Hollis said he returned home to a locked house and demanded to be let in but denied any violence or threats. From inside the house, Staats called her husband's law enforcement colleagues for help.

Clackamas County Deputy Adam Taylor placed Hollis under a peace officer's hold and transported him to a medical facility.

Hollis then agreed to complete a one-month residential rehabilitation program in Astoria and says he hasn't drank since. He came back to work with gusto, but said a sheriff's office that had once praised him — he was named Officer of the Year by The American Legion in Estacada — now frequently found issues with his work and made work life unbearable.

The couple agreed to divorce in January 2012 but continued living together until the end of that year, when Staats recon-

nected with a man who would become her husband. Hollis and Staats have three children together who are the focus of many heated custody disputes. Hollis said it was after he won more parenting time that his ex-wife filed a restraining order in Marion County Circuit Court Nov. 5, 2013.

Staats said she filed it the day after Hollis shared a Humor is Contagious Facebook post reading: "If you miss your ex, stop, take a deep breath, aim carefully and try another shot." Staats alleged in her petition that Hollis had threatened her life with a gun before. Hollis denies this and says the Facebook post was a joke.

As standard procedure, the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office placed Hollis on administrative leave while it investigated Staats' claims in the restraining order petition. The agency asked the Washington County Sheriff's Office to take the lead on the investigation to be a neutral third party in investigating the claims.

WCSO Public Information Officer Sgt. Bob Ray said it is common for law enforcement agencies to do this in cases involving their own officers. "To have an outside agency review it and do the investigation, so that there couldn't be any implications of impartiality or any bias," Ray said. "Just so that it's cleaner and just doesn't have the appearance (of bias)."

## Dueling investigations

The Washington County Sheriff's Office gave the case to Det. Dawn Vandehey, who led a team with Clackamas County Det. Paul Wade. Vandehey interviewed seven people during the two-week investigation and concluded at the end of her 29-page report that Staats' allegations were unsubstantiated, unable to prove or outside of the statute of limitations.

"Mr. Hollis told me there was only ever one incident of violence between him and Ms. Hollis," Vandehey wrote. "Mr. Hollis told me that in 2003 or 2004 they were driving in Eugene and Ms. Hollis 'decked' him and he slapped her in return."

Hollis argues that Vandehey's report should have been the end of the investigation.

Wade kept going. He seized Hollis' work computer, autho-

rized medical interviews of the Hollis children, and compiled stacks of corrosive text messages and emails between the divorced couple.

"Please come up here... We need to talk. It will be civil... U can text him all you want while ur up here... I won't say a thing," Hollis wrote Dec. 3, 2012.

"We don't need to talk," Staats responded. "Not going to happen."

According to Staats, Wade's investigation continued until at least last January. The CCSO would not release any of the report, nor comment on its process.

The restraining order petition was dismissed Feb. 18 in Marion County Circuit Court by Judge James Rhoades.

The Clackamas County district attorney's office has no record of Wade's criminal investigation. An employee there said that could mean the agency did not forward the information to the DA, or that it was dropped for lack of evidence.

Staats said the Washington County report provided enough reasonable doubt that the D.A. declined to take the case.

"Clackamas County was great," Staats said. "They were extremely supportive and they did a very thorough investigation."

"If there was a concern of an agency, I would look to Washington County."

## Who to believe?

In his complaint, Hollis said Wade and domestic violence victim advocate April Evers combined to erroneously paint him as abusive. "They are violating that oath of office. That's the truth of it," he said.

But Staats countered that Hollis' accusations of police favoritism is more appropriately directed at Washington County's Vandehey. "(In the report, she was) giving him special privilege because of his profession," Staats said. "The 'family,' the 'brotherhood' — she seems to be the one that took on that role."

Washington County's Bob Ray said the report is thorough and professional. "This is an extremely long and very thorough report," he said.

"I think she felt sorry for Donny. I honestly believe that," Staats said. "She was drinking

# Springfield man sentenced in yard-sale shooting case

By Jack Moran  
THE REGISTER-GUARD

A Springfield man admitted this morning that he attacked three female family members and shot a potential customer to his yard sale on the afternoon of Sept. 7.

But he told a judge that he doesn't clearly recall the violent outburst.

"I don't have a coherent memory of the incident," Phillip Bregg told Lane County Circuit Judge Karsten Rasmussen moments before being sentenced to 7½ years in prison in the case.

Bregg, 34, agreed to the sentence in a deal with prosecutors that saw him plead guilty to charge of attempted murder and three felony counts of fourth-degree assault.

Springfield police arrested Bregg after being dispatched to his home in the 4000 block of A Street to investigate a shooting. Officers arrived to find the 29-year-old male victim lying on a sidewalk after having been shot three times, police said.

The victim told officers that he went to Bregg's house to check out a yard sale there, but got into an altercation with Bregg after seeing a woman with a bloody mouth crying outside the home, police said.

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## YIK YAK

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Esther Kim, graduate assistant for the office of the dean of student life, recently decided to collaborate with the Associated Students of Oregon State University and other student groups on a video highlighting some of the worst instances of angry or hateful yaks.

"It's sort of transgressed into a harmful, discriminatory way of stating one's opinion," Kim said. Kim and the others making the video were particularly

focused on under-represented populations on campus. Part of their mission is just to make students more aware of the issues.

Popkin said Yik Yak, Inc. does have screening procedures in place to try and remove as much harmful material as possible, but that it can't always catch everything.

"There's likelihood for misuse from a small number of users," Popkin said. "We rely on the communities to see the posts that come through."

The app's down-voting can get rid of yaks that drop below

negative five votes. This gives users at the local level a way to monitor their own forums.

McKenna Kuhns, a sophomore in human development and family sciences, believes it's better not to feed them.

"Sometimes people just say negative things," Kuhns said. "But since it's anonymous, it tends not to really have much power to it."

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# How do you feel about the Ferguson decision?



"I believe that in the recent events of the Ferguson decision, that we, as a community and as a nation, we should come together. Be more informed and be more thoughtful and empathetic to other point of views, even though they may disagree with yours."

Michael Chan, junior  
Human development and family science major



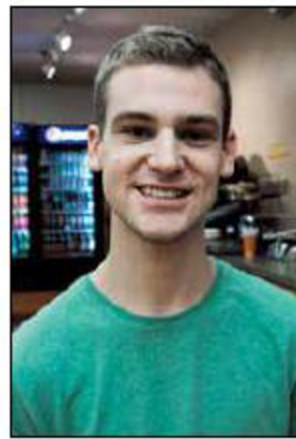
"I think they made the right decision. I think that they had to keep the media bias out of their decision and look at the facts. And the facts pointed them to the truth."

Jessica Kaseberg, junior  
Human development and family science major



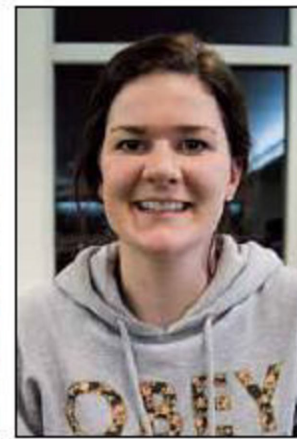
"I think that the officer definitely should have been convicted ... And you think in the spotlight that people would still make the right decision, but they won't, so I don't know. I think it says a lot where we come from, how far we've come along and our progress in America in regards with equality and rights and how fairly people are treated."

Jalen Ladd, sophomore  
Exercise and sports science major



"Education is very important. And I think that we need to make sure we understand the facts of the case before we jump to any conclusions. But also saying that I think it's something that we very much need to use social media to our advantage and use these ways of making sure we're all on the same page."

Isaac Lomax, senior  
Marketing major



"I think that it was a pretty messed-up decision that was made. But I don't think that the riots in Ferguson are an accurate way to show their disgust."

Kelley Girouard, sophomore  
Exercise and sports science major



"My opinion with the Ferguson issue was that the case itself, that no one has the facts exactly right, and you couldn't make snap judgements either way. And I'm glad that it spurred dialogue and the issue to be talking about it. But as for an opinion about the case itself, I think I don't know is the best answer."

Max Taylor, 3rd-year graduate student  
College of forestry

## Exposing true experience of Ebola

Lecturers discuss experiences with Ebola outbreak, share insights

By Kat Kothen  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Patricia Omidian found herself stranded in Liberia as the Ebola outbreak spread. "Give me a war zone any day. At least you know where the bullets are coming from," Omidian said.

Omidian was one of the featured speakers at a public health event at Oregon State University on the realities of Ebola.

There is plenty of discussion in American media about the Ebola epidemic. But no one knows the realities of the disease more than those who have been to affected communities and experienced the impacts of the illness first hand.

The event featured experiences from those involved in health care in affected regions with people in the local community, showing the reality of how West African countries are dealing with the Ebola outbreak.

As a medical anthropologist, Omidian was sent to Liberia to work for the World Health Organization.

Omidian was in Liberia from the end of July to the end of September. When she arrived in Liberia, Omidian said, "all hell broke loose."

Before her arrival, Liberia had no cases

of Ebola. She was scheduled to be in Liberia for only three weeks, researching the connection between mental illness and infectious disease. But Ebola sprang up in Liberia and Omidian couldn't leave.

During her time in Liberia, Omidian went into communities and talked with them about their experiences with the outbreak.

She found that communities that stayed the healthiest were those that took health care into their own hands. The most successful communities were those that helped one another and were collaborative.

But staying healthy in the midst of Ebola-ravaged Liberia is a difficult thing, Omidian shared. The government and health care infrastructure did not support the needs that Ebola placed on communities.

Sudy Storm, a midwife and master's candidate in medical anthropology, regularly works with the Jawei Chiefdom of Sierra Leone. Storm has been going to Sierra Leone since 2006 and works as a midwife, educator and researcher.

Storm's experiences with the Ebola epidemic echoed those shared by Omidian.

Storm witnessed how the efforts of local communities can be successful. The Jawei Chiefdom has experienced no new cases of Ebola, which Storm attributes to local leadership, resources and solutions.

Storm continues to return to Sierra Leone to work within the Jawei Chiefdom. She recommends those who want to help afflicted peoples should do so directly, rather than going through corporations that will take some of the donated money.

"I work directly with my community," Storm said. She went on to discuss her fundraising efforts to raise money for the 100 families effected by Ebola in the Jawei Chiefdom.

The lecture was rounded out by OSU's Infectious Disease Response Team chair and Student Health Services doctor, Connie

Hume-Rodman, discussing how OSU has responded to the outbreak.

She explained that SHS had contacted anyone associated with any of the afflicted countries, and they were screened to make sure they had not been in contact with Ebola in the past 21 days.

"Most were perfectly understanding of why we were calling them," Hume-Rodman reflected. Only one person felt singled out by the screening.

The Infectious Disease Response Team worked with Benton County and the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center when creating their protocols for infectious disease.

"OSU's response to Ebola, which would be the same response to any infectious disease in the community, was a collaboration," Hume-Rodman said.

Hume-Rodman added that individuals lead their own response to infectious disease by getting proper sleep, having good eating habits, exercising, getting vaccinated, covering coughs, staying home when sick and washing their hands often.

The lecture was sponsored by OSU Partners in Health Engage, the College of Public Health and Human Sciences, Humanitarian Engineering at Oregon State, International Programs and the Center for Global Health and Africa Initiative.

"Give me a war zone any day. At least you know where the bullets are coming from."

Patricia Omidian  
Stranded in Liberia as Ebola outbreak spread



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Patricia Omidian (left) describes her time in Liberia during the Ebola outbreak. Connie Hume-Rodman (center) and Sudy Storm (right) shared later that night.

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compassion or basic human decency," wrote President Ed Ray in a school-wide email sent Nov. 17.

While the law may prevent any legal action, Oregon State is actively trying to prevent any future scenarios similar to Tracy's.

Marc Friedman, the executive director of student legal services on campus, recognizes that these types of scenarios can often be emotional and traumatizing, but encourages students to seek help, no matter how much time passes.

Student legal services is a program of the Associated Students of Oregon State University that provides legal expertise and representation for students facing or wanting to press charges.

"When people first come to us, we urge them to contact the police and — for cases of sexual assault — go to the hospital," Friedman said.

Another part of addressing sexual assault cases is preserving the evidence from the time of the crime, because the more time that goes by, the harder that case is to prove.

"Time is of the essence," Friedman said.

Friedman believes that the statute of limitations around cases of sexual assault is relatively broad. Many other crimes have much shorter time periods to prosecute.

The Student Code of Conduct is essentially a set rules and guidelines that govern any student of OSU. Formal university responses to cases of sexual assault involving students is something that Student Code of Conduct covers, but does it go far enough?

President Ray first posed the question in his Nov. 17 statement.

"OSU cannot control the criminal justice system," Ray wrote. "But I have asked university staff to obtain the police reports for the case and to determine if there are any actions we can take now under OSU's code of student conduct."

Angelo Gomez, the executive director for the office of equity and inclusion, said that cases like Tracy's have only emphasized the long-term efforts put behind revising the sexual assault policies in the Student Code of Conduct.

"The policies we have in place now are very different than they were in 1998," Gomez said.

New systems such as mandatory reporting by employees, confidential resources, a new definition of consent and the handling of cases solely by the office of equity and inclusion have modified the system.

"Tracy's case doesn't change anything, just energizes our efforts," Gomez said.

Students have been upset with the inability to legally respond to Tracy's speaking out.

"That person has to deal with the trauma for the rest of their life," said Ashley Walchli, a junior studying music. "I almost feel that there shouldn't be a statute of limitations."

Student legal services, the office of equity and inclusion, cultural centers, Counseling and Psychological Services and other organizations are ready to help people in crisis.

"The policies we have in place now are very different than they were in 1998."

Angelo Gomez  
Executive director for the office of equity and inclusion





Beaver Tweet of the Day  
"Simply thankful for this beautiful thing, life."  
@e\_aufero Erika Aufero

## Second-ranked Ducks coming to Reser

The Beavers' senior day game Saturday will witness familiar opponent



JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior running back Terron Ward heads onto the field in the game against ASU on Nov. 15.

By Mitch Mahoney  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beavers have one game remaining on their schedule.

This game will be the last time the seniors on this team suit up in Beaver uniforms in front of a Reser Stadium crowd. This game will decide whether or not Oregon State will get to play in a bowl game. This game could be the Beavers' second huge upset of the season.

The game in question is the Civil War.

Not only are the Beavers (5-6, 2-6 Pac-12) playing to extend their season, the No. 2 Ducks (10-1, 7-1) are playing to stay in the chase for a National

Championship. If the Ducks win the Civil War this Saturday and they win the Pac-12 Championship game the following Saturday, they will almost certainly qualify for the College Football Playoffs.

The Beavers don't really care about that. What they do care about is how Oregon has had the upper hand in the Civil War in recent years. The Beavers haven't beaten the Ducks since 2007, meaning that no seniors have beaten the Ducks either.

"It's not about beating them and

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## Women's basketball travels to paradise

■ Thanksgiving weekend will feature two teams Beavers faced in postseason

By Mitch Mahoney  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No matter how you may spend your Thanksgiving break, it probably can't compare to how the Oregon State women's basketball team players will spend theirs.

On Tuesday, the No. 19 Beavers (3-0) woke up and boarded a plane to Hawaii, where they will be staying for the next five days.

The reason for the trip is that they will play Butler (0-4) on Thanksgiving Day, and two days after that they'll play BYU (1-2).

"We're so blessed," said sophomore point guard Sydney Wiese. "That's all I have to say. We're blessed."

The Beavers moved up one spot in the NCAA rankings this week after defeating Concordia, 97-35, last Saturday. The 57-point win is the largest of the season for the Beavers, who won their first game by 22 points and their second by 23.

Despite the convincing victories, head coach Scott Rueck still sees

plenty of areas where the team can improve.

"I think it's a mistake to ever coach to the scoreboard, win or lose," Rueck said. "You've got to focus on fundamentals, and there are lots of things where we can grow, and lots of things that I see are things we need to clean up and get better at in a hurry."

The reason for the urgency is that these next two games will both be against teams that made the postseason last year; BYU even made it to the third round of the NCAA

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Oregon State women's basketball team congratulates each other after successful win against Concordia at home on Nov. 22.



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Junior guard Langston Morris-Walker focuses on his form as he prepares to put in a shot against Oral Roberts in Gill Coliseum on Nov. 21.

## Beavers look for consolation win

■ After losing battle with Oklahoma State, men's basketball focuses forward

By Brian Rathbone  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Following a valiant effort, which resulted in a loss against Oklahoma State Monday, Oregon State will play in the consolation game of the MGM

Grand Main Event Heavyweight bracket against Auburn at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Las Vegas.

The Beavers (3-1) are coming off of a 66-53 defeat, while Auburn (2-2) lost to Tulsa in a game in which they only scored 35 points in a 53-35 losing effort. This will be the first time in history that the Tigers and Beavers will face each other.

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# Beavers look for solid win to usher them into postseason

■ Women's volleyball closes regular season play with trip to Colorado, Civil War

By Sarah Kerrigan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Beavers (18-11, 8-10 Pac-12) take on Colorado (18-12, 10-8) first this Wednesday in Boulder, Colo. in their last away game in regular season.

As usual, serving will be a key aspect of the game that Oregon State University is looking to control against the Buffs.

"I have always said volleyball is this way; serve-serve will determine the level you play on and usually serving can determine who wins at that level," said head coach Terry Liskevych.

But the Beavers will have to handle not only the challenges of serving at a new court, but also at a court in which the altitude change has a large affect of service.

"It is a difficult place to play because of altitude," Liskevych said. "It affects particularly serving and it affects the flight of the ball, so it is really different at altitude."

Oregon State has been inconsistent with their service throughout the season. In the middle of the season there was a stretch when they were away for two weekends against the Washington and Arizona schools that the Beavers got in a service drought.

In their most recent game against UCLA, they were again

plagued with bad service for three quarters of the match.

After the UCLA game, Liskevych talked about how the team stopped serving tough, and that allowed UCLA to get back in the game and ultimately get the win.

"As I said in the first set and up to 15-10 in the second set against UCLA, if we sustain that standard we could beat anybody. We just have to do that in those games coming up," said Liskevych.

If the Beavers can find a way to maintain not only good service but also service-reception and attacking efficiency, then they have a chance to pull an upset on the road.

"It is a great test and I think we have to just keep playing the way we have been playing: at a high level," said Liskevych. "These three things, serve-receive, serving and attack efficiency, is critical and we are good on the attack efficiency but we definitely have to improve serving and passing at the highest levels. We just have to sustain it through a match."

After their game against Colorado, the Beavers head back home for an emotionally charged game against Oregon. Not only is this the home Civil War game, but since it is the last home conference game, it is also senior night for the Beavers.

"The Ducks. This will be an emotional game as always," Liskevych said.



Redshirt senior setter Tayla Woods celebrates at the net after a successful point by the Beavers in the teams' matchup with UCLA at home on Nov. 22.

The Beavers are looking for at least one more win this weekend in hopes of solidifying their tournament prospects. As they stand now, they are eligible and have a fair chance of making the tournament.

"We are in a good spot to get

into the tournament. I can't see us not getting in the tournament, although I always say until Nov. 30, until that 5:30 show comes on and we know we are in it. One win would definitely solidify us getting in no doubt," Liskevych said.

Oregon State is ready to leave everything on the court in its last two games, as the Beavers look forward to the tournament.

"Our biggest thing is that we want to leave it all on the court; walk away with our heads held

high," said senior setter Tayla Woods.

The Beavers will get things going against Colorado Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion drops back into the pocket against the Arizona State Sun Devils in Reser Stadium on Nov. 15.

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spoiling anything. It's personal," said senior linebacker D.J. Alexander. "This is more than just what the media ranks them, or what could happen to them afterward. This is personal — this is something that has built up over the last four years. Me as a senior, having not beaten them, that means a lot to me."

As if the Beavers didn't have enough to play for on senior day in the Civil War, they'll also be playing for pride. Even the younger players recognize how much a win would mean.

"I know they really want to win this game," said redshirt freshman wide receiver Jordan Villamin. "I'll try to do my best, anything I can do to help them win. I love all the seniors; if we can get a win for them, that would probably be the best feeling I could have. That would be the best experience in my whole life."

On the field, this will be the final matchup between two record-breaking quarterbacks. Senior quarterback Sean Mannion became the career leader in passing yards in Pac-12 history this year.

For the Ducks, junior quarterback Marcus Mariota broke the single-season record for touchdowns in Pac-12 history. Mariota is also the leading candidate to win the Heisman Trophy - having thrown for 3,103 yards, 32 touchdowns and only two interceptions. On the ground, He has run for 597 yards and nine touchdowns. He even has a receiving touchdown.

"You can't keep your eyes off of him," said defensive coordinator Mike Banker. "He makes one amazing play after another. It's awesome to see in an athlete like that, because those athletes only come around once in a lifetime, even if you have to play against them."

In last year's Civil War, Mariota orchestrated the game-winning drive. Trailing 35-30 with 1:38 remaining, Mariota drove the Ducks 83 yards in slightly more than a minute. He found then-senior receiver Josh Huff in the end zone for the game-winning score.

"The last pass went right over my head, which kind of sucked," said senior defensive lineman Dylan Wynn. "If I could have just got my hands up a little bit more — but that's in the past. I thought of that last year, and it's just the way the game went."

The Beavers did pretty well to slow down Mariota. He completed 17-of-34 passes for 285 yards with three touchdowns, and two interceptions in last year's Civil War. This year, the Beavers aren't afraid of the Heisman hopeful, or any of the Ducks' skill position players.

"It's one dude with the football," Wynn said. "When it comes down to it, we have eleven bodies that can tackle one guy. It's just about getting bodies to the ball, doing our job and being able to shut down those threats."

The Civil War begins on Saturday at 5 p.m. with ABC providing television coverage.

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The Tigers are very capable offensively, and are averaging 70.5 points per contest, including a 105 point performance against Louisiana-Lafayette.

Auburn will need to come out with a good effort against the Oregon State University offense that is currently holding their opponents to 56 points per game.

Auburn is led offensively by senior guard KT Harrell and junior forward Cinmeon Bowers who are each averaging 16.5 points through their first four games.

Graduate transfer student guard Antoine Mason is a scoring threat, but he has not played since their first game of the season.

The Beaver offense, on the other hand, relies on a different scorer every game, as each game the Beavers have played so far this season has highlighted a new face.

A few players have come off of the bench to lead the team in scoring, which has led to six

different Beavers averaging more than eight points per game. Junior guard Langston Morris-Walker is leading the team with a 12 point per game average.

The balanced scoring from the Beavers has been through a product of good ball movement. The Oregon State team is averaging 14.5 assists per game, and nearly doubling the amount of assists they give up.

While the Beavers share the ball well, they can be careless with it, averaging just as many turnovers as they do assists — 14.5 per game.

The Tiger defense, on the flip side, is a team that disrupts opposing offenses, creating turnovers. Auburn is forcing 16 turnovers a game.

This will be Oregon State's final game of the MGM Grand Main Event before the Beavers return to Gill Coliseum to take on Mississippi Valley State for a late night game that starts at 9 p.m. Dec. 3.

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Tournament. Both teams will test the Beavers.

"This team is excited for the challenges that are coming," Rueck said. "We're kind of in a holding period, a little bit, where we're waiting for that next big test. They're so anxious for it because they loved the challenges of a year ago. We get two games this week against two postseason teams from a year ago, so I know they're really looking forward to it."

This will be the first time this year that the Beavers won't be playing in Gill Coliseum, where they've compiled a 12-game winning streak dating back to last year. The plane ride, time change and all the other accommodations that must be made for a road trip don't figure to be that big of an obstacle, however.

"Maybe for the newbies, but I'm not sure," Wiese said. "I mean, (Jen'Von'Ta Hill) has so much experience, and so does (Marie Gülich), that it's like another game."

So far this season, Wiese is averaging 11.7 points, 6.7 assists, and 0.67 turnovers per game while shooting 78 percent from three-point range. She is the team's second-leading scorer behind junior center Ruth Hamblin, who averages 15.7 points, 9.7 rebounds and 3.7 blocks per game.

There is no one player who defines the team, however, as there are seven players averaging at least 8.7 points per game, and their depth should help them this weekend.

Oregon State's first game is on Thanksgiving



Junior forward Samantha Seigner looks to pass the ball against Concordia on Nov. 22 in Gill Coliseum.

at 6 p.m. and their second game is Saturday at 4 p.m.  
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## Editorial

### Ferguson dialogue important for moving forward

Students and faculty circled their chairs in the Memorial Union Ballroom for a discussion concerning the Ferguson Grand Jury rulings of Officer Darren Wilson Nov. 25.

Some of the editorial board members here at The Barometer had the honor of attending the discussion.

This discussion was much needed here at Oregon State University — it was only months ago that racist graffiti was discovered on a bathroom stall and a sexist and racist letter was mailed to the Women's Building.

If these issues are still present in 2014, it's clear that they still need to be talked about.

Student council leaders from campus cultural centers set the stage for the discussion, specifying that the ballroom was a "safe space" for those who wished to share their thoughts or experiences, that there would be no debating and straw man logic and that the discussion would begin with a moment of silence for 4.5 minutes.

The silence symbolized the 4.5 hours that Michael Brown's body lay bleeding in the streets of Ferguson, Mo. after Wilson shot him Aug. 9.

The discussion touched on a wide variety of subjects ranging from solidarity, diversity, fear, racism, white privilege and accountability.

This last point manifested itself with a particularly crucial event during the discussion.

An attendee attempted to discuss the forensic evidence of the case — amongst other poorly articulated subjects pertaining to Ferguson — and after observing a sea of disagreeing faces, explained that he was sorry for offending folks and made a beeline for the door.

Others in attendance stood and told him that he needed to sit down — that he didn't get to drop a comment like that and just leave.

That he needed to stay and listen to what his comment had done.

The attendee returned to his seat and the discussion took a turn for a deconstructive look at white privilege.

One woman informed him that as a Caucasian man he has the ability to leave the discussion and "never have to think about it ever again," whereas people of color are never able to leave this conversation.

The events in Ferguson are part of a larger context of racism that permeates throughout our society.

There is no way to not be disturbed by the increase of violent deaths of unarmed African American men by white folks.

OSU needed this discussion — as a learning point for uninformed folks, as a catharsis and as a safe place to address issues in our own community.

Ferguson may be hundreds of miles away, but the events taking place affect us as a society. If progress is to be learned for the future, we must learn from the present.

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# Show support for Mike Brown through peaceful protest

Aleia Averill

## Guest Columnist

After the Grand Jury released a ruling on Monday night at 6 p.m. announcing that Ferguson, Mo. Police Officer Darren Wilson would not be indicted for the killing of black teenager Michael Brown, it ignited nationwide protests.

Major cities across the country including Seattle, Portland and New York had hundreds to thousands of people peacefully protesting in the streets.

While most of what we've seen in the media are of burning buildings and reports of looters in the Ferguson area, it is not a representation of the peaceful majority who are screaming to have their voice heard.

Regardless of whether you believe the Grand Jury's decision was the judicial system doing its job, it is clear that our judicial system and our law enforcement procedures need to be reevaluated

and reformed.

What I hope people understand is that it is OK to disagree with a ruling.

It is OK to be furious and to show it in a peaceful manner.

It is OK to demand a change in a system if you believe it is unjust.

Historically, issues that have been perceived as unjust and unfair in our country have been met with protests and demonstrations to induce change in the systems.

Our country was built on the notion that fighting for your rights can evoke change to your current

reality.

The Civil Rights movements of the '60s led by the late Martin Luther King, Jr. parallel the same ideals and views that fuel the current fight of today.

For equality within the system of our nation, our home.

The procedures in place in our current justice system are outdated, and still contain elements that oppress minority populations in the U.S.

Instead of focusing on the negative actions of a few, I hope we continue with peaceful protests and open dialogues so that we can all come to an understanding of the magnitude of the deep racial issues still at play in society.

Keep speaking up. Change is on the horizon.

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# Beware of psychological abuse, isolation in relationships

When one thinks of domestic violence or abuse, it's usually implied that there's some form of physical assault or violent speech involved.

I'd like to acknowledge another form of abuse in terms of friendships and relationships: psychological abuse.

Psychological abuse can be defined as "the systematic perpetration of malicious and explicit nonphysical acts against an intimate partner, child or dependent adult," according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

In most cases, one partner seeks out ways to control, exploit or isolate the other.

The abuser may have experienced prior complications in their own life, and may not know how to handle certain situations. As a result, they look to regulate their friend or partner for the sake of personal power.

These attacks could range any-



Sean Bassinger

One Step at a Time

where from saying "you would be nothing without me" to "I need you to be here at all times."

This is unacceptable.

An abusive relationship can exhibit multiple warning signs in addition to physical or verbal abuse. For instance, one friend or partner may feel pressured into always doing what the other wants, regardless of his or her own individual desires.

There are no fair arguments, no joint decisions and no resolutions in terms of closure. One person's word is final, and the other may fear what they could lose if they speak up or walk out.

In detail, domestic violence can be

defined as "one person's systematic use of emotional, physical or sexual abuse in order to have power and control over someone else," according to the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence.

Warning signs of a more harmful relationship can include always getting put down, repeated check-ups without request and feeling like everything is your fault.

If you're on the receiving end in such a relationship, ask yourself a few questions.

Have you felt more depressed, upset or trapped where you're at?

Are there other goals and objectives in your life you could pursue with a little more freedom and flexibility?

If you or someone you know appears to be caught in such a situation, realize you have options.

Reach out to friends, family or anyone else you know who could help you stay safer and healthier.

Counseling and Psychological

Services at Oregon State University has resources and counselors available who are devoted to assisting those in abusive relationships.

CARDV in Corvallis offers services, counseling and other resources to assist those who wish to escape from an abusive environment.

Like all professional mental health services, calls and appointments remain confidential for your protection and recovery.

For more information, visit CARDV.org and counseling.oregonstate.edu.

It's never too late to make a change for the better.

Don't be afraid to take steps for a brighter future, and know you deserve the right to make your own choices.

There's always someone willing to help.

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## Eat your applesauce

The sarcastic hashtag #ThanksMichelleObama has been fluttering around Twitter the past few days in attachment with photographs of school lunches deemed "gross" by the teens tweeting about them.

Middle school and high school students across the country have been taking pictures of their government-provided lunches and blaming Michelle Obama for meals they don't like.

The First Lady began a campaign called "Let's Move!" in 2010 with the hopes of getting kids moving and healthier. This is especially relevant today, as child obesity has skyrocketed in recent years.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of obese children has more than doubled in the past three decades.

Part of Michelle Obama's initiative included placing fat and sugar limits on lunches provided at public schools and requiring more whole grains, fruits and vegetables in each meal.

It is not a bad idea — many school cafeterias in the past have had a glaring lack of healthy options.

But tweens and teens across the country are not pleased by the reform introduced by Obama.

So they are hopping on their computers and their smartphones to take pictures and complain in their mid-pubescent, angst-y ways that their government isn't giving them photogenic meals.

Yes, the meals are provided for free, but they don't look nice on Instagram, OK? Thanks for nothing, Michelle.

This whole episode has revealed a shocking amount of entitlement from today's American youth.

I guess their anger at their own gangly awkwardness needs to be directed somewhere.

But come on — only a handful of countries around the world provide free meals for their students at all.

At the risk of sounding like a typical mother, kids from all corners of the globe are starving to death because they have no access to any sort of nutrition.

Jackie Keating



Jolly Joyfulness



# Techniques can make masturbation magical, more satisfying

**Dear Dr. Sex,**  
 I was wondering if you give out different techniques for masturbating in order for one to relieve oneself? The reason I ask is because not everyone has sex. Yes, there are a few of us who, because of religious reasons, chose to abstain from sex. But that doesn't mean they don't have the desire to. We all got to relieve another, or ourselves at one time I'm sure. So, what about posting something we could all use. What are some of the best ways of relieving oneself? Since it's different for both sexes, it would be good to describe it for both. Thanks.



**Kathy Greaves**

Ask Dr. Sex

Signed, *Curious with Desire*  
 Dear Curious with Desire,  
 First, I would like to say that I prefer the phrase "releasing sexual tension" to "relieving oneself."  
 The latter sounds more like you have to urinate or defecate.  
 Second, I would hope that even if you weren't sexually active with a partner, that you could still take advantage of my advice — for future reference.  
 Third, I would like to point out that those who abstain from sex for religious reasons would most likely not support

the idea of masturbation as a sexual outlet.  
 These individuals are either waiting to participate in sexual activity with a marital partner or they are abstaining because they have joined a religious order or have become a priest or nun.  
 The ideal behind religious celibacy is to redirect sexual energy and use it to provide service to humanity, which leaves masturbation as something quite self-indulgent and contrary to the reasons for celibacy in the first place.  
 There may be individuals who approve of masturbation, but are waiting until marriage to participate in intercourse with their partner.  
 These individuals are, however, the minority of religious abstainers.  
 Most who believe that premarital sex is immoral believe that masturbation is

immoral as well.  
 With that said, I can comment on your request for masturbation techniques, but it will be limited, as The Barometer is distributed off campus as well, so it needs to be as close to PG-13 as possible.  
 For more explicit techniques, register for my class.  
 What I will identify for you are the most sensitive parts of both a woman's and a man's body.  
 Do with them what you will.  
 On the female, the clitoris is the most sensitive part of her body.  
 The clitoris is located where the inner lips of the vulva converge.  
 Due to the overwhelming number of questions I get about the location of the clitoris, I have been led to believe that many men think the clitoris is part of the vagina.  
 It is not.  
 It is above both the vaginal and urethral openings.  
 This would explain why the majority of women reach orgasm via stimulation of the clitoris either manually, orally, or with an object — vibrator or dildo — and not via intercourse.

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of triangular-shaped — and many men find stimulation to this section particularly exciting.  
 The penis is the obvious part of a man's body that is sensitive, but, as with the woman's body, let us not forget about other areas of the body that are highly sensitive to touch. These areas include the testicles — be gentle, please, the perineum — the space between the base of the testicles and the anal opening, the nipples — yes, even men enjoy their nipples being stimulated and the anal rim.  
 As I said previously, what you do with these sensitive areas of the body is up to you. There are probably as many techniques for masturbating as there are students in my class — typically in the hundreds.  
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## KEATING

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Eat your darned applesauce.  
 The fact that our youth are complaining about something given to them for free is ludicrous.  
 I'm not saying that school lunches are perfect.  
 But they provide sustenance for kids whose parents are struggling financially, and the fact that Obama is trying to make them a little healthier is not something to get disgruntled about.  
 If these lunches are truly as bad as these teens are making it seem, it is not the fault of Mrs. Obama's "Let's Move" program, but because schools are allotted on average fewer than three

dollars to spend per meal for America's kids.  
 Of course, the whole point of free lunches is wasted if kids are throwing their uneaten lunches away out of disgust.  
 There should be a medium of tastiness, healthiness and cost effectiveness for free school lunches to be of any use.  
 The priorities of our country's budget also need to be adjusted.  
 According to CNBC, America spends roughly \$74 billion per year on prisons.  
 That money needs to be cut down and funneled into our schools in order to provide more well-rounded meals, among other things, so that America's youth can be well-prepared for their futures in an increasingly

competitive world.  
 In return, I hope these whippersnappers realize how whiney and entitled they sound, and how they are portraying themselves — the future generation of America — to the rest of the world.  
 This Thanksgiving, I'm going to be thankful for living in a country where free meals are given to children whose families are in a tight spot.  
 Hopefully, the teens of America will realize that they should be grateful, too.  
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## Use office hours for success in college

While many professors do an adequate job of welcoming students to attend their office hours and stressing the importance of the help they can offer during these times, many students fail to understand the true benefits that office hours bring about.  
 There is no doubt that office hours serve as a great time to ask questions about your material, homework and any other course-related thoughts you may have.  
 But one thing many students do not realize is that office hours offer way more opportunities than just help on homework or the like.  
 By attending office hours, you take advantage of the opportunity to really get to know your professors on a more personal and professional level.  
 Having completed classes that did not require my participation in office hours, I can honestly say that it is easy to go through a course and not truly get to know your professor — an invaluable connection that often gets overlooked.  
 I am sure we have all heard it — making connections in college is one of the most important tasks we have in order to put ourselves in a good position after our undergraduate years, and potentially set up a job opportunity.  
 However, the majority of students tend to believe that the best — and possibly the only — way to do this is to attend career fairs.  
 That being said, I can assure you this is not the case.  
 Professors are undoubtedly the greatest connections you can make as far as networking goes, especially those of whom are in your respective field.  
 By attending your professor's office hours, you are allowing yourself the chance to get to know your professor on a deeper level, especially in a class of 100+ students.  
 Moreover, many professors provide opportunities for undergraduates to do research in their



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individual research groups.  
 By getting to know your professor, you are putting yourself in a position to obtain one of these positions over the next guy, who may not know your professor on the same level as you.  
 That being said, it is not always about your specific professor.  
 Just because one of your professors does not happen to be in the same department of your major does not mean it is not worth your while to make a meaningful connection with them.  
 As professors in the world of academia, many professors know other professors and researchers at other various schools around the state and, more importantly, around the nation.  
 By getting to know your professor and sharing more about your interests and passions with them, you give them the ability to help you achieve your goals.  
 Based on the professors I have connected with here at Oregon State University, I believe it is safe to say that professors love to see their students succeed, and are willing to do all they can to help them achieve their goals.  
 I encourage you not to look at your professor's office hours purely as course help, but rather as an invaluable opportunity to make real connections with your professors and engage them on a more personal and professional level.  
 Take advantage of this opportunity, and you will truly see an increase in the quality and success of your undergraduate experience.  
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