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Ready to strike for benefits

■ As U of O grad students negotiate, prepare to strike, OSU grad students stand by their side

By **Claire McMorris**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Graduate student employees from the University of Oregon are ready to strike for the first time in Oregon history in light of failed bargaining attempts with the university. By their side: graduate student employees from Oregon State University. "We want to stand with them in soli-

arity, primarily because these are fundamental issues within the university education system throughout the country," said Shannon Andrews, a Ph.D. candidate in soil science and the president of OSU's Coalition of Graduate Employees. "Graduate employees all over the nation want to see these conditions improve."

The Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation at the University of Oregon is bargaining for two major gains: an increase in the minimum salary by 5.5 percent during the next two years and two weeks of paid emergency sick leave. The situation at U of O follows last year's

bargaining efforts of the union-based CGE at OSU. In this past year of bargaining, CGE won a 2 percent increase of pay annually if the employee shows academic progress, 85 percent premium coverage for employees with families, a 3 percent increase in the minimum salary and 90 percent coverage of fees by the university, all on top of an already existing 3 months of paid sick/emergency leave.

"Graduate unions all over the country are trying to get closer to what we have," Andrews said.

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Outside of their natural habitat, lionfish become devastating predators, with consequences for delicate reef ecosystems.

Lionfish target specific fish

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Some fish are more vulnerable to the predation of the invasive lionfish, according to a study done by researchers at Oregon State University and Simon Fraser University.

It's the small, narrow, solitary fish that swim near the seafloor that should pay extra care at dusk and darkness, according to an OSU press release.

These fish are more than 200 times more likely to be on the lionfish's regular menu.

"With species now moving all over the world in both marine and terrestrial systems, we need to know who will eat whom when species encounter each other for the first time," Stephanie Green, the College of Science David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellow, said in the press release.

Researchers are looking into what features make certain species more likely to be preyed upon throughout the animal kingdom, Green said in the release.

"We're playing catch-up on this," Green said in the press release. "However, with the case of species invasions, a much better understanding of which native species are at risk can help us target management intervention. This could help avoid extirpations and, in the worst-case scenario, more outright extinctions."

OSU researchers have been studying the lionfish invasion for years.

Another study by OSU in collaboration with other organizations used computer models coupled with field testing to predict that invasive lionfish populations could be controlled if their numbers are brought down between 75 to 95 percent, according to an OSU press release in January.

"It shows that by creating safe havens — small pockets of reef where lionfish numbers are kept low — we can help

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Marine Studies aims for global excellence

■ Marine Studies Initiative strives to expand marine studies, student experience

By **Kat Kothen**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The colleges of Oregon State University have united over one topic: investment in making OSU a leader in marine studies.

"We want to be number one in marine studies globally," said Sastry Pantula, dean of the College of Science.

OSU has been developing plans to put the university on the map in the field of marine studies. The Marine Studies Initiative has been in the works for a couple of years, but has recently been gaining traction. The deans of all the colleges have formed an executive committee to plan and flesh out what marine studies will look like for the university. The committee has been working on specifics like learning outcomes, research and fundraising.



COURTESY OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, PHOTO BY NEIL HAMMERSCHLAG

Marine science researchers study tiger sharks' impact on ecosystems; the new initiative would provide more opportunities for hands-on marine experiences for students.

The initiative itself entails the develop-

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Oregon State Police officer shares quiet night experiences on patrol

■ Trooper Chris Graves appreciates uneventful patrols, seeks to educate

By **Kaitlyn Kohlenberg**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It was a quiet Thursday night at Oregon State University's campus.

Senior Oregon State Trooper Chris Graves noted the silence and continued his patrol on the search for criminal activity.

Graves has worked with the Oregon State Police for roughly 11 years and said that the life of a patrol officer is "lots of tediously boring, then a few minutes of chaos."

Graves spends the evening patrolling the regular areas of concern: Northwest Monroe Avenue, buildings and fields on the outer limits of OSU-owned properties and even the OSU crew teams' practice site are all on Graves' typical route.

Graves emphasized that he avoids taking a consistent path, which helps keep him from getting bored and keeps potential perpetrators on their toes.

Most of Thursday night is filled with minor traffic stops: bicyclists ignoring stop signs and drivers ignoring the signs that forbid thoroughfare through certain campus roadways.

One or two turn out to be more than just a confused parent or student driving campus at night for the first time.

One stop — a common violation of driving through a service vehicles-only road — turns out to be an unlicensed driver.

The OSU international student shared his confusion on foreign license legality, which played a role in why Graves released the student with a warning.

Graves explained that most nations signed a contract at a Geneva Convention on Road Traffic — as it turned out, the student Graves had pulled over was from one of the few nations not included in the treaty.

Though Graves did not let the student drive home, he corrected the existing misinformation and released the student without citation.

Stops like this highlight the role that OSP on campus strives to play: police as educators,

enforcers and protectors.

"We want voluntary compliance with the law," Graves said.

Troopers on campus take into consideration the university setting and hope to join in the education of OSU students and community members.

This focus on education is embedded in an officer's process for interacting with alleged violators of the law.

Graves explained a seven-step process for approaching an incident, all of which is rooted in the exchange of relevant information and a need to fill in missing gaps of what happened.

The process requires the officer to give his or her reasoning for stopping the individual and requires the officer to give the individual a chance to share his or her reason for the alleged violation.

Graves said he tries to decide before he approaches an alleged violator whether or not he plans to give out a citation. He said this process helps him avoid being swayed by people who like to sweet talk police to get out of tickets.

The final step of the process is to give the farewell. Though many officers tell people "have a good day," Graves always leaves a situation telling people, "be safe."

"I may have just ruined their day," he acknowledged.

"To tell them 'have a good day,'" he said, "seems like it just adds salt to the wound."

Any interaction with an officer may be seen as chaotic and stressful for a civilian, but for longtime troopers like Graves, Nov. 20 consisted of far more of the "tediously boring."

"Thursday was actually a little bit slower," Graves said. "Still a lot of midterms going on. The Thursday before Halloween we were busy. Lots of activity."

Like each term, each year has its busy peaks and its slow valleys of chaos for officers. Graves noted that winter is significantly less busy than fall, when the majority of students return to campus, and spring, when students celebrate the return of sunshine and the upcoming sum-

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POLICE BEAT

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

Saturday, November 29

Lost

An officer from the Department of Public Safety assisted a woman who could not find her car after the Oregon State University Beavers' football game Saturday night. According to the DPS log, the officer drove the woman around the parking areas to try to find the rented 2015 Chevy Tahoe. The officer logged that he gave the vehicle information to the Oregon State Police and Corvallis Police Department. OSP reportedly could not find the vehicle. The DPS officer logged that the woman said she was staying at a hotel in Albany while visiting her granddaughter, who is an OSU student. The woman allegedly told the officer she would continue to look for the car Sunday.

"Belligerent" public urination

Just after 11 p.m. Saturday, a university dispatcher allegedly saw a man urinate on an "unmarked" police vehicle. When an OSP officer approached him, the man allegedly denied he'd urinated on the vehicle and was "uncooperative." The OSP officer logged that he took the man into custody for criminal mischief in the third degree and that the man was "belligerent" during transportation to the Benton County Jail, where he allegedly refused to give a breath sample. According to the OSP log, the officer then took the man to Good Samaritan Hospital for medical clearance before bringing him back to the jail for formal citation. The officer reportedly banned the man from all OSU property.

No sharing allowed

Reser Stadium security allegedly observed a man attempt to pass his ticket for admission to the OSU Beavers' football game over the stadium fencing to another individual. Once confronted, the man allegedly admitted to trying to share the ticket. The OSP officer logged that he inquired as to the man's sobriety after noticing "his bloodshot, watery eyes and lethargic appearance." The man allegedly admitted to drinking "a couple of beers," but refused a breath sample. The officer gave the man a citation for minor-in-possession of alcohol.

Rude to visitors

OSP officers arrested a man for allegedly harassing University of Oregon fans. According to OSP reports, when an officer attempted to approach the man, he "rushed through the crowd in attempt to get away and pushed other fans, knocking them over." The officer logged that the man was "uncooperative," and the officer cited the man for disorderly conduct in the second degree.

Drunk at Reser Stadium

According to OSP logs, an OSP trooper approached a man when the man allegedly entered Reser Stadium through an exit. The officer logged that he brought the man to an exclusion room in the stadium, where he observed "the suspect with bloodshot, droopy eyes, slurred speech and heavy alcoholic odor from his person." The officer alleged that the man was "unable to track conversation" and took "approximately five minutes for him to understand what his date of birth was." The officer logged that the man had a blood-alcohol content of 0.25 percent. The officer cited the man for minor-in-possession of alcohol.

Alcohol-related incidents

OSP officers logged citing more than 45 people for alcohol-related violations Saturday night at the OSU Beavers' football game. Many suspects allegedly refused breath tests. For those who agreed to give breath samples, blood-alcohol contents ranged from 0.62 percent to 0.403 percent. Citations ranged from minor-in-possession of alcohol to disorderly conduct. Nearly all were excluded from Reser Stadium for the remainder of the football game, although a few were given more severe sanctions. Officers' media logs of these incidents are brief, but include information on the circumstances surrounding the citation and suspect behavior.

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Volunteer teacher banned from district after sex charges

By Joce DeWitt
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — A music teacher arrested Friday for allegedly texting a student and trying to persuade the student to have sex with him has been banned from the Salem-Keizer School District.

Ivan Hallstead, 24, was taken to the Marion County jail by the sheriff's office on two felony charges: Luring a minor and online sexual corruption of a minor. He posted bail on Saturday, the sheriff's office said.

Authorities said over the weekend that Hallstead worked as a part-time instructor of the North Salem High School marching band's percussion section and also provided music lessons at Guitar Center at Keizer Station.

Hallstead passed a criminal background check in 2008 when he originally applied to volunteer and again in 2013 when he began working at North Salem High School, said Salem-Keizer School District spokesman Jay Remy, who gave more details Monday about Hallstead's work with the district.

His current status is "not approved as a volunteer," Remy wrote in an email. As such he is not allowed on district property, nor is he allowed to contact any students.

"At North Salem High School he works with percussion students and attends whole-band rehearsals in a volunteer capacity," Remy said.

Hallstead also worked under contract at Stephens Middle School to work with band students, and has done similar contract work in the past at Houck Middle School.

The instructor received a total of two payments from the district: \$680 last year for work at Houck Middle School and \$680 this year for work at Stephens Middle School, Remy said.

Technically Hallstead was not a district employee. "A professional services contract means someone is hired to provide a service for the district but is not a district employee," Remy said.

Remy confirmed Monday that the district learned of the charges through the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Energy Civil War encourages working out to generate electricity

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Energy Civil War between Oregon State University and University of Oregon generated nearly 20,000 watt-hours of energy, according to information provided by Emily Boyer, the media coordinator for the Student Sustainability Initiative.

U of O took the lead early and kept it throughout the week of Nov. 17. OSU lost by 2,600 watt-hours when the final numbers came in Friday, Nov. 21.

Students worked out on ReRev ellipticals for at least 20 minutes to generate the electricity.

The OSU sorority Alpha Gamma Delta generated the most electricity of the competing organizations at OSU — coming in with 295 minutes of workout on the ReRev ellipticals — followed by OSU fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha — coming in with 250 minutes — according to information on the Energy Civil War's Facebook.

The purpose of the Energy Civil War is to engage students in the conversation about renewable energy, said Bailey Murphy, an energy projects coordinator with the SSI. Murphy emphasized that wind turbines and solar panels aren't the only ways to generate renewable energy.

OSU has 15 ReRev ellipticals, but due to a decreased number of ReRevs at U of O, the number involved in the competition was brought down to six, a decrease from the 10 used by each school last year when



COURTESY OF EMILY BOYER

Benny Beaver stands with Alpha Gamma Delta sorority members. Alpha Gamma Delta scored the highest of any OSU organization during the Energy Civil War.

the total number of watt-hours between the two schools was 35,900.

The ReRevs are hooked into the powergrid, where the energy they generate is logged by a separate meter and sent back to Dixon Recreation Center to supplement

the energy required by the facility.

In the future, the SSI may consider adding more permanent, noticeable signs to the ReRevs to increase awareness of the renewable energy they produce.

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Kitzhaber budget proposal ramps up state spending

By Saul Hubbard
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — Flush with money from a revising economy, Gov. John Kitzhaber today unveiled his two-year budget proposal at the state capitol, calling for new spending totaling \$800 million in public education initiatives.

With an improving economy, Oregon's general and lottery fund revenues will reach \$18.7 billion for the 2015-17 biennium, up from \$16.75 billion in the current two-year cycle. The state is also realizing savings thanks to recent spending curbs in healthcare, public pensions

and prison spending.

At a press conference, Kitzhaber framed the situation as "an opportunity to reinvest in our children, our families, our schools, our communities and our rural economy."

"For too long, Oregon has built its budgets in the moment, by the moment, and for the moment," he said.

The governor's budget will serve as a framework for spending discussions in the upcoming state legislative session. Lawmakers are scheduled to meet for five months starting in February. Democrats control both the Senate and The House.

Kitzhaber is proposing a base allocation of \$6.9 billion for K-12 public schools, an increase of about 4 percent from the current budget. That allocation includes \$220 million to help schools implement a state mandate for full-day kindergarten.

The budget also proposes a new \$135 million earmark for several pre-K "early learning" programs, aimed at improving children's readiness for grade school, and \$85 million to spend on pre-K to grade 3 literacy programs.

The budget would also continue tuition freezes at Oregon community colleges and public

universities through the 2017 school year, and beef up need-based student grants by \$37 million, roughly a 25 percent increase.

Kitzhaber's budget proposal didn't include any significant tax increases or the targeted tax cut on capital gains, or investment income, that he has championed in recent weeks.

But he said he expects the Legislature to take up various taxation changes in the upcoming session, including possible changes to Oregon's one-of-a-kind "kicker" tax refund law for individuals.

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Busy Portland 82nd avenue could get face-lift thanks to ODOT, city

By Steve Law
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — When you think of a Portland street known as an eyesore, which one comes to mind?

For many, it's 82nd Avenue, long a haven for prostitutes, fast-food joints, unsightly used-car lots, and porn shops.

But 82nd Avenue is starting to get more love from the state.

Oregon's Department of Transportation just announced it will spend \$5 million to improve pedestrian and motorist safety at five key intersections on 82nd in Southeast Portland—all ranking among the top 5 percent most dangerous ones in the state.

Then ODOT will take a big-picture look at a 7.3-mile stretch of 82nd Avenue to plot more improvements between Northeast Killingsworth Street and Southeast Johnson Creek Boulevard. The study also will consider whether it makes sense for ODOT to hand control of the state highway to the city of Portland.

"There's interest on both sides at looking at a potential jurisdictional transfer," says Mike Mason, a senior project manager for ODOT who is leading the one-year study. "Ultimately, we want

to see 82nd safer and maybe more attractive to walk along and go to."

As a state transportation agency managing a network of state freeways and highways, ODOT has tended to view 82nd and similar thoroughfares as routes to move large volumes of motor-vehicle traffic efficiently and quickly. The agency also has other top priorities for 82nd, Mason says, such as assuring its use as a freight corridor, and as an alternative for north-south traffic should Interstate 205 get shut down by an accident.

"The city may have other standards that can make roads more neighborhood-friendly," Mason says.

Indeed, city planners are exploring ways to revitalize 82nd Avenue in the new comprehensive land-use plan, which is designed to guide growth for the next 20 years. Among the city's goals are making 82nd more hospitable for apartments, and turning the pan-Asian Jade District between Southeast Division Street and Powell Boulevard into a pedestrian-friendly environment. In a recent walking tour of 82nd, city planners suggested it could develop along the lines of what's happening on Northeast

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Not so coincidentally, MLK (along with Sandy Boulevard), is a former state highway that was handed over to the city to maintain, and the city is interested in taking over 82nd Avenue.

But 82nd also serves as a psychological barrier between the more hip, popular parts of Portland and the more gritty, lower-income areas of East Portland.

"I think there's a lot of momentum in the east part of the city to make improvements," Mason says.

Improving 82nd Avenue could be pivotal to those efforts. Regional transit officials also are planning a high-capacity bus line between the central city and Gresham, which might extend east on Powell Boulevard, then cut north onto 82nd Avenue and continue east again at Division Street.

Mason's study, dubbed the 82nd Avenue of Roses Implementation Plan, also will explore ways to improve the highway near the newly expanded Portland Community College campus on Division. PCC is bringing thousands of new students to the area, resulting in lots more pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

ODOT is starting first with

the safety improvements, partly in response to complaints from neighborhood associations and business groups, Mason says. ODOT committed \$5 million from its regional safety budget to improve six intersections on 82nd Avenue: Burnside, Stark, Washington, Yamhill, Mill and Division streets.

All of those except Yamhill were chosen because of high accident rates, says Kate Parker, a consultant working on public involvement for that project.

"They're looking at what historically has caused crashes at each intersection," Parker says, and tailoring improvements to prevent future crashes.

ODOT is working on final designs for those intersection improvements, and expects to complete construction between fall 2015 and spring 2016.

Each of the traffic signals will be replaced with new, more visible lights, and moved from hanging wires to fixed-mast arms. That helps to alleviate visual clutter that can contribute to accidents, Parker says.

Pedestrians will get curb cuts to accommodate wheelchairs and push-button devices to make crossing 82nd easier. There will be improved street signs, a

left-turn arrow to make it safer to turn at Burnside, and barriers to prevent motorists from taking shortcuts through the Chinese Village restaurant parking lot.

In separate projects, ODOT also plans similar improvements to the 82nd Avenue intersections with Southeast Duke Street and Northeast Sandy Boulevard, Mason says.

The longer-range study also will evaluate possible new pedestrian crossings between the major signaled intersections.

Mason expects to work closely with city staff from the Bureau

of Planning and Sustainability and Portland Bureau of Transportation.

The study won't resolve whether Portland should take over control of 82nd Avenue, Mason says, as that's expected to take longer than a year to decide. That could require protracted negotiations between ODOT and the city on the possible transfer of state funds to maintain 82nd.

As most Portlanders are aware, the city budget for maintaining existing streets is thin, prompting a controversial plan at City Hall to raise taxes.

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Waxenfelter murder suspect in custody

By Isabel Gautschi
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — Almost a year after the fatal shooting of Grady Waxenfelter, the prime suspect in his murder has been arrested.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's Office has issued a statement that Dirck Morgan White, 42, was wounded after allegedly leading Los Angeles Police Department Officers on a foot chase and firing on them when police confronted him about a motor-vehicle burglary on Sunday, Nov. 30.

White is being treated at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center under police guard. He is listed in critical condition.

White could face charges of attempted murder of a police officer in addition to murder and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Waxenfelter, a married father of three and Estacada First Baptist Church elder, was shot

to death at Highway 224 and Amisigger Road the morning of Thursday, Feb. 6.

According to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, Waxenfelter, in his capacity as Clackamas County weighmaster, pulled White over for hauling wood in a truck trailer without a license plate.

White had been working as a delivery driver for O'Malley Brothers Trucking.

During the traffic stop, White allegedly shot Waxenfelter in the head and drove away.

The homicide was witnessed by a civilian passenger in Waxenfelter's vehicle, according to the Sheriff's Office.

White was quickly named as the prime suspect in the murder.

He also was wanted on a Pierce County weapons charge and for questioning in a child rape case.

For months the Clackamas County Sheriff's

Office and U.S. Marshals office searched for White.

The Sheriff's Office released information about an alleged April 5 citing of White in Iowa, but issued no further statements about White's suspected whereabouts.

Meanwhile, following a damning report on the Clackamas County Weighmaster program, the county ordered a halt to traffic stops and the patrol functions of the Weighmaster program.

The internal county report had concluded that the Weighmaster Program in the Transportation Maintenance Division had virtually no policies, procedures or safety equipment for its routine patrols.

Waxenfelter's widow, Tedra, planned to sue the county for \$2.75 million in a wrongful death suit, but the county agreed to settle for \$700,000.

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ment of an undergraduate marine studies program and an extension of Newport's Hatfield Marine Science Center, including a new building.

The College of Science already offers a marine science option through the biology major, but the marine studies program will offer students a different kind of marine education.

Pantula said that marine science is the backbone of marine studies; however, marine studies is an opportunity to take science to education and policy. Science policy is a big part of the initiative and one of the reasons why the program is being started.

"If you think about it writ large, if that incredible learning environment in Newport can become part of the university's academic offerings for the whole campus — not just for those studying fisheries or oceanography or atmospheric sciences, but for students in virtually any area of study, such as social science or writing — that is truly unique," President Ed Ray said of the initiative in the fall 2014 issue of the Oregon Stater.

Jane Lubchenco, advisor and distinguished professor in the department of integrative biology, described Ray as the initiative's "strongest champion."

The marine studies program would be one that cuts across college lines.

"The vision would be that it is multi-college," Pantula said. "This is a discussion that is ongoing; we want to make sure that students have a good mentoring advisor."

The main colleges involved include the College of Science, College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences, College of Engineering and the College of Agricultural Sciences; all the colleges are involved to some extent.

Currently, colleges are submitting information on pertinent classes and faculty that would be beneficial to the future marine studies program.

"The initiative is catalyzing exciting new discussion and opportunity here in Corvallis and Newport," Lubchenco said. "There is serious engagement around the key questions and the opportunity to integrate across all of the major units of the university. This is truly a cross-OSU endeavor."

Since completion of the project will not be for many years — fundraising isn't expected to be completed until June 2017 — current students will most likely not experience the impact of these efforts.

"First thing, (students) will have access to excellent researchers," Pantula said. "We are actually engaging in considerate effort to recruit new faculty. New faculty focuses on student success, student experiences and enhanced diversity."

The university is committed to developing this program, and within the next year, will hire six new faculty members with the marine studies initiative in mind.

The new program will bring with it expanded course offerings and more opportunities for experiential learning at the coast. Experiential learning opportunities would be experiences like doing marine research, working aboard research vessels or working with marine agency workers.

The biggest impact would be seen at the HMSC. With a new building comes the opportunity for students to spend a year or two studying at the center.

"We have had tremendous support for the marine studies initiative within the Hatfield Marine Science Center community," said Maryann Bozza, HMSC program director. "The initiative will dramatically increase the opportunities available to undergraduates."

The new Newport building will initially focus on quality hands-on student education, according to Lubchenco.

"We have ample evidence from the College of Science's marine biology class taught at Newport each spring that immersive experiences can be transformative for students," Lubchenco said. "The lessons learned from decades of experience with this class and

others are informing design of this new program. But of course the program will integrate across both campuses, drawing upon and strengthening the expertise and facilities in both Corvallis and Newport."

The initiative would also give coastal community college students an opportunity to complete their four-year degrees at the HMSC.

"A major part of the initiative is about workforce development and training problem solvers who have a foundation in core subjects, deal with big data and computational skills and — more importantly — have good communication skills to work across scientific and policy borders," Pantula said. "It is bringing all our colleges together which helps students to work in teams harmoniously. It will also have an impact on students from various parts of Oregon, especially from the coastal communities."

The initiative is predicted to cost the university \$65 million. The new building at the HMSC alone will cost \$50 million. An additional \$15 million will be need for hiring professors, funding student scholarships and providing graduate fellowships.

If the university can raise \$5 million in fundraising and receive \$25 million from the state, an additional \$20 million will be donated to the initiative.

"The ocean is central to life on Earth and essential for a prosperous and healthy future for people. Yet we are squandering its precious resources and risking our future," Lubchenco said. "Innovation, holistic approaches and bright young minds are key to tackling and addressing challenges such as food security, clean energy, human health, prosperous and resilient communities, abundant wildlife and a deep understanding of ourselves, our history and our future. OSU's vast expertise, geography, focus on the practical and ability to evolve position us well for these opportunities."

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Fears of social media, condemnation keep parents silent

By Carol McAlice Currie
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — An education researcher is convinced that a culture of exploitation is going unchecked in coaching because parents and students are afraid of voicing concern to school authorities.

Professor Charol Shakeshaft, who prepares school administrators to become district superintendents in the department of education at Virginia Commonwealth University, in Richmond, and who wrote a key report about educator sexual misconduct for the U.S. Department of Education a decade ago, said adult sexual misconduct in the nation's schools is a growing issue that parents and taxpayers have a right to be informed about.

She added that the DOE is currently investigating ways to obtain more reliable evidence on the extent of sexual abuse in schools.

She cited a variety of reasons why families remain silent when they suspect a coach of having an inappropriate relationship with a student athlete.

They fear being ostracized in the community and accused of trying to destroy a school's reputation. But there is also a very real concern that in this digital age, their children might be castigated on social media sites.

Such may be the case in West Salem, where a former girls' assistant basketball coach was recently sentenced to 38 months in prison for sexually abusing one teen girl. Despite district attorney and newspaper investigations, many

in the community appear to have imposed a gag order on themselves.

Some parents of athletes also worry that their child will be punished for the adult's reporting actions. In other words, if a parent calls on an administrator or coach to make a mandatory report to another employee of the school, their child's playing time could be reduced — retribution for breaking the silence.

"We have to find a way to make these parents understand that they have a responsibility to help get these kids into help now. Sex abuse leaves scars that can last a lifetime," Shakeshaft said.

She believes campuses, including high schools, are under-reporting sex abuse, and then taking cover behind FERPA regulations, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of students' education records.

"FERPA wasn't created to protect criminals and hide assault behind it," Shakeshaft said.

Parents are busy, she said. "We get that. Their child comes home and tells them that a coach was getting too familiar with another player, and the parent warns their child not to be alone on a bus with that coach, to avoid being alone in the gym with that coach, etc.," Shakeshaft said.

They protect their own child, but miss the bigger picture, the larger threat, she said.

"Then when they learn that the coach admitted to harming another player, they're embarrassed by how little they did, so they don't want to say they knew."

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mer break. The most frequent crimes are alcohol-related: citations for minors-in-possession or driving under the influence of intoxicants.

The lulls in chaos leave time for law enforcement officers to focus on improving the general safety of the population. After all, the OSP mission statement, as provided on their website,

is "to enhance livability and safety by protecting the people, property and natural resources of the state."

Quiet nights also give time for officers to focus on educating the public and working on internal affairs of the Department of Public Safety at OSU.

Graves said he doesn't mind the boring nights because in law enforcement, a busy night is not necessarily a positive

thing.

"A good patrol night is any patrol night that I get to go home and I haven't hurt myself or hurt somebody," he said. "A really good night is maybe when I've been able to intervene with someone that's in crisis and help them get refocused or get them the help they need. That's a good night."

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LIONFISH

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native species recover," Green said in the release. "And we don't have to catch every lionfish to do it."

Lionfish are a species of fish native to the Pacific Ocean. Lionfish have a distinctive appearance, including vivid stripes and long, venomous spines. Their appearance in the Gulf of

Mexico has escalated into a massive invasion up the eastern coast of the United States as well as Bermuda, the Caribbean and the Bahamas, according to the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

As voracious predators, they threaten native species and the fragile ecosystems of coral reefs, which already face challenges such as global warming and pollution.

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GRADS

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OSU hosts a greater number of research assistantships than teaching assistantships, and the CGE has established a collaborative relationship with the administrative negotiators.

"We have an extremely supportive administration at OSU that has been very helpful in our bargaining efforts and improving our quality of life," said Drew Hatlen, a master's student in interdisciplinary studies with a focus in adult education and the Associated Students of Oregon State University director of graduate affairs.

David Blake, the vice president of human resources and the chief negotiator for OSU, takes pride in a more collab-

orative approach in bargaining, especially with CGE.

"Our goal in bargaining is always to come up with a mutually beneficial perspective for both the university and the union," Blake said. "It is important to find the similarities than get stuck on the differences."

The stalemate at U of O is creating a tense campus culture. One-third of the classes at U of O are taught by graduate employees, according to the GTFF website, and the union is prepared to postpone and cancel classes and final exams if their demands are not met by the university.

GTFF states that it would take only \$52,000 from the university annually to give the requested two weeks of emergency leave to graduate employees, only a fraction of

the \$11 million surplus U of O saw last academic year.

"The threat of a successful strike against a higher authority is one of the things that could motivate someone to concede," Andrews said.

With a growing graduate culture at both state universities, CGE and GTFF have expressed interest in gaining seats on their respective board of trustees. They are looking to pursue a bill in the state legislature to make this happen, but for now, are just focused on making this next big step.

"A win at University of Oregon with GTFF would pave the way for us in continuing these conversations," Hatlen said.

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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion and Duck redshirt junior Marcus Mariota share a moment after the Civil War in Corvallis on Nov. 29.

Out of the Box

By Josh Worden
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Senior quarterback Sean Mannion played his final game at Oregon State in the loss to the Ducks, leaving Reser Stadium with one touchdown, no interceptions and 162 yards — the fewest yards he ever totaled in a Civil War. It was his first game against the Ducks, however, with no interceptions.

Mannion never completed more than two consecutive passes Saturday, while Oregon's junior quarterback Marcus Mariota never had consecutive incompletions.

Mariota had as many touchdowns as incompletions — six each, with four passing touchdowns and two rushing scores.

On Mariota's six passes that came right after his six incompletions, the Heisman contender went 6-for-6 with 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Of Mannion's 162 passing yards, 105 came on third downs. He was 10-for-13 on third downs and 9-for-26 otherwise.

The Beavers, the worst Pac-12 team all year in terms of third down conversions, went 7-for-18 against the Ducks, despite facing an average of 9.9 yards to go on third downs.

In the four games leading up to the Civil War, the OSU wide receivers had been on hot streaks: sophomore Victor Bolden and freshman Jordan Villamin had strung together 462 and 412 yards, respectively, with a combined five touchdowns. Against the Ducks, Bolden and Villamin combined for 19 receiving yards and no scores.

Saturday's game marked the fifth consecutive time Mannion threw one more touchdown pass than interceptions in a contest. He's finished with that stat eight times this season, more than his first three years at OSU combined.

Junior running back Storm Woods had a career day with 128 yards and a touchdown. It was the most yards Woods has totaled in his last 29 games — his career-high of 161 yards game against Arizona in 2012.

Woods moved up the career record books Saturday, surpassing former OSU players JJ Young (1991-1994) and Bill Enyart (1966-1968) in rushing yards. Woods now has 2,183 yards with one year of eligibility remaining. Ken Simonton has an insurmountable lead at No. 1, however, with 5,044 career yards.

Oregon had 31 different players record a tackle Saturday.

The Ducks had just two games coming into the Civil War with no points off turnovers — including their loss to Arizona — and recorded their third such game Saturday.

Civil War shenanigans struck late: there were two turnovers in the game, but they both came on the same play: a 'double-fumble' in the fourth quarter that gave OSU a first down after a fourth-and-28 attempt.

The last shall be first: the final defensive play of the year for Oregon State was a safety; the first safety OSU has forced this year and the first in their last 23 games.

The OSU seniors played their final collegiate game Saturday. They finished 24-26 through four years with two bowl appearances.

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The Beavers women's volleyball team celebrates together after a dominating performance during the Civil War against the U of O Ducks at home on Nov. 28.

Beaver history continues

■ For only third time in program history, women's volleyball heads to postseason

By Sarah Kerrigan
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

Volleyball fans came out in force to support the Oregon State women's team at the NCAA tournament selection showing Sunday night.

Fortunately they were not disappointed in the result of the selection that have been a long time coming for the Beavers.

The selection show took place in the Lodge at Reser Stadium where more than just fans collected to watch. The pep band made an appearance, along with the cheerleaders and even OSU athletic director Bob De Carolis.

At about five minutes until the show was set to start, everyone gathered around the viewing area and waited in suspense for it to be 5:30 p.m.

Unfortunately for the players and fans, the basketball game against Rhode Island and Georgia Tech that was on ran late, forcing players and fans alike to wait longer in suspense.

"I kind of liked it because it builds it up a lot, so

to have the basketball game delaying it, made us more excited," said freshman outside hitter Mary-Kate Marshall.

The show finally got underway around 5:45 p.m. and started with the top four seeds, including the top two Pac-12 teams, Stanford and Washington.

The Beavers didn't have to wait much longer after the announcement of the top four seeds, because they were selected in the first bracket.

Volleyball is a game where teams celebrate after every point, so celebratory screams are something the team is accustomed to. However, when their name popped up on the screen, there was a celebration like none before.

"I don't even know, it was very stressful. I was holding hands with my two roommates and we were just thinking," Marshall said. "We knew after we beat Oregon that we had a really good chance of making it in, and it was really exciting watching it pop up."

"It is all I could ever ask for honestly. This has been the goal ever since I came to Oregon State, and so to finally accomplish that it's just a dream

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Volleyball cleans house in Civil War

■ Oregon State sends seniors off with victory in lopsided Civil War win

By Sarah Kerrigan
 THE DAILY BAROMETER

The stage was set perfectly for the Beavers (19-13, 9-11 Pac-12) to pull an upset at home against the No. 13 Oregon Ducks (21-9, 11-9).

It was seniors night. It was the largest crowd of the season at 2,087 fans. It was the Civil War, during which anything can happen.

It was a game for the ages and one for the record books, as Oregon State toppled Oregon in the Civil War game that was the last of inconference play for both teams.

"That is a great win for our program and a great statement for our seniors, who have worked really hard," said head coach Terry Liskevych.

Each of the four Oregon State seniors — setter Tayla Woods, outside hitter Laura Shaudt and middle blockers Amanda Brown and Arica Nassar — had an excellent match against Oregon.

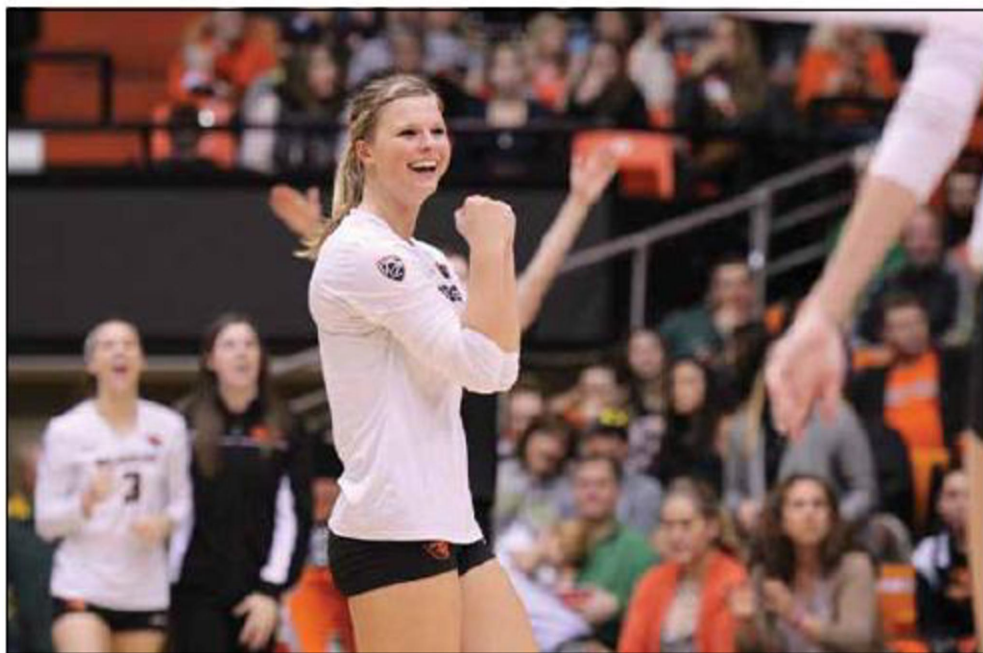
"They played awesome, and that's a great tribute to them," Liskevych said. "You know sometimes you can let the emotion of the moment really screw you up with that, but they all played great."

Woods earned her 3,000 assist in the fourth set, making her the fifth player in OSU history to reach that mark. Fellow senior Nassar made in into the record books as well with her first kill of the match, which gave her 1,000 career kills. Nassar is the second player to have 1,000 career kills and more than 500 blocks in school history.

"Those are big milestones. Tayla had 3,000 assists and with Arica, she has had an amazing career here," Liskevych said.

Brown had an excellent game with

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Freshman defensive specialist Hannah Troutman celebrates after the Beavers scored a point against the Ducks on Nov. 28.

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Civil War: Seven in a row for U of O

■ Oregon State senior football players end careers in 47-19 blowout loss against rival Oregon Ducks

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

That's it for the Beavers. After losing on senior day to the No. 2 Ducks, Oregon State finishes its season with a 5-7, 2-7 Pac-12 record. The Beavers needed six wins to qualify for a bowl game, and the Ducks' 47-19 victory in the 2014 Civil War ensured that another win would not happen. The Ducks now own a seven-game winning streak in the Civil War dating back to 2008. Meanwhile, the Ducks (11-1, 8-1) slayed another beast in their quest for a national title. The Ducks will play for the Pac-12 Championship this Friday when they face the leader of the Pac-12 South: Arizona. A win there will surely place them in the College Football Playoffs and playing for the national title.

The Beavers will watch from home. In Saturday's game, the Ducks sustained a few drives early, while the Beavers fell short. The Ducks hit on big plays; the Beavers didn't

hit much of anything. All told, the Ducks scored a lot of points and the Beavers did not.

As lopsided as the score was by game's end, it was largely impacted by a few short yards in the early going. On the Beavers' opening possession, trailing 6-0, they had reached the U of O 30-yard line and were faced with third-and-1. The Beavers handed the ball off to junior running back Storm Woods, but Woods was stopped short of the first down mark. On fourth-and-1, rather than attempt a 47-yard field goal, the Beavers elected to go for it, and that too fell short.

On their next possession, the Beavers had gained 23 yards and two first downs, already when they were faced with a third-and-8. Senior quarterback Sean Mannion threw a pass over the middle to senior tight end Connor Hamlett, but Hamlett was tackled seven yards downfield when the team needed eight.

The Beavers' next two possessions went nowhere, and they failed to convert on any of their first four, third-down tries.

The Ducks, on the other hand, couldn't be stopped. Oregon converted 4-of-5 third down conversions, and the only time they didn't convert, they still scored a field goal. The Ducks shot out to a 30-0 lead before the Beavers managed a field goal to close the first half.

At the half, the Ducks had more than doubled the Beavers' total offense: 365 yards to 159. The Ducks had 244 yards through the air, as well as 121 yards on the ground.

"Obviously, we're really disappointed in not being in that game to compete," said head coach Mike Riley. "In the first half, we gave up too many big plays defensively. The yardage totals were pretty staggering, and so were the points. And then offensively, we never sustained anything, really. We had that early little drive there and then we missed on fourth down — I thought that was big."

The Beavers played better in the second half, although the game was out of hand by then. Mannion completed a 20-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Hunter Jarmon for the Beavers' first touchdown of the game.

Woods scored the team's second touchdown on a three-yard touchdown run in the beginning of the fourth quarter. However, those scores only got the Beavers within 23 points of the Ducks, who scored in every quarter.

With no wins in the past seven years against the Ducks, no OSU senior ever got to experience a Civil War victory during their career at OSU.

"It's sad, because this is my family I've been with for four years," said senior defensive end Dylan Wynn. "All the seniors are a little bit down, but my big message to the underclassmen was to remember this feeling... remember this feeling and, going into the offseason, do everything you can to get better. (I) let them know that I will always be there for them, and thanked them for everything they've done."

"I think the future is very bright," Mannion said. "If you look at our team, we had a lot of young guys playing — especially on offense this year. I think they've all gotten better as the year has gone on. This is a great program with a great coaching staff from top-to-bottom, and everyone works hard."



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Junior running back Storm Woods celebrates after running one in against the Ducks on Nov. 29 in Reser Stadium.

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come true," said senior setter Tayla Woods.

After a season of 0-18 in-conference play, the Beavers entered this season hungry to make a name for themselves and always had the tournament in mind.

"The best Athletes overcome the hard times and push through and I think that's what our team chose to do," said Woods. We could have let last season push us down but instead we used it as a building block to be better."

Oregon State had a much improved season with a conference record of 9-11 and an overall record of 19-12. Several of their conference wins were upsets of ranked opponents

including two decisive wins against USC and Oregon.

"It's an unbelievable turnaround," said associate head coach Mark Barnard. "I think that the thing about last year was losing so much and still we were a good team. I think that showed us if we could ever win, we could really get going, because we had such a great team unity."

The Beavers were able to gain momentum as the season wore on and became tournament eligible halfway through the season, not an easy task for any team in the highly competitive Pac-12.

"It is a remarkable transition getting into and the tournament is big. This program has only been in the tournament twice before," said head coach Terry Liskevych. "The other

part that makes it really special is that the Pac-12 is the best it's ever been in the 10 years that I have been here."

The Pac-12 is the toughest conference in the nation with this season sporting — on average — eight teams in the top-25 rankings every week.

"We know that Pac-12 is the best conference, so to prove that we can not only compete but also beat them, it's like icing on the cake," Woods said.

Oregon State was just one of 10 teams from the Pac-12 to make the tournament this year, which is a conference record. The only two teams not eligible to make the tournament were Washington State and Cal.

Long stretches away from home have prepared the team for what is now in-store for them within the confines of the

tournament.

"It prepares us no doubt, because playing away every match is hard, so it's exactly what we are going to face this weekend," Barnard said. "We play NCAA tournament teams every weekend, usually we played two of them, so I can't see anything but benefit from that."

Oregon State puts their conference-ready skills to the test this Friday in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Creighton in Topeka, Kan.

"These kids are special and I think we could go far in the tournament, we just have to take it one game at a time," Liskevych said.

The first-round match will take place on Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

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VOLLEYBALL

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11 kills hitting .348, eight blocks and two timely aces. It was one of her best matches of the season.

Shaudt had a good send off in Gill, with five kills on no errors and three blocks.

"Amanda had a great blocking game, I give her credit for that," Nassar said. "We had a good reading game. I feel like we waited for her to set the ball, we waited until they came into our zone and stuck our hands up there."

On the whole, the Beavers had a fantastic blocking night, combining for 14 team blocks and holding an offensively productive Oregon team to .174 hitting on the night and only .032 in the fourth set.

"I thought we really blocked well, and in that fourth set we really went after them serving," Liskevych said.

Where the Beavers have sometimes struggled in consistent serving, they brought their A game in the Civil War with seven aces on the night and four of them coming in the fourth set.

"We just had the momentum the last game; it was all on our side. I mean Tayla serving tough, Lila serving tough, Katelyn came out with some huge swings, and that dig by Darby — it was just beautiful," Nassar said.

The Beavers took the match 3-1. The fourth and final set was a display of pure dominance with a score of 25-12. At one point, the Beavers held the lead at 20-4, a 16-point margin against the Ducks.

The game was over within the first 12 points, and everyone in the stands knew it. With the score at 10-2, Oregon called its second and final timeout of the match, but to no avail.

"They were all lined up on the side line like this, just so mad, hands on their hips, just mad," Brown said. "It was awesome to get the win, especially when it's the Ducks."

Oregon State controlled the set with tough service from the start, and maintained it throughout the game. From its great serves, the other aspects of their game flourished, including its blocking and digging.

"I think we started out on a roll, got a couple of points on a serve, a couple of

aces there and we just continued serving them tough," Liskevych. "Both teams are good digging teams and we out-dug them which is good for us."

The first set was very evenly matched, as evident through the 17 tied scores and nine lead changes. The Beavers were able to secure the first win with extra points at 27-25.

The Beavers took that moment and rolled into the second set, swinging and performing like a well-oiled machine and went into the break up 2-0 on a 25-18 win.

Oregon came out of the time out hungry for a win, and were able to get one over on the Beavers 21-25, but then the Ducks had little to say in the fourth set as they were out-classed by Oregon state.

"It feels good inside to know that we won our last conference game as seniors. The last time we beat Oregon was our freshman season at home, and we are just going to take that with us," Nassar said.

The Beavers will move into the post-season after being selected on Saturday.

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Editorial

U of O grad students deserve fair wages

Approximately 15,000 graduate students from the University of Oregon are going to strike at some point in the upcoming weeks.

Their reasoning revolves around salary, parental leave and medical care — qualities currently lacking in the teaching assistant side of the graduate program at U of O.

Talks between U of O and the Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation have been happening throughout the school year in an attempt to avoid the inevitable.

So far, success has been nonexistent.

If the strike goes through, U of O is looking at the final two weeks of fall term without teaching assistants, classes and tests not held for thousands of students and a lot of money at stake.

We can't blame the grad students of U of O — swapping shoes for a minute, we would be angry too.

Especially if we looked at the grad program at Oregon State University and saw the huge discrepancy in payment alone.

Grad and Postdoctoral students at OSU are paid approximately \$42,000 per year with annual increments per year. In addition, they receive health insurance and a flexible attitude toward vacation, sick and family medical leave, according to the university's website.

Grad students at U of O are paid \$29,706 to \$24,906 per year and offered some forms of insurance, but "are encouraged to use the University Health Center which offers a comprehensive menu of services conveniently and at low-cost (most visits cost \$10)," according to the university website for GTFE.

The difference between payments is ridiculous.

Don't get us wrong, OSU had to go through some labor pains in terms of rightful payment — it was only in April 2014 that classified staff members were demonstrating in front of the Kerr Administration building to acquire payment.

OSU has been through its rough stretches, awkward moments and attempts to communicate more efficiently.

But as an institution, it tries to do right by its students.

When there is an issue to be had, the school does what it can to even the playing field.

If we shout, they listen.

Grad students should absolutely be paid more — they are hauling in the same amount of work, if not more, than the average undergraduate, and typically teaching on top of this giant hypothetical sundae.

We wish the grad students at U of O the best of luck and end with fact that our grad students' salaries are just one of the benefits of not soaking every last penny into an athletic program.

We don't always "sportsball," but when we do, we decide to put our students before the advertising campaigns.

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Seek sources for good news

I've got bad news and good news. The bad news is that the world is messed up and life is hard. The good news is that not everything is messed up and humans get better at dealing with bad news as we grow.

The perspective in a world where war, violence, disease, crime and struggle make up the major part of the information that we consume.

The good news is that perspective and attitude can be balanced by intentionally adding positive information to your media diet.

I am not advising affirmations, inspirational quotes and feel-good stories.

I am referring to developments and events in economics, business, medicine, science, technology, environment, politics, education, athletics, culture and society that work towards the general well-being of people and planet.

Real moments of progress and purpose happen all the time, though you'd not suspect that from the major news media or the trolls of talk radio and TV.

Given the negativity of our major news media, it seems rational for intelligent, caring people to avoid it, but those are precisely the people who the world needs to be best informed. I mean you — all of the sources referenced in this article are available on my blog, jon.dorbolo.com — and bookmarks feed.

So if to you the world appears to be going to dystopia in a hand basket, please consider some alternative information. For instance:

Crime overall in the United States has declined steeply and steadily since the early 1990s and is approaching an all-time low; this is especially true for violent crime.

No one knows why crime is declin-

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ing, and none of the usual explanations hold for this trend.

Steven Pinker — Harvard University — thinks that he does know why violence is declining, and in his book "The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined" (2011) argues that violence and cruelty have been diminishing through most of human history and that we are headed towards a more peaceful and humane future.

Russian geneticist Dmitri Belyaev (1917-1985) conducted a remarkable experiment that showed that the domestication of silver foxes changed both the personalities and physical traits of the animals; they became gentler and cuter.

Some contemporary researchers believe that similar changes are occurring in the human species; that is, we are becoming gentler and more physically juvenile than our ancestors; this research is recounted in a RadioLab episode titled "New Nice."

Research these ideas for yourself and also check out edge.org, where the Annual Edge Question is posed to a lot of brilliant people in order to "arrive at the edge of the world's knowledge, seek out the most complex and sophisticated minds, put them in a room together and have them ask each other the questions they are asking themselves."

In particular I recommend the 2007 issue "What Are You Optimistic About?"

Read the GoodNewsNetwork (GNN), which reports real news that is also good news.

GNN editor GeriWeis-Corbey landed a job with TV network CNN just out

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of college.

She told her boss, "There should be a good news show. He informed me that good news doesn't sell — but the idea gnawed at me like sand in an oyster."

She quit CNN, started GNN and became the first expert in the field of positive news in the U.S.

In the U.K. there is Positive News, a "solution-focused newspaper, reporting on people and initiatives that are creating a sustainable, just and fulfilling world."

The DailyGood is another credible source, which leans to the inspirational side of information.

You already know where to get the bad news, and perhaps were exposed to plenty of it — along with expert commentaries from relatives — over the holiday break.

Using those sources is a rational way to balance your media diet in order to draw grounded inferences about the world.

If you know of quality good news sources and good ideas of any kind, please send them to me.

Have a good dead week and don't let the stress get you down — Dr. Tech believes in you.

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The Satire Emporium

Keep calm, study on

You had the week off, but like all of us, you are back and probably ecstatic about it, too. Thanksgiving break is a blessing and a curse for students across the country.

Sure, you get a couple days off — time to spend with loved ones and oh so delicious food — but you also feel duped.

With a week off, your body finally has acclimated to not having to read a textbook or cram for a stress-induced scantron test.

Just when you thought you were ready to relax, they pull you back in — just in the nick of time for dead week and finals.

This is, as basketball players would say, the "bottom of the ninth."

Wink.

It's our last push to prove to ourselves and our disappointed parents that the whole academic probation thing last year was the exception, not the rule.

Whether you're a freshman or a senior about to graduate after this term, we are all thinking the same things.

When can I watch "Elf"?

Is school necessary?

Can I make it for two more weeks?

Will my teacher give me at least one extra credit point?

Whenever you want, maybe, perhaps and from what I keep hearing from my professor "Alec you've asked me that 50 times, the answer is still no."

Now that you have these pearls of wisdom, it's time to use them effectively.

Finals week is always stressful, but right before winter is not as bad as it could be.

Hot cocoa and peppermint lattes?

You betcha.

Getting lied to by weatherman about the chance of snow?

Definitely.

Unlike other terms, this upcoming finals week will be a least a little bit cozier for you than the others you will have, and with a bigger reward at the end: weeks off from school.

I mentioned study tips last year and how to go about navigating the minefield that is standardized testing — if you missed it, well sorry — have fun failing.

Basically though, the premise is that you need to just relax and not get too stressed out.

Sure, you are killing forests by the dozen as you write your 25 page single-spaced Calibri font paper on ethics, but take these 14 days one at a time.

Be sure to blow off steam — in a healthy way that doesn't involve you, the cops and jail time.

It's eyes-on-the-prize time, people.

Use this dead week as a springboard for success to succeed during exams and carry that momentum all the way home — then you can go into a post exam, caffeine-induced sleep coma. You can also then catch up on everything you've missed since being in school — like living your life.

Binge watch and get caught up on your favorite shows.

Finally play Assassins Creed Rogue.

Pick up Jazercise.

Just know everyone is in the same boat, so don't snap at someone for not making your Dutch Bros. latte tepid like you asked.

Have patience, stay calm and you'll do just fine.

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Arts & Entertainment

'Mockingjay - Part 1' doesn't hit bullseye

It is becoming more and more popular in the film industry to take a single novel and make it into two or more movies.

Sometimes it works great, as it did with the final two installments of the "Harry Potter" Franchise. Other times, it is not as successful and drags on a bit like "The Hobbit" series, which would have been better served as one or two movies.

"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1" leans more toward "The Hobbit" end of the multiple movies from one book spectrum, with the movie being much slower and less exciting than the excellent previous installments of the series.

We begin with Katniss — Jennifer Lawrence, if you've been living under a rock for two years — awaking in the underground rebel base, situated in the once thought aban-



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doned District 13, after being rescued from the chaos of the Quarter Quell games at the end of "Catching Fire."

The movie focuses on Katniss becoming the symbol for the rebellion against the Capitol, with rebel commanders getting her to partake in short propaganda films, putting her in real life danger to get the shots they need.

To combat this, the Capitol starts making some videos of their own, using interviews with Peeta (Josh Hutcherson), whose appearance becomes more and more emaciated with each new video, to try to con-

vince people that the rebellion is futile.

I thought that the now-sober Haymitch (Woody Harrelson) was really underplayed in this movie.

In the previous films, he was a big character, who had some great interaction with Katniss and Peeta.

However, in "Mockingjay - Part 1", he doesn't get enough opportunities to show those great interactions with her.

With Peeta and Cinna (Lenny Kravitz) gone, Katniss only has two friends: Gale (Liam Hemsworth), who finally gets some action and Haymitch, who she doesn't get to confide in much.

The scenes he is in are good; I just would have liked to see him more.

I haven't read the book series, but just based on watching the movie, I felt like director Francis Lawrence saturated everything he could, and a little more, out of the source material to make it into two movies.

This was a poor choice, because the third book does not even have the excitement of the actual Hunger Games that the first two did, which serves as a large portion of the story outside of all the politics.

Making two movies seems like such a money grab to me. The people behind the series decided that it was popular enough that they would just make two movies, because they know people will go, which people will.

Unfortunately, by doing this they sacrificed some of the quality of the story, as this third movie was pretty much just the setup to the final one, and lacked the interest of the first two films.

Overall, "Mockingjay - Part 1" isn't terrible, but does not hold up to its predecessors and serves more to the purpose of setting up the next movie than entertaining for itself.

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'Stalker' cringe-worthy in more ways than one

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What is it about shows with creepy criminal minds that bring viewers out of the woodwork?

"CSI" was once the most popular program on television, while its spin-offs, the similar "Law and Order" and "NCIS" also drew an enormous fan base tuning in to see the darkest side of human nature.

Enter CBS's "Stalker".

It's like those shows, but dumber and less apologetic about it.

I had heard more noise and more variety of opinions going into this show than any other I've covered.

Viewers seem to enjoy the grisly content and characters, while most critics blasted "Stalker" into oblivion for the exact same aspects.

The setup is — for lack of a better word — packaged.

It's simple, with worn tropes that are easy to swallow but don't win any points for originality.

It follows the cases of a Los Angeles stalker unit lead by detectives who, of course, have personal experience with the type of crime they investigate.

Our alleged hero Jack (Dylan McDermott) is a recent transfer from New York who moved in order to be closer to his wife and son.

One slight issue.

They moved to be further away from him.

Likewise, his boss Beth (Maggie Q) represents the other side of harassment as a former stalking victim.

I guess these two are there to inject some humanity into the idea of hounding someone like an animal, but the actual cases are so brutal — and occasionally silly — that it sort of ends up contradicting itself.

The tone is summed up quite nicely in the

first two minutes of the pilot.

Just an unsuspecting woman, minding her own business, when a Jason knockoff springs out of nowhere and tries to burn her alive via gasoline.

She hides in her car, so he starts burning that instead.

This woman sits screaming for a solid twenty seconds as the car rolls downhill before it explodes Michael Bay style.

I'm no expert on cars or being incinerated, but it occurred to me that a good notion might be to, I don't know, get out of the flaming vehicle.

That's not to say the show is a complete train wreck, although it does evoke a similar morbid curiosity.

The acting is passable, and I'll admit no matter how weird or unsettling things got, my attention was never anywhere but the screen.

I can understand why audiences keep tuning in even as reviewers try to tear "Stalker" apart.

There are currently nine episodes aired with two more to close the season.

If you enjoy crime dramas and don't mind a bit of familiarity, this might suit you, but fair warning: you may find yourself avoiding Facebook and watching your back a little more closely for a while.

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Hot cocoa adds dimension, pizzazz to holidays

With winter holidays and colder weather upon us, it is now an appropriate time to get into the holiday spirit.

Break out the sweaters, festive music and decorations.

To get into the spirit and warm up, a mug of hot chocolate is the key.

Hot chocolate makes the winter more bearable and eases everyone into the holidays. It is sweet, warm and cheers everyone up. We drink it while we do our holiday shopping, watch movies and hang out with friends.

Hot chocolate is even better when finished off with marshmallows or whipped cream.

This is a tried and true way of making hot chocolate, but there are more ways to spice it up and get creative with a classic hot drink. Peppermint pairs well with the holidays and tastes great with hot chocolate.



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Food Critic

To make a minty holiday treat, combine one cup of milk, a half cup of chocolate chips and one teaspoon of peppermint extract in a saucepan over medium heat until the chocolate is melted and everything is mixed.

Using a whisk will help to make sure all the chocolate is melted and mixed well with the milk. One of my favorite revamps of hot chocolate is an Aztec-inspired blend.

To make this drink, combine a cup of milk, five ounces of chopped dark chocolate, one-fourth teaspoon of cinnamon and a small pinch of cayenne

pepper in a saucepan over medium heat.

What I enjoy about this variation of hot chocolate is the spice from the cayenne.

Dark chocolate and spice pair well together, because the heat from the pepper brings out the flavors in the chocolate.

It is sweet, spicy and kicks up your taste buds, and can be enjoyed after the holidays as well.

This next hot chocolate recipe is inspired by a classic cake and lends it color and flavor to a mug instead of on a plate.

Red velvet hot chocolate is fun to make and drink when it is cold out and when you want some fun color to mix

up your beverage or fuel your holiday celebrations.

In a pan over medium heat, mix two cups of milk, a half cup of semi-sweet chocolate and a half-teaspoon of red food coloring. Combine all ingredients until the chocolate is fully melted. Top off this recipe with whipped cream or vanilla whipped cream — add a few drops of vanilla extract to store-bought or home-made whipped cream.

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