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CAPS

On the road to recovery

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After many struggles with Snell Hall, Counseling and Psychological Services office renovations approved

By Kat Kothen
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When he heard about the conditions of Counseling and Psychological Services Snell Hall offices last fall, Trevor Byrd, an Associated Student of Oregon State University senator and a junior in political science, was shocked.

"We were all kind of surprised that an office on campus would be in such a state of disrepair," Byrd said.

Marcey Bamba, the interim director of CAPS, spoke to the ASOSU Senate at the suggestion of the CAPS Advisory Board, a group of students in charge of approving budgets and decisions made for CAPS.

Bamba spoke to them to try to garner some support for CAPS, because at the time she felt "stuck."

Byrd said he felt he had to bring attention to the problems plaguing CAPS. In the end, he decided writing a letter to the university would be the best way to get the story heard.

"When I wrote the paper, I entitled it 'Why OSU Doesn't Care About Your Mental Health' because honestly, as a student, that's the message (the state of CAPS' offices) sends," Byrd said. "I personally believe, and I think a lot of people at ASOSU believe, that mental health is a central component

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Collaborative research on ocean acidification benefits Oregon

Concerted effort to improve bivalve health in Oregon has led to breakthrough findings

By Justin Frost
THE DAILY BAROMETER

George Waldbusser, an assistant professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, found his interest in the ocean and environment years ago as an undergraduate at St. John's University in New York.

"I worked on oyster recruitment as part of an effort to restore habitat around New York City," Waldbusser said. "I ended up being a teacher's assistant for a field course, and one of the people in the course didn't know that Manhattan, where we were going to school, was an island. That was pretty astounding."

Scientists and researchers often struggle to accurately convey their research findings to the public due to misinterpretation from both the press and the public. Now, as a professor, Waldbusser and his colleagues aim to improve public understanding of the environment and the role that oceanic organisms play in its maintenance. They also strive to solve issues plaguing various industries in Oregon and around the world.

In the past few years, shellfish hatcheries in Oregon have seen declining productivity from the shellfish populations. For answers, they reached out to researchers at Oregon State University.

"What is amazing about this project is that the shellfish hatcheries reached

out to the scientists at Oregon State in order to understand why their production numbers were falling," said Iria Gimenez, a graduate student in Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. "Our work was being done for Oregon's coastal community and ended up leading us to breakthrough findings regarding ocean acidification."

These findings have directly impacted the economy of Oregon, as bivalves (such as oysters) clean water and provide habitat and food for many species in the ocean, not to mention humans. There has been extensive public interest in the role ocean acidification plays in bivalve health in the northwest, according to Waldbusser. He is currently a collaborator in a National Science Foundation-funded study of the role bivalve health plays in northwest culture, community and economy.

"Many tribes and many rural populations rely on shellfish production to create jobs," Waldbusser said. "Ocean acidification affects the larvae of the shellfish by preventing proper development of their shell. We found that this was contributing to declining production of shellfish."

The chemistry behind this issue was difficult to decode at first, so Waldbusser collaborated with Burke Hales, a professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences with a strong background in chemistry as well as geology.

"What we found in this study is that as carbon dioxide levels rise in the atmosphere, they rise in the ocean," Hales said. "This forms carbonic acid,

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MEGHAN VANDEWETTERING | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Socratic club faculty adviser Gary Ferngren (left) and Socratic club President Braden Anderton (right) help promote the ideals of the Socratic club, such as debate and dialogue on topics in religion and philosophy.

Up for debate: Socratic club challenges beliefs

Socratic club challenges people to debate, discuss major questions in religion, philosophy

By Meghan Vandewettering
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Braden Anderton, president of Oregon State University Socratic club, reclined in his armchair and recalled a recent Socratic club event: "Does Absolute Truth exist, and does it matter?"

The debate the club hosted on campus between Michael Gurney and Michael Patton in November is one

that Anderton remembers vividly.

"Both speakers understood each other," Anderton said. "Because of this, you really got to the heart of the matter: Can we trust that our thoughts and what we perceive about the external world really correlate with that the world is actually like?"

Can individuals believe that their perception is truth? Did Jesus of Nazareth claim to be God? How can people understand Christian Hell and the love of God? Was the resurrection of Jesus recorded fact or a narrative of faith?

When OSU Professor of History Gary Ferngren found-

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Saturday, January 10

Neglecting the signs

Just before 2 a.m. Saturday, a Benton County Sheriff's Office officer pulled over a man for allegedly failing to obey a traffic control device. According to the officer's log, the officer determined that the man was unable to drive safely and transported the man to the Benton County Jail. At the jail, the man was allegedly found to have a 0.11 percent blood-alcohol content. The officer logged that the man then received citations for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving before jail officials released him.

Driving the wrong way

Around 3 a.m. Saturday, a BCSO officer pulled over a man who had allegedly been driving the wrong way down 3rd Street in downtown Corvallis. A brief investigation ensued and, according to the officer's logs, he arrested the man for failure to obey a one-way designation and driving under the influence of intoxicants. The man's alleged blood-alcohol content was 0.14 percent.

Friday, January 9

Unholy altercation

Friday morning, an officer from the Corvallis Police Department reported to a church on Southwest Madison Avenue following complaints of a fight. According to officer logs, a man had gotten into a "disagreement" with a church staff member and allegedly started "kicking, punching and spitting" at the staff member before trying to kick out a window of

the church. The attending officer arrested the man for assault in the fourth degree, disorderly conduct in the second degree, harassment and attempted criminal mischief in the second degree.

Turn signals

A BCSO officer arrested a man during a routine traffic stop after discovering the man had an active warrant. The officer reported that he saw the man fail to signal a lane change while driving on Highway 20. After learning the man had a warrant out for his arrest, the officer logged that he took the man into custody for driving with a suspended license and a parole violation.

Monday, January 5

Public disorderly conduct

A man contacted the CPD Jan. 5 to report that a woman had allegedly vandalized his vehicle while he was at a gas station on Southwest 4th Street. According to CPD logs, a woman presumed to be in her 20s had "just wiped feces on the passenger's side door and handle" of the vehicle in which he had been a passenger. The man reportedly told officers that the woman became irate after he and the driver of the vehicle had refused to purchase alcohol for her. She then allegedly walked northbound "with her pants down, mooning them." An employee of the gas station was allegedly able to provide a name for the woman, as well as surveillance footage of the woman wiping something onto the vehicle. Officers were unable to locate the woman.

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Criminal mischief:

General criminal mischief is defined, under Oregon law, as acting "with intent to cause substantial inconvenience" to an owner of property or directly to an individual while having "no right to do so nor reasonable ground to believe (the perpetrator) has such a right."

Criminal mischief in the third degree simply involves intentional tampering or interfering with the property of another.

Oregon law considers a crime criminal mischief in the second degree if damages accrue a value greater than \$500.

Oregon considers a crime to be criminal mischief in the first degree should any one of a list of attributes be involved, including damages exceeding \$1,000, damages caused by an explosive or fire, involvement of livestock animals (livestock as defined by Oregon legislature) or damages to public services.

Information from Oregonlaws.org.

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Calendar

Wednesday, Jan 14

- Meeting
- The Waste Watchers**, 5:30-6:30pm, MU 222, Meet n' eat — nosh on pizza and meet people who share your interests in sustainability.
- Dixon Recreation Sports**, 9-10am, Dixon rec conference room, Board meeting.
- ASOSU House of Representatives**, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Weekly meeting.
- Student Deiversity Budget Board: Open Hearing**, 4:30-6:30pm, MU 207. Members of SDBB will be hearing budget presentations for FY'16 from the Pride Center, SOL, and Ettihad Cultural Center. 4:30pm: Pride Center & SOL, 5:30pm: ECC.

Thursday, Jan. 15

- Event
- Beaver's Digest**, 5-8pm, MU basement. Launch party for Beaver's Digest Magazine.
- Tobeau Hall Same-Day Clinic Ribbon Cutting and Open House**, 4-4:40-7pm, Learn how to schedule appointments online; clinic tours; snacks and giveaways. 1351 SW Washington.

Friday, Jan. 16

- Meetings
- Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE)**, 10-11:30am, MU Board Room 221.
- Events
- Gaming Club at OSU**, 8pm, MU Ballroom. It's Beavers vs. Ducks in this 3-day gaming marathon! Reservations required.

Saturday, Jan. 17

- Event
- Center for Civic Engagement**, 7:50am, MU Horizon room. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service 2015.

Monday, Jan. 19

- CAMPUS CLOSED
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY**

Wednesday, Jan. 21

- Meetings
- Dixon Recreational Sports**, 9-10am, Dixon Rec. Conference Room. Recreational
- Gaming Club at OSU**, 7pm, MU 222.

Thursday, Jan. 22

- Events
- Campus Recycling, SSI, Waste Watchers**, 5:30-7:30pm, OSU Used Store (644 SW 13th St.). January Repair Fair — Bring your broken items and volunteers will help you learn how to repair your belongings!

Friday, Jan. 23

- Meetings
- Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE)**, 10-11:30am, MU Board Room. Student Advisory Board, noon, Barometer conference room (120). Open budget meeting for FY'16.

Thursday, Jan 29

- Meetings
- Baha: Campus Association**, 12:30 pm, MU Talisman room. Empowering children and youth — A discussion.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

- Meetings
- Gaming Club at OSU**, 7 pm, MU 206.

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which reacts with basic species such as carbonate. Carbonate is a critical component in shell formation, and less carbonate in the ocean makes it difficult for shellfish to form their shells.

Getting this message to the public has been difficult, according to Hales, Waldbusser and Gimenez. Their work gains a fair share of media attention due to its interconnectivity with climate change and rising carbon dioxide levels.

"It is important that the public realizes that ocean acidification is not the central issue, but rather the role rising carbon dioxide levels play in carbonate sequestration in the ocean," Hales said. "We're fired up about this, as people are looking at the wrong variable. pH of the ocean isn't relevant so much as the fact that it is occurring due to increasing levels of carbon dioxide."

Through interdisciplinary work and critical evaluation of the issues at hand, Waldbusser's group has been able to uncover the key element at play and communicate that with both the shellfish growers of Oregon as well as the scientific community.

"If I can apply my science in an economically relevant way, it makes me feel even better about the work," Gimenez said. "It took a lot of effort to get this done; these findings should be a wake-up call regarding how we impact these marine ecosystems."

Justin Frost, news reporter

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Oregon's 10-year plan has been reimagined

By Hannah Hoffman

STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

The state of Oregon knows where it wants to be, and the answer can be found online.

The "10-Year Plan for Oregon" is not new. It was conceived in 2012 but remained largely buried in dozens of pages of academic jargon and a website buried within a website.

The new version was unveiled last week, and it is nothing if not spiffy.

The plan consists of two pieces: policy goals and data.

There are six policy areas, which are economy and jobs, education, healthy environment, healthy people, public safety and improving government. There is a political element to them, as each of those (except "improving government") also appeared in Gov. John Kitzhaber's recommended budget, and his office helped write the methodology for accomplishing the goals.

The data, however, did not come from a political font.

Department of Administrative Services Director Michael Jordan said the data was pulled from agencies and other sources across the state. It had to meet certain criteria. It had to come from a reliable source that has collected this data in the past, must be easy for the public to understand and must be available in a fashion that allows it to be broken down by county or by socioeconomic status, for example.

Ideally, Jordan said, it had to be available over time.

"This stuff is really only valuable if you can see trends over time," he said.

Jordan's plan is to convene a "summit" every two years to examine the evolving data and hold it against policies and programs the Oregon Legislature has approved to show whether they are working.

If a program doesn't serve its intended purpose, such as reducing poverty or increasing third-grade reading, it should be changed or replaced, he said. Too often the government doesn't know whether its programs are having an impact, and the marriage of long-term data trends with policy goals and methods will allow it to do so, Jordan said.

It is all useful data. What's more — it is fun and elegant to use.

For example, the "economy and jobs" section includes a map showing a time lapse of poverty rates in every Oregon county from 1990 to the present. It is a perfect way to show the change, which isn't in a positive direction.

Anyone working in a job that needs data for a report or project will love this. Anyone telling a story will love this. Jordan loves this.

The data allows lawmakers and government officials to start asking, "Why?" he said.

Why has poverty in Oregon been getting worse since long before the Great Recession? Why is the graduation rate in Estacada not quite 41 percent? Why were 54 out of 1,000 children being abused in Gilliam and Wheeler counties in 2012 while

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Fukushima radiation mapping in the Pacific could bolster climate science

By Jes Burns

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — Since the Japanese earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster of 2011, radiation has been drifting on ocean currents toward the West Coast of North America.

Scientists tracking the radiation are using their data not just to gauge threats to human health, but to bolster the science of climate change, as well.

"This is kind of an experiment that's never really been conducted before in our lifetime," says John Smith of Canada's Bedford Institute of Oceanography.

What's unique is that researchers know the exact origin and time frame the Fukushima radiation was released. Then, when they detected the radiation out in the ocean, they were able to create accurate maps of where and how quickly the radiation is moving.

Smith and a team of scientists used this to their advantage, publishing the first paper outlining the spread of cesium-137 eastward from Japan.

They concluded that since the radiation is coming over on ocean currents, the data they collected are good indicators of how currents in the northern Pacific

Ocean operate.

Scientists generally rely on computer models to predict how currents work. But for all its negative consequences for health and the environment, radiation in the Pacific Ocean is proving to have an upside for scientists: It's something you can actually follow as it moves through the water.

Now, with Smith's findings, they have real-time data to back those models up.

"It's a way to prove that these models actually work the way they're intended and that they're actually predicting reality," says Smith.

The reliability of these computer current models is important on several fronts.

First, they allow predictions of where and how much Fukushima radiation will make it to U.S. and Canadian shores.

Scientists say the radiation will not be concentrated enough to pose a threat to human health. Here's the math, so to speak:

Currently, scientists are finding levels of radioactive cesium-137 from Fukushima at about 2 Bq/m³ off the coast of British Columbia. This is slightly higher than ambient radiation levels in ocean water and about the same level of cesium-137

still in the ocean from atmospheric nuclear weapons tests of the last century.

EPA drinking water standards for cesium-137 is 7,400 Bq/m³.

Fukushima radiation levels are expected to increase before falling off again.

"The first arrival of the signal was off the coast of British Columbia, but it will take a little longer for the signal to work it's way down the western seaboard of the United States," Smith says.

Radiation levels from Fukushima are predicted to peak at about 3-5 Bq/m³ off Canada in 2015-16 before dropping back to background levels by 2021. Those dates are pushed forward for Washington, Oregon and California.

Still these levels will be far before government safety thresholds.

The second reason accurate current models are important is that they are a key tool used by scientist studying climate change.

"That's what these models are intended to do. That's how these models are used by... climatologists and physical oceanographers," says Smith.

Because climate patterns are so integrally linked to ocean currents and temperatures, having accurate computer models is invaluable to predictions about how climate change will affect humans and the environment.

The findings of Smith's team were published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

This is the kind of an experiment that's never really been conducted before in our lifetime.

John Smith

Canada Bedford Institute of Oceanography

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ed the OSU Socratic club in 2001, he aimed to provide the community of Corvallis with means to intellectually and civilly debate moral, religious and philosophical questions such as these.

"There was no venue on campus for debating serious issues that Christians believe," Ferngren said. "People would bring in speakers to talk about these subjects, but it was one-sided. I thought both sides ought to be presented."

Thanks to the Socratic club and its student officers, OSU continues to host a wide variety of religious leaders and academic experts to holistically debate big religious questions. According to Anderton, the officers represent a diverse group of students with varying academic interests and religious affiliations.

"We have had (officers) who are agnostic, deist or atheist," Anderton said. "Although we are a predominantly Christian group, anyone can join. It's about having new ideas or opinions."

The club's student officers choose a debate topic, invite experts from the northwest

region and beyond to present opposing sides, host the on-campus event and subsequently post the debate on YouTube.

By planning these debates and making them free and easy to access on YouTube, the club hopes to make people think about their beliefs in a critical way.

"The club tries to get people to think about themselves, the world around them and the Christian faith in general," Anderton said. "If at the end of the day the club makes someone really consider what they believe and why they believe it or they're further confirmed in what they believe... that's all we want to do: make people think."

The OSU Socratic club events are debates between experts, but the club encourages student and community involvement. At the end of the debate, the club invites the audience to present questions to the experts.

"The highlights of the night are often when the audience gets to ask questions after the debate," Anderton said. "It's a real joy to see people come and talk to the debaters afterwards, or to see people in the lobby afterwards showing their own personal differences of opinion."

Ferngren said he believes the best debates leave individuals in the audience eager to share personal opinions.

"Sometimes they stay around for an hour afterwards.

(Debates) provoke good, hearty disagreement over important issues," Ferngren said. "When I helped to start the club, debate had fallen out of fashion. Some people thought that it was really unnecessary, even undesirable."

By continuing to help the student-run club host debates as the Socratic club faculty advi-

sor, Ferngren hopes to facilitate civil and intelligent discussion in the community of Corvallis.

On top of offering debates, the Socratic club hosts a book club that meets weekly to discuss religious or philosophical ideas from text. More information about upcoming events, the book club, or getting involved as an officer in the Socratic club can be found by messaging the group on their Facebook page.

As the club prepares for the debate "Does God Exist?" Thursday at 7 p.m. in Milam Auditorium, Anderton hopes for a large turnout.

"Participation is something that I think is really great," Anderton said.

He hopes that the upcoming debate will inspire the audience to intelligently assess their beliefs, share their ideas civilly and understand their faith.

The debate will feature Michael Shermer and Lucas Laborde as speakers.

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Braden Anderton
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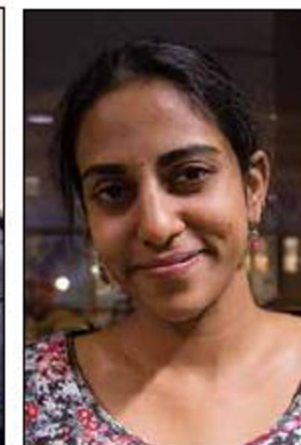
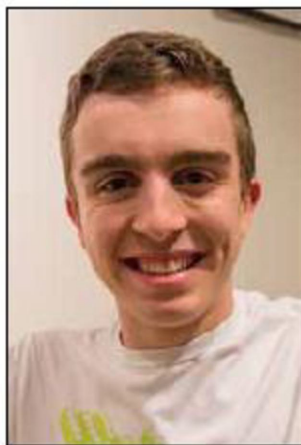
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Blackboard vs. Canvas: Which one do you prefer and why?



“Blackboard is my favorite because I feel like, after a couple of years, I finally got it down! I finally mastered it! I have one class on Canvas and it’s difficult to use, but I don’t think it’s going to be impossible or anything; I just have to learn it.”

Elliot Prince
Senior, ethnic studies

“I prefer Canvas because it seems more intuitive and more aesthetically pleasing.”

Nicholas Cross
Sophomore, chemical engineering

“I like Canvas better because it’s a better layout. It’s not as confusing as Blackboard, and it’s easier to find your way around things.”

Hanna Zarnegin
Sophomore, public health

“Overall, I’m pretty neutral on Blackboard and Canvas. They have different layouts, but they pretty much perform the same tasks equally.”

Ryan Murphy
Junior, electrical engineering

“I think that Canvas is very interactive and user-friendly. The only problem is that some professors haven’t transitioned into Canvas yet, and so we have a couple of classes in Canvas and a couple classes in Blackboard, which is very inconvenient.”

Swathi Sridhar
Grad student,
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“I prefer Blackboard because I’ve used Blackboard longer, and Canvas seems to be too confusing and I haven’t even started using it yet.”

Tyler Foster
Sophomore, biology

Music, spoken word ring for change

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Oregon State University professors will combine piano music with spoken words to raise awareness of the damage climate change and extinction threaten to the life Earth nurtures, according to a press release from OSU.

“The truths of our time are deeply challenging,” said Kathleen Dean Moore in the press release. Moore is a distinguished emeritus professor and a writer laureate. “In the face of on-rushing extinctions and chaotic climate change, we must feel called to safeguard Earth’s

abundance of lives. Words alone cannot express the urgency for a moral response. And so we turn to music.”

Music professor and concert pianist Rachele McCabe will take to the keys to complement Moore’s spoken component, according to the press release.

The event, “In an Age of Extinction, A Call to Life,” will take place Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and is free and open to the public.

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CAPS

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to your well-being.”

Byrd was able to talk more with Bamba and the CAPS Advisory Board, as well as tour of the facilities to learn more about the situation. The CAPS Advisory Board is made up of students, Bamba and Sherri Bird, Bamba’s assistant.

“I got to see the state of their offices, and it’s really alarming; it’s sad, really,” Byrd said.

Some of the issues Bamba and Bird brought up included cockroaches, rats and brown water running down the walls.

“Every time it rains, we have a leaky roof,” Bamba said. “Possibly in someone’s office, usually in the kitchen area.”

They also recalled a time in which all the tiles in their ceilings had to be removed because of their tendency to leak and their unpleasant smell.

While Bird and Bamba explained that there were many issues with their offices, they added that when issues do come up, Facilities Services is always on top of fixing the problems.

Things are looking up. In the end, Byrd decided to drop the letter because of the progress that has been made in improving CAPS.

“The letter that I wrote is now redundant,” Byrd said.

The CAPS Advisory Board approved a \$281,000 project to update the offices on the 5th floor of Snell, and Bamba is working on getting three more counselors hired, bringing the counselor to student ratio closer to the recommended standard.

While the rest of Snell moves into the Student Experience Center, CAPS’ renovations on the 5th floor will include incorporating their 3rd floor group therapy rooms. The current rooms don’t meet confidentiality standards and thus are a top priority for updates.

The funding for these renovations is coming from CAPS’ own budget, which is completely student-fee funded.

“We can use our fund balance, additional funds, to pay for the renovation,” Bamba said. “No one is offering \$281,000 to do this.”

At first Bamba thought they were not allowed to use the CAPS budget on this project, but after some misinformation was

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What: Counseling and Psychological Services
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cleared up, they decided to go ahead and spend the fund balance on the renovations.

Bamba said that CAPS was originally invited to move into the SEC back in 2009, but were uninvited when the SEC committee decided that there was no room for CAPS and that the mission of CAPS and the mission of the SEC didn’t match.

This is not the first time that hopes have been high for a move out of Snell. CAPS has been told eight separate times that they would be able to get a new space, time after time, it has fallen through.

The Dixon DREAM project seems to be the next way out for CAPS. The DREAM project was shut down last year due to doubts of whether students would support raising student fees more to pay for this project. But the DREAM project is being revived by CAPS, Student Health Services and Dixon Recreation Center, and they hope to be funded by the OSU Foundation and alumni support in order to circumvent relying on student fees.

But the DREAM project wouldn’t be done for another five to 10 years.

Bamba’s current goal is to make the situation as good as possible, and that currently means updating the facilities they do have.

“I want to make this home as safe and secure and livable as I can for all our staff,” Bamba said. “There isn’t many other places we could go.”

Byrd and Bamba share the feeling that the renovations are not occurring to do anything special, just bring the facilities to standard.

“We’re not indulging luxury; we are just trying to bring it up to a minimum standard of function,” Byrd said. “It makes me even more sad that we don’t have enough funds, but we threw a party for ourselves for raising a billion dollars.”

Byrd hopes the university begins to pay more attention to the help that CAPS needs.

“To push CAPS aside is to push students aside,” Byrd said.

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Leaders: Rural Oregon needs special help

By Jim Redden
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — Although not every potential worker in the Portland region is fully employed, the metropolitan-area economy is doing much better than the rest of the state.

So much better, in fact, that high-level state action is required to help the rural parts of Oregon.

That was one of the themes of the Business Leadership Summit held last Tuesday at the Oregon Convention Center. Hundreds of business and government leaders attended to discuss an agenda for the 2015 Oregon Legislature. Called the Oregon Business Plan, it is intended to continue the economic recovery by creating more good-paying jobs and reducing poverty. Although the state has now recouped all of the jobs lost during the Great Recession, incomes still lag behind the national average.

“We need to have a serious conversation about the inherent contradiction in our economic recovery that is creating jobs but still leaving hundreds of thousands of Oregonians behind,” Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber said during his keynote speech.

Some ideas for the Portland area were included in the plan, like funding transportation projects to help speed the shipment of goods through the Port of Portland. But many of the proposals were focused on those parts of the state where unemployment is still at recessionary levels — such as Crook, Curry, Grant and Harney counties, where more than 10 percent of the work force

is unemployed, compared to 6.1 percent in the Portland region.

The need to overcome the urban/rural split was repeatedly made by the most prominent speakers at the summit. The rural parts of the state are still suffering, said John Carter, chairman of the board of directors of Schnitzer Steel and chairman of the Oregon Business Council, which wrote the plan. And Kitzhaber announced a \$200 million initiative aimed at boosting rural economies.

That goal could have been controversial. One of the priorities of the plan calls for unlocking the state’s natural resources, which includes more logging, a hot-button issue for environmentalists. Oregon U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden said timber is a proxy for virtually every rural economic issue.

“Many elected officials fear the issue,” Wyden said.

But the biggest announcement at the summit concerned a \$60 million initiative to develop and market a new lumber product that does not require logging old-growth trees — or older trees at all. Oregon State University and the University of Oregon are teaming up to research a new type of laminated wood product that already is being used to build tall residential and office buildings in Europe and Canada. Called “mass timber” and “cross-laminated lumber,” it can be made by certified companies with sustainably grown trees — a green building practice that is better for the environment than manufacturing the steel now used for high-rise buildings.

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Oregon displays weakness, Ohio State displays strength

After all the hype, all the trash talk and all the waiting, the College Football Playoff National Championship has come and gone.

To the dismay of Duck fans and band-wagoners everywhere, Oregon will not be the home of the first CFP trophy, and U of O will not get their first National Championship win.

To their credit, they have now been twice within the last four years, but those stats still equal a goose egg in the win column.

I didn't intend to gloat about the fact that a team from my home state lost so badly on one of the biggest stages in all of sports — but the sun was shining this morning when I woke up — so I viewed that as a positive.

In all honesty I think the Ducks' chance of winning the game Monday night went up in a cloud of marijuana smoke when redshirt freshman wide receiver Darren Carrington was ruled inactive for failing an NCAA-mandated drug test. His loss coupled with the suspension of redshirt freshman wide receiver Devon Allen — who was suspended for his part in the "no means no" chant following the Ducks' Rose Bowl win over Florida State — might have sealed the fate of the Ducks' offense. Carrington and Allen combined for 1,388 yards and 11 touchdowns during the regular season.

For those who weren't able to watch Monday, dropped passes were a common appearance, and that is something that perhaps Carrington and Allen could have helped with.

Whether the absence of the two really affected the Ducks' performance, no one will really ever know.

What is known, however, is that the Ducks came up against a team of strength and old-style football and got handed their tail feathers.

U of O ended up facing a front seven — most of whom will go to the NFL in April's draft — like they had never seen all season. Ohio State prides itself on its defense, and Oregon got a lesson in that during the CFP Championship Game. The Buckeyes managed to expose the most glaring weakness for the Ducks: their defense.

Offensive Player of the Game Ohio State's sophomore running back Ezekiel Elliott tore the Ducks apart, rushing for 246 yards — on 36 carries — and four touchdowns.

If the Ducks hope to have another run at the CFP next year, their front seven and containment will have to be a top priority.

For now it will be back to business as usual for the Ducks and the continued building of a championship team. In that way, this makes the Beavers and the Ducks on the same footing. That is unless junior quarterback Marcus Mariota decides to stay on for another year and go for the trophy again. If that is the case, then obviously Oregon will have one up on Oregon State.

But for now, next year is next year. The sun might have been shining this morning, but it's muddied now, as we live in a world where college football doesn't exist — for seven months, that is.

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Beavers pack for success

■ OSU sweeps Arizona schools at home, tasked with two road games in Washington

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

One of the first things Oregon State head coach Wayne Tinkle said in the post game press conference Sunday after his team's 58-56 win over No. 7 Arizona was "all that it proves is that it's tough to win in this conference on the road."

The Wildcats suffered their first Pac-12 loss while in Gill Coliseum and the Beavers remained unbeaten in Corvallis.

"In (Arizona's) defense, they've been on the road for a while," Tinkle said. "But I'm not taking anything away from my guys; our guys played their absolute you-know-whats off."

Now OSU has to prove it can recreate the same results from Sunday when playing away from home. It'll get that chance at 6 p.m. Thursday, when OSU (11-4, 2-1 Pac-12) travels to take on Washington (11-4, 0-3 Pac-12). OSU hasn't beaten Washington in Seattle since Feb. 20, 2003, with 11 straight losses since that contest. After Thursday's game, the Beavers will have fewer than 48 hours before tipoff in Beasley Coliseum against Washington State.

For now, the Beavers are still reveling in their 2-point victory over the Wildcats, who had beaten two ranked teams earlier in the season and were coming off an Elite Eight appearance last year.

"It was one guy after the other making plays," Tinkle said of his team's win on Sunday. "(Sophomore guard) Malcolm (Duvivier) didn't have his best game for a while, and we kept telling him in the second half to hang in there ... and that when the time came, he was going to make a play. He did."

Duvivier lifted in a crucial layup with 1:33 left in the game while taking a foul from Arizona sophomore forward Rondae Hollis-Jefferson, who stands five inches taller than the 6-foot-2 Duvivier, to put OSU up by four. Arizona only scored once more and OSU held on for the first Beaver win over a top-10 team in 15 years.

OSU didn't have any breakout scorers; no player totaled more than 12 points, but every scorer netted at least six. Players like junior forward Olaf Schaftenaar, who finished with nine points on 3-for-5 shooting from behind the arc, gave the extra push for the win. Schaftenaar played 30 minutes against Arizona despite suffering a lower leg injury three days earlier

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Junior guard Victor Robbins goes up for a shot against Arizona during the Beavers' win against the then No. 7 program Jan. 11 at Gill Coliseum.



Hamblin

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Women's basketball junior center Ruth Hamblin is The Daily Barometer Athlete of the Week after she helped lead the Beavers to a weekend sweep of the Ducks.

While on the road in Eugene at McArthur Court, Hamblin pulled out

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all the stops and dominated under the hoop, coming away with 23 points on 11-17 shooting. She pulled down a total of eight rebounds and had two blocked shots.

To date, Hamblin leads the team on most stat lines for the entire season with 203 total points, which has equated to a 13.5 points-per-game average. These are staggering figures considering she has 85 fewer minutes of game time than the next highest scorer: sophomore guard Sydney Wiese.

In addition, Hamblin leads the team in field goal percentage where

she has maintained an above .500 average at .622. As common with most centers in basketball, she leads the total rebounds and block shots by staggering numbers.

Quality stat lines out of Hamblin are not a surprise when you consider what she has accomplished during her time here at Oregon State.

Last season, Hamblin finished out the season with an above .500 shooting percentage (.571), pulled down one shy of 300 rebounds and had 141 blocked shots.

Including this year's numbers, she has more than 500 total career points and rebounds in just two and a half

seasons.

As a sophomore last season, Hamblin's performance under the rim led to her being a Pac-12 All-Defensive Team and All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention. She was also named to the Pac-12 All-Academic First Team and the Pac-12 All-tournament Team.

Hamblin hails from Houston, British Columbia, where she attended Houston Christian School. She lettered all four years while attending HCS and started three. While there, she averaged 27 points, 13 rebounds and 11 blocks per game as a senior.

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Men's basketball Pac-12 power rankings



By **Brian Rathbone**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Utah (13-2, 3-0 Pac-12)

Previous Rank: 2

There is a new leader of the Pac. The Utah Utes continue to show that they are the class of the Pac-12 as they defeated Colorado — their only game of the week — by 25 points to push their record to 13-2. The Utes will have to beat Arizona in hopes to keep their perfect conference record alive. To do so they will have to take down Arizona in the desert in what will be a matchup between two top-10 teams.



Arizona (14-2, 2-1)

Previous Rank: 1

After taking care of Oregon fairly easily, the Wildcats were caught napping, and Oregon State took advantage and pulled off the unlikely upset. Despite the loss, Arizona is still an extremely talented team that is very capable of winning the Pac-12 and making a run in the NCAA tournament. Arizona can regain its position as top dog ... err cat, if it can beat No. 9 Utah Saturday.



Stanford (11-4, 3-1)

Previous Rank: 3

Stanford needs to be careful; it has been winning games, but just barely sneaking by its opponents. In their last three games The Cardinal have gone into overtime—defeating Washington in double overtime but losing to UCLA—and squeaked out a 78-76 victory over USC. It's an interesting week for the Cardinal: they will take on their rival Cal Wednesday, then host reigning national champion Connecticut in a non-conference matchup.



Oregon State (11-4, 2-1)

Previous Rank: 8

Who would have thought at this point in the season that Oregon State would be this high in the power rankings? Not me, that's for sure. But after sweeping the Arizona schools including an upset victory over then No. 7 Arizona Sunday evening, the Beavers deserve to be this high. This week, however, presents a new challenge for the Wayne Tinkle led Beavers, as they must travel to Washington and prove that they can win on the road, where they have a 1-4 record away from Gill Coliseum — they are a perfect 10-0 at home. Again, who saw this coming?



Oregon (12-4, 2-1)

Previous Rank: 4

Yes, Oregon beat Oregon State last week, and should probably be ranked ahead of the Beavers, but after a blowout loss to Arizona and narrowly beating winless, inconference team Arizona State on their own court, the Ducks are not looking as formidable as they did earlier in the season. The Ducks need to sure-up their defense; right now they are ranked 217th in points allowed at 67.7 points per game. If they can improve on that, they have enough offensive firepower to climb up the Pac-12 rankings.



UCLA (10-7, 2-2)

Previous Rank: 12

UCLA got just what it needed last week: a pair of wins ending its five-game losing streak. During that losing streak, the Bruins played three teams ranked in the top-10, so this team is battled tested, which should help it moving forward. Next up for the Bruins is a battle against USC in LA where both teams are struggling at this point of the season. Should the Bruins beat the Trojans, they will ride a three-game winning streak when they travel north to take on Oregon State next week.



Washington State (8-7, 2-1)

Previous Rank: 9

In their only game of the week, the Washington State Cougars went into Seattle and took down their rival Washington. That is a big step for Ernie Kent's squad to not only beat its rival, but to do it on the road. The Cougars have won their last two games against teams that are struggling — Washington and Cal — and only beat each of them by three points. They will host both Oregon and Oregon State this week, which for many teams in the Pac-12, presents an opportunity to show if they are contenders or pretenders



Colorado (9-6, 2-1)

Previous Rank: 6

Who is Colorado? As of now it is are a difficult team to grade. Is it the team that rolled UCLA and USC? Or are is it the team that got run off the court by Utah and Wyoming? For the second game in a row, the Buffaloes will face a top-10 team when they travel to Tucson to take on Arizona. Will this team bounce back and show that it's the team that has been to three straight NCAA tournaments? Or is this team setting up for a down year? We will have to see.



USC (9-7, 1-3)

Previous Rank: 11

USC, much like its LA rival UCLA, had a bounce back after a rough week to open conference play. Although it went 1-1 over the week, it got a 14-point victory against Cal and took Stanford down to the wire. USC takes on UCLA with bragging rights on the line in its only game of the week.



Washington (11-4, 0-3)

Previous Rank: 5

How hot is Lorenzo Romar's seat these days? From 2008-2012 his teams finished no lower than 3rd in the conference—winning twice — and had a 50-18 conference record, the last two seasons he has an 18-18 record in the Pac-12. This season, after starting off winning its first 11 games, it found itself in the top-25. Since then, Washington dropped four straight games, including going 0-3 inconference. This week the Huskies host the surging Beavers on Thursday and the Ducks on Sunday. Can this be the week when Romar gets his mojo back?



Cal (11-6, 1-3)

Previous Rank: 7

Cal is another team that is trending downwards. After starting its season off winning 10 of their first 11, including a convincing victory against Syracuse, it has lost four of its last five games. Three of those losses came against teams that were struggling—Washington State, USC and UCLA. The Golden Bears will host their rival, Stanford, tonight in their only game this week.



Arizona State (8-8, 0-3)

Previous Rank: 10

Yikes, Pac-12 play has not started well for the Sun Devils. They have currently lost five of their last seven games and have not passed the 60-point threshold in their last four contests. The road does not get any easier this week, as they host No. 8 Utah Thursday and Colorado Saturday. If the Sun Devils don't figure it out, they could fall to 0-5 inconference.



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Junior guard Victor Robbins focuses on his shot during a free throw attempt against Arizona at home Jan. 11.

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against Arizona State.

"(Late in the game) he says 'coach, I can't jump,'" Tinkle said. "I said: 'well then, take a charge.' And then he bangs a three when he comes off the bench."

The Beavers will be away from the favorable confines of Gill Coliseum — and the 6,191 fans on hand to watch Sunday's upset — during the Washington road trip. OSU will have to learn to play well on the road this season, especially with the log-jamming trend of the Pac-12 in recent years. Last season, five teams in the conference finished with a 10-8 record and only four teams ended with more than 10 wins or losses in the 18-game season. One or two road wins could make a significance in the Pac-12 final standings.

Washington and Washington State are both formidable opponents, even compared to the games later in the season at now-No. 10 Arizona and 11-4 Stanford.

However, OSU only plays No. 8 Utah — the only undefeated team in the Pac-12 through three

games — and Colorado once, both in Gill Coliseum.

Washington started out the season 11-0 and rose to No. 13 in the nation, using a 13-point win over then-No. 13 San Diego State and a 69-67 victory over then-No. 15 Oklahoma.

Then Washington lost four straight games, dropping out of the top-25 rankings and starting 0-3 in Pac-12 play. The largest margin of defeat in those four games was a 68-60 overtime loss at Stanford, which was book-ended by a 6-point loss to Cal and a 3-point loss to WSU.

Despite being tied for last in the Pac-12 in conference record, only three Pac-12 teams have more overall wins on the year.

If Washington returns to its winning ways of earlier in the season, OSU will face one of the better teams in the Pac-12. If the Beavers claim victory — regardless of how hot or cold the Huskies are — the Beavers will be 3-1 in conference and inching towards the top echelon of the Pac-12.

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These stats helped lead her team to a 61-2 record during her junior and senior seasons, including back-to-back championships in the British Columbia Senior Girls A Basketball Championships. She also lettered four years in volleyball, and was selected as valedictorian of her graduating class her senior year.

Hamblin was born in Smithers, British Columbia, has two older siblings and majors in pre-engineering.

When she is not playing basketball or going to school, Hamblin rides and shows horses.

The junior center will do some more showing Friday when the Beavers host Washington State at 6 p.m. in Gill.

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OSU abandoned CAPS in Snell Hall

Counseling and Psychological Services at Oregon State University is a necessary program available to students who are often afflicted with extra stress and fatigue brought on by academics, finances and other demands of college life.

They offer trained therapists, group therapy and a mind spa to help students cope with this stress in healthy and positive ways.

One would think that such a necessary and constructive program like CAPS would be held in high esteem by its resident school, perhaps by housing it in a functional building equipped with the tools necessary to help students succeed with the experiences they have in college.

One would think.

CAPS currently resides in Snell Hall, the leaky bucket of Memorial Union East where the elevator breaks monthly and water oozes down the walls like so many fallen dreams.

CAPS has been informed eight times that it would receive a new home equivalent to that of the International Living Learning Center, and every time the plans fall through.

In fact, they are stuck in Snell for at least the next five to 10 years.

The Orange Media Network and other student organizations move into a new building in a matter of weeks.

But apparently, the new Student Experience Center is not available to our counseling services — CAPS was informed that there would not be enough room for them in the new building.

They were shut down on this pipe dream before the new building was being built in conjunction with the claim that the SEC and CAPS mission statements were too different.

Because clearly, student experience has absolutely no relation whatsoever to their quality and access to mental health services.

It sounds too much to us like the popular kids telling the ones wearing glasses that they can't sit at the same table as them.

But the good news: CAPS will receive renovations to its fifth floor home of Snell by using their own rainy day budget funds; no one is willing to fund them for more than \$200,000. The hope is that this will move things from below standard to standard.

This is a travesty.

This is how our school is treating our mental health service program: abandoning it in an old, leaky building with flaky promises for a future home and forcing it to draw from its own funds to renovate a temporary structure that should have been torn down years ago.

What kind of message does this send to the students of OSU? That this school doesn't value the mental health of its students enough to provide CAPS with a decent workplace.

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Size, comfort, protection matter for penises

Dear Dr. Sex,
So my girlfriend and I just recently have started sexual activities.

We've been able to do oral and anal fine.

But vaginal is difficult. I have trouble staying hard once we try to put the condom on.

I don't know why this is, but I theorize that it might be because the condom is too small.

I have a 7.75-inch length and a 6.1-inch girth, and we most recently tried Trojan Magnum XL.

It feels too tight and keeps slipping. So, is the condom the problem? Or is it something else?

Also, we're having trouble penetrating. It might be because I'm too big for her, but then again, since I'm basically flaccid when I try to put the condom on — as stated above — that shouldn't be the issue.

So what's going on there?

Signed, Magnum PI (Penis Issues)

Dear Magnum PI,

So there's a lot going on in your question — and a lot I'm not able to make sense of.

I do want to try and help, but there are some contradictions in what you've told me.

For example, I am having trouble understanding how something can be too tight yet keep slipping at the same time.

Additionally, I don't see how you could get a condom on a flaccid penis.

That just never works.

One other thing that is puzzling me is that you said you've been able to do oral and anal without a

problem.

Are you talking about some sort of non-penetrative anal stimulation, or are you talking about anal intercourse?

If you are talking about anal intercourse being successful yet you are having a difficult time with condoms while attempting vaginal intercourse, are you telling me that you are having unprotected anal intercourse?

Please don't tell me you're having unprotected anal.

That is the number one way to transmit STDs and STIs — including HIV — to your girlfriend. That is not good.

I am going to assume you are being honest about the size of your penis — being larger than average in both length and girth.

Even so, condoms have an enormous capacity for expansion, particularly the Magnum XL.

Even a standard condom can fit over my head or my forearm — up to my elbow.

Now granted, I am short and therefore have relatively small forearms, but I am fairly confident my forearm is larger than any human penis.

I understand that the condom may feel so tight and be so uncomfortable that you lose your erection once one is on, but it doesn't seem like that's what is happening if you are telling me you are putting the

Kathy Greaves



Ask Dr. Sex

condom on while flaccid — which still doesn't make sense.

So let's go with this: The condom feels too tight and is so uncomfortable that you are either losing sensation or desire due to discomfort.

If this is happening with the Magnum XL — the mother of all condoms (sorry mothers) — then you could try using an internal (female) condom.

The shape of an internal condom is similar to that of a male condom but it is larger.

It has a small ring at the closed end that snugles up against the cervix and holds the condom in place when inserted into the vagina.

It also has a large ring at the open end that sits around the outside of the vagina.

If the two of you use one of these, then nothing is strangling your penis, yet there is a protective lining inside her vagina.

Starting here would be a sort of process of elimination to figure out if the problem is the condom or the size of your penis. If penetration is doable, then you know the condom was the issue.

If penetration is still difficult, then the condom isn't the problem and the real issue is your size. The average vagina, even during sexual arousal, isn't usually deeper than maybe five inches.

There isn't a lot of information on the range of the diameter of the average vaginal opening — the place where penetration could be the most challenging.

This lack of information may be due to the vagina's great capacity for

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President Obama's plan for free community college sure to fail

For those of you who are unaware, on Jan. 8 the White House published a video of President Barack Obama announcing his awe-inspiring plan to make the first two years of community college free for students across the nation — who are willing to work for it.

While the full details of this plan have yet to be released — other than the fact that it will require nearly \$60 billion over the next 10 years — it is clear that this plan will have minimal benefits for students at four-year universities such as Oregon State.

While I appreciate the fact that President Obama recognizes the need for financial support amongst the vast majority of students nationwide, I am disappointed by the lack of this plan to address students attending institutions of higher learning other than community colleges.

With President Obama's final words in his video stating that this plan is designed specifically so "that it benefits everybody, and not just some," one cannot help but wonder how focusing primarily on community college does anything but the opposite.

While it is true that community colleges currently make up the largest portion of students pursuing higher education, we have to recognize what groups we are targeting by focusing specifically on these institutions.

Although some students enroll in community college due to a lack of financial aid, and others intend to use community college as a stepping stone towards transferring to a four-year university, these instances serve as special cases.

The majority of students attending four-year universities — many of whom are paying for their own education and are therefore incurring greater debt than that of community college students — will receive little to no benefit from this design.

Not only does this plan fail to benefit everybody as President Obama intends, but it perpetuates the prejudiced system of financial aid our nation currently employs — and that is unacceptable.

It is offensive how our government and education system continue to stick it to students raised in middle-class families, regardless of their work ethic and dedication towards their own education.

We live in a capitalist nation where one's success should be dependent on hard work and ambition, not the quality of their upbringing and the accomplishments of their parents.

While I fully recognize the need to support those brought up in low-class families who exhibit a tenacious desire to work hard and succeed, it is equally important that we reward students of all classes who demonstrate favorable qualities necessary for future success.

However, many will unfortunately

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Kitzhaber, lawmakers take oaths of office

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SALEM — Gov. John Kitzhaber shared reflections on his personal and political life Monday after taking the oath of office for the fourth and final time.

"I thought I would reflect on what I have learned these 36 years that is worth sharing, why I did it and what I would like to accomplish over the last four years — which will complete the arc of my political career," Kitzhaber told the 78th legislative assembly.

He credited his political career to his parents generation's belief in government and to the presidential campaign of Robert Kennedy.

"He was calling out the disparities and inequalities within our society and asking why we allowed them to exist. And that made a lot of people uncomfortable in 1968," Kitzhaber said. "That was 46 years ago ... and asking that same questions today still makes people uncomfortable."

Kitzhaber's speech was light on specific policy plans for the 78th Legislative assembly.

Instead, he asked the House and Senate to focus on asking the right questions — especially when it comes to Oregon's economic recovery.

"If the only questions we ask are how fast

is the state GDP growing and how many jobs we are creating then we don't have to worry about their quality: where the jobs are, what they pay, whether they are connected to upward career paths, who is getting them or the environmental cost of creating them," Kitzhaber said.

Earlier in the day the House took its oath of office as a group and elected Rep. Tina Kotek, D-Portland, as its speaker again.

Kotek centered her remarks around the importance of "really hear(ing) each other" and communication.

She told the body, which has 35 Democrats and 25 Republicans, that it's perfectly OK to be a group of people with different views but it wouldn't be OK to shy away from difficult conversations.

Over in the Senate, Sen. Peter Courtney, D-Salem, was sworn in for his seventh term as the chamber's president.

Courtney drew an analogy between weather and politics by sharing the story of the time he and his brother, Bill, successfully lit a fire in the rain while on a Boy Scout camping trip.

"The question is: can we, can you, can I build a fire in Oregon's rain? Can we do this?" Courtney asked the 18 Democrats and 12 Republicans in the Senate.

Kitzhaber draws on history, inspiration for fourth inauguration speech

By Peter Wong
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PORTLAND — John Kitzhaber sounded a philosophical note or two as he took office Monday as Oregon governor for the fourth time.

In remarks he prepared for a joint session of the Legislature, Kitzhaber invoked memories of his parents and Robert Kennedy in calling for expanding prosperity to thousands of Oregonians who have not shared in the state's economic recovery from the Great Recession.

His parents were part of the World War II generation, and his father was in the U.S. 3rd Army, led by Gen. George Patton, that helped conquer Nazi Germany in 1945. His political inspiration was Kennedy, a senator from New York who was assassinated during a bid for the presidency in 1968, when Kitzhaber was a college student.

Kitzhaber says the war united the nation in a common purpose, and Kennedy's campaign raised questions about national economic and racial inequities, similar to today's problems in Oregon.

"Now, the answers to these questions are complicated — I know that — and no one person, least of all me, has all the answers," Kitzhaber says.

"But if we begin by asking the right questions, I know we can make progress, because an Oregon economy that moves some of us forward while leaving others behind diminishes progress for everyone."

Drawing on lessons

Kitzhaber, a Democrat who turns 68 in March, was sworn in by former Chief Justice Paul De Muniz for a fourth term. He was governor from 1995 to 2003, and after sitting out eight years, was elected to a record third term in 2010. He was re-elected Nov. 4 by just under half the 1.5 million votes cast.

Kitzhaber was an emergency-room physician when he was elected to the House from a Douglas County district in 1978. Two years later, he was

elected to the Senate, where he served for 12 years, eight of them as Senate president.

"As it turned out, I have spent most of my adult life in this building and I love it very much," he says.

Earlier in the day, the Legislature organized for its next two years. All 60 representatives and 16 of the 30 senators took their oaths for new terms, Democrat Peter Courtney of Salem was chosen for a seventh two-year term as Senate president, and Democrat Tina Kotek of Portland for a second two-year term as House speaker.

Democrats hold an 18-12 majority over Republicans in the Senate, and 35-25 in the House, their largest margins in six years. But those majorities are only for the second time in Kitzhaber's tenure as governor.

Kitzhaber said in advance that his address would draw upon the lessons he had learned in 36 years in politics.

His parents were part of what has been dubbed the "Greatest Generation," which went on to build the prosperous U.S. society that emerged after World War II.

"I grew up in an era where people still believed in their government, and saw it as a vehicle through which they could come together and do amazing things for our whole society that individuals could not possibly do by themselves," he says.

Kennedy, however, raised questions during his brief 82-day campaign about why that prosperity was not shared among minorities.

"I was inspired because of his passion and sincerity and his courage to speak from the heart and to say what needed to be said," Kitzhaber says. "And from the moment he died in

Los Angeles I knew I wanted to commit my life to public service."

Still idealistic

During last week's Oregon Business Summit, Kitzhaber embraced its goals of linking school with work, boosting the economies of rural communities, and modernizing transportation systems.

"But even if we are successful in implementing these goals — all of which I support — we will not succeed in giving all Oregonians a greater share

of prosperity unless we have the courage and honesty to question one fundamental fact: the inherent contraction between a growing economy and the increasingly desperate plight of

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John Kitzhaber
Oregon Governor

hundreds of thousands of our fellow Oregonians," he says.

"I think we can all agree that this situation is not only unfair — but that it serves to widen the disparities that divide us and makes it more difficult for us to come together as a community."

So what has he learned since he took his first oath as a state representative back in 1979 to help him achieve today's goals? "I have learned that advancing the common good cannot be done from Salem but only by engaging people where they live and showing them that they have a stake in the problem and a sense of ownership in the solution. And we are doing that every day in Oregon," he says.

"And here is something else I have learned: that people in our state and across our land want community, they yearn for a sense of belonging, for a sense of a greater common purpose. After 36 years I am no longer young and I am certainly not naïve ... but I am still idealistic."

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view President Obama's new plan to offer two free years of community college as a step in the right direction towards reducing the debt of our generation, when in actuality it will stand to elongate the problematic tendencies of our current financial aid system — leaving students attending four-year universities such as Oregon State on the path towards enormous amounts of debt.

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expansion — think newborn baby's head — so the vagina's resting state may be considered irrelevant.

This is one of those situations where my lack of a medical degree is a real disadvantage.

I would imagine that being able to comfortably accommodate a penis of your girth would be uncomfortable for many women, so you do have a challenging situation.

If your girlfriend has never been penetrated vaginally, you may want to start with a small dildo just to get her used

to what penetration feels like and to be sure you aren't having problems with penetration because of her hymen.

Once you know penetration is possible, all I can suggest is to proceed gently and slowly and to use a decent amount of lubrication.

Oddly enough, that's the same advice I give for anal.

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