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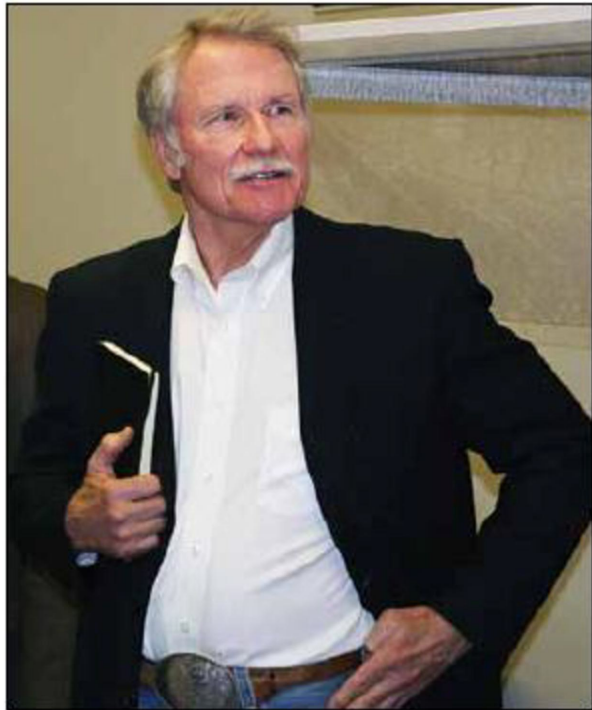
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COURTESY OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber will speak at Oregon State University Wednesday.

Governor to speak at OSU

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Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber will be on campus for a discussion with Oregon State University students Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 in the Linus Pauling Science Center 125.

Kitzhaber's presentation will focus on equity, specifically in higher education. The event will feature a talk from Kitzhaber followed by a Q-and-A session with students.

During his fourth inaugural speech, Kitzhaber highlighted his commitment to equity and community. In addition, he spoke about the hardships facing Oregonians, such as poverty and food insecurity, and how to solve these problems.

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

There will be a live-stream of the event available at live.oregonstate.edu.

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President talks higher ed, economic growth

THE DAILY BAROMETER

President Barack Obama gave his State of the Union address Tuesday night, bringing up access and affordability of higher education.

The speech focused on moving forward as a nation during the president's remaining time in office, economic growth and free community college.

"By the end of this decade, two in three job openings will require some higher education — two in three," Obama said during the address, according to official White House transcripts. "And yet, we still live in a country where too many bright, striving Americans are priced out of the education they need. It's not fair to them, and it's sure not smart for our future. That's why I'm sending this Congress a bold new plan to lower

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Racing for renewable energy



COURTESY OF JOHN REN

The Oregon State University Solar Vehicle Team works on their solar car, the Phoenix, under the watchful eye of a camel. The team visited the United Arab Emirates for the Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge.

Solar Vehicle Team competes in 4-day, 1,200 km race across United Arab Emirates

By Chris Correll

THE DAILY BAROMETER

It was the same sun that powered the Phoenix at Oregon State University, but OSU Solar Vehicle Team was a world away when they put their race car to the test in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

This is the first year the United Arab Emirates has hosted the Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge. The rules are simple, but demanding. Each team must construct a car that runs entirely on solar energy while still being fast and durable enough to make it to the finish line.

OSU's squad of engineers — nine students, one alumnus — and their race car, the Phoenix, ran into trouble just before the qualifier when rough transportation jarred the vehicle's wiring.

Chemical engineering junior John Ren was one of several students on site trying to make quick repairs.

"The day of the qualifier, we had just

flown in our car by airplane, so there were lots of bumps and vibrations on the way over. We had a ton of electrical problems with wiring coming undone. Then we accidentally broke a crucial piece of the motor," Ren said. "Luckily, we were able to get it replaced and were good to go."

The Phoenix ended up as one of just 15 cars to make it through the 45-lap qualifier at Yas Marina Circuit and placed 12th overall.

At its peak, the light, one-man vehicle can reach top speeds of more than 80 miles per hour.

OSU engineers had finished the car in 2012, and its innovative design brought the university victory in the 2013 Formula

Sun Grand Prix. The team starts fresh with a new model next year.

The Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge began as a friendly contest to promote solar energy as a cleaner, more sustainable method of energy.

It's really about training better engineers that will benefit not only the solar industry, but engineering across the world.

Ryan Warrick
freshman, computer science

According to the race's official webpage, the event philosophy encourages "the latest international competition promoting education, energy efficiency and environmental consciousness."

"Solar cars in themselves aren't entirely practical, but what we learn about in solar car racing is applicable across many

fields," said Ryan Warrick, a computer

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Bruins defeat Oregon State swimmers at home

Dr. Sex talks about satisfaction, roles and domination

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Portland City Council revisits FBI task force issue

By Jim Redden
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — Less than two weeks before President Obama convenes an international conference on fighting terrorism, the City Council is once again scheduled to discuss its involvement with the local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Mayor Charlie Hales has tentatively scheduled a work session on Portland's participation in the JTTF for Feb. 5. The White House has announced plans for world leaders to gather Feb. 18 in Washington, D.C., to better coordinate their efforts against homegrown terrorists and other extremists. The "Summit on Countering Violent Extremism" was called in the wake of the attack on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo in Paris, where 17 people died.

Portland's current involvement in the JTTF is limited. No police are permanently assigned to the JTTF but they are allowed to participate in its investigations on an "as-needed basis," provided they are investigating suspected criminal activity. The Portland police chief must also present an annual report to the council on activities in the previous year.

Mayor Hales is not pleased with that level of participation, according to spokesman Dana Haynes. Hales also thinks the annual reports have not provided enough information for the council to understand what the investigations involving the police have entailed.

"The mayor thinks the city should either be all in or all out. He does not have preference at this point, but wants the council to discuss it and make a decision, one way or another," Haynes says.

Portland FBI Special Agent in Charge Gregory Bretzing says his agency prefers the city to be fully involved in the task force.

"We think Portland is safer if the police are fully involved. They have a unique perspective of the city and have knowledge of people we might not be aware of," Bretzing says.

The ACLU of Oregon believes the city should fully withdraw from the JTTF however, according to Legislative Director Becky Straus.

"The FBI has a well-documented history of abusing the rights of law-abiding citizens," Straus says.

According to Straus, although the ACLU supported the current arrangement when it was approved in 2011, the organization has been disappointed by the lack of infor-

mation in the annual reports. "We think Portland should be a national model for protecting rights and transparency, and there is not enough information in the reports for us to tell if the arrangement is working," Straus says.

Homegrown extremists

Hales first requested the work session in December, weeks before the Paris attacks and upcoming international terrorism summit. Haynes says those events could affect the council's deliberations, because they are so emotional and high profile. At the very least, they have focused attention on the role of local law enforcement agencies in fighting homegrown extremists.

The Paris attacks and others in Canada and Australia in recent months involved "lone wolves" who are not easily tracked by national authorities.

"Recent events show the nature of terrorism is changing and we need to respond to that," Bretzing says.

According to Bretzing, even if Portland completely withdraws from the JTTF, the FBI will brief Hales and new Police Chief Larry O'Dea on any imminent threat to the city.

Portland and the FBI

The FBI Portland JTTF is one of 104 task forces based in cities involving federal, state and local law enforcement officials in the county. The first was established in New York in 1980. More than half — 71 — have been created since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Portland's involvement in the local JTTF always has been controversial. When the council voted to authorize Portland police to participate in 2000, civil libertarians complained about the FBI's civil rights violations, among other things. Hales, who was a city commissioner at the time, was the lone "no" vote. Haynes says Hales always has opposed assigning police to duties, such as border patrol, outside the scope of the Portland Police Bureau.

Objections surfaced each time the council reauthorized the participation until 2005, when then-Mayor Tom Potter com-

plained he could not properly oversee the officers involved in it and the council voted to withdraw.

The council came up with its current arrangement in 2011 after 19-year-old Mohamed Osman Mohamud was arrested by the FBI on charges of trying to detonate a bomb in Pioneer Courthouse Square several months earlier. The deal was brokered by Dwight Holton, who was the Oregon U.S. Attorney. He argued Portlanders would be safer if the police were once again participating in the JTTF. The council only agreed to limited involvement, however, and required the annual reports that have proven controversial. Former Police Chief Mike Reese explained the information in them was limited to not compromise ongoing investigations.

Controversy has accompanied all of the JTTF's known investigations. Mohamud's lawyers unsuccessfully argued he was entrapped in the bomb plot by overzealous undercover agents who took advantage of his young age. Six years before that, the FBI apologized for suspecting Portland lawyer Brandon Mayfield, a Muslim, of participating in a terrorist bombing in Spain. Some people even criticized the FBI for pursuing the Portland Seven, a group of local Muslims whose members tried to travel to Afghanistan to fight coalition forces in 2002. Although some of them talked about attacking local targets when they returned home, local Muslims and others accused the FBI of setting them up.

More recently, Reaz Qadir Khan, a Portland Bureau of Environmental Services employee, was arrested in March 2013 on charges of aiding a terrorist attack on a Pakistani government compound four years ago that killed 30 and injured 300 people.

The White House says the Feb. 18 terrorism summit will "highlight domestic and international efforts to prevent violent extremists and their supporters from radicalizing, recruiting, or inspiring individuals or groups in the United States and abroad to commit acts of violence."

The announcement specifically mentioned the role local governments can play in such efforts. Officials from such cities as Boston, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis-St. Paul are scheduled to discuss strategies they have used.

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Gregory Bretzing
Portland FBI Special Agent in Charge

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7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
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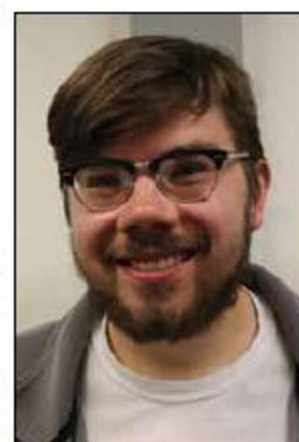
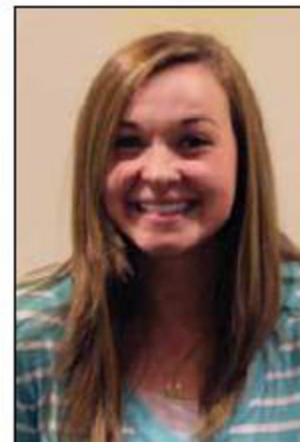
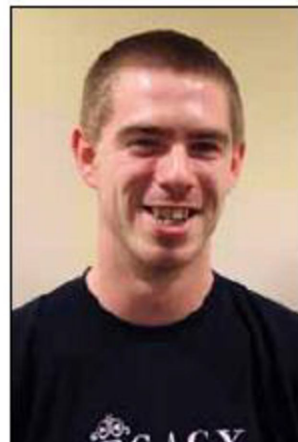
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Do you think dictionaries should incorporate slang words?



“ I don’t think so. That’s not really a necessary place for it because slang is used in the modern day, usually by younger generations. I feel it’s unnecessary because a lot of slang also has, like, multiple meanings to it and things like that.”

Gabriel Ramirez
Sophomore, pre-mechanical engineering

“ I think if they’re used for a certain period of time, then they eventually become accepted even if they’re colloquial terms. Is ‘twerk’ going to be used in a year and a half? Maybe, maybe not. I think Urban Dictionary needs to become a bigger thing, but I think official dictionaries should have more really common slang words.”

Kevin Camp
Senior, bioengineering

“ I’d say language is evolutionary and is always changing, always growing. I personally don’t view those words as ‘words’. However, if the general population of our nation believes that ‘man crush’ needs to be in the dictionary then so be it.”

Mason Grine
Graduate student in arts and teaching

“ There’s a place for them there. I don’t think all of it should be there, but they’re getting more and more popular and being used more and more in everyday conversation.”

Tyler Moore
Junior, communications

“ I think it’s wise. There are lots of people learning English that don’t understand slang, so if it’s in the dictionary, they can easily find out what it means.”

Karli Hull
Freshman, communications

“ I think that language is evolving, so I think that’s good. There might be good cause for some wait time after when a word becomes popular. You should determine if it has staying power first.”

Jens Gilman
Senior, math

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Senior psychology majors Erika Frandrup (right) and Sara McCracken (center) speak to liberal studies sophomore Katie Rodriggs (left) about Moebius syndrome.

Looking ‘beyond face value’

■ Disability and Social Interaction Lab tables in quad to raise awareness of Moebius syndrome

By Kat Kothen and Nicki Silva
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Disability and Social Interaction Lab at Oregon State University is urging students this week to “look beyond face value.”

The lab is tabling in the Memorial Union quad this week to raise awareness for Moebius syndrome, a rare neurological disorder.

“A lot of students aren’t aware of Moebius syndrome at all, so we’ve had people come by and ask us, point blank, ‘what is Moebius syndrome?’ and it’s nice to just inform them and spread the word,” said psychology senior Erika Frandrup.

Frandrup and Cramer Kallem, a senior in psychology, work in the Disability and Social Interaction Lab. The director of the lab is Kathleen Bogart, an assistant professor and psychologist who has Moebius syndrome.

Moebius syndrome affects facial nerves,

causing facial paralysis. Because of the paralysis, those afflicted with the disease are left unable to express themselves through the use of facial expressions.

In order to raise awareness for the syndrome, the Disability and Social Interaction Lab is asking students to fill out posters describing the different ways they express themselves besides facial expressions. This is part of a social media campaign with the Moebius Syndrome Foundation. Those who make posters at the table will have their picture taken and posted to the Moebius Syndrome Foundation Facebook page to show support for the cause.

“It’s important to me as a psychology major because I work in a lab — the DSIL lab — and just knowing these people with Moebius syndrome have these social stigmas, I’m here to help eliminate them so they can feel like they’re part of society and not stigmatized,” Frandrup said.

Tabling in the quad will continue every day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Friday, Jan. 23.

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Junior mechanical engineering majors Ruth Hamblin (left) and Sadie Boyle (right) hold up their own posters stating how they express themselves and look beyond face value.

Beaver Tweet of the Day
"Class got me stressing lol!"
@Whopperrr JR Jarmal Reid

Tinkle, OSU look to repeat history



Former Montana coach faces UCLA for second time in career, looks for another win

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Wayne Tinkle is in his first year as Oregon State's head basketball coach, but when his team faces UCLA on Thursday in Gill Coliseum, it will be the second time Tinkle will coach against the Bruins.

While the head coach at Montana, Tinkle's Grizzlies traveled to Los Angeles on Dec. 5, 2010 and took a 66-57 victory over a UCLA team that went on to make the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"It was a thrill to take our Montana team into Pauley (Pavilion) ... and get a win against a really talented team," Tinkle said. "It was a big shot in the arm and it was a marquee win for our program at that time."

On Thursday, Tinkle will look for a similar signature win — again against UCLA — with his OSU squad. The 6 p.m. tipoff Thursday will have the visiting Bruins (11-7, 3-2 Pac-12) attempting to be the first team to beat the Beavers (12-5, 3-2) in Gill this season.

Tinkle hopes to gain a similar sense of momentum his Montana squad built in 2010. After all, 10 days after the win over UCLA, Tinkle and Montana

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Sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier gets his hands up on defense against the Arizona State Sun Devils Jan. 8 at Gill Coliseum.



Veil of Gray

Sports at times can be hard to follow. A team that you love has a great start to a season and then life comes along and throws a wrench into the whole situation.

At times this can mean the end of a season for a fantasy football player, but in the most dramatic moments it can mean the end of the hopes and dreams of many.

Sometimes those endings are clear — like an injury — and yet others leave you puzzled and full of bewilderment.

Case-in-point: Oregon State men's basketball player junior forward Victor Robbins.

Robbins is currently serving a 10-game suspension for violating athletic department policy. What that means I have no idea, but I'm sure it's safe to assume it isn't good.

For Robbins that means not playing basketball; for his teammates, that means losing a player who off the bench — even after serving two games of the suspension — is fourth on the team in points, third on the team in steals and fourth on the team in total rebounds.

Such a loss is not just hard on the players, but on Beaver Nation as a whole.

And yet the only explanation we get as far as why this suspension has happened, is as bland and unappealing as a bowl of puffed rice.

I understand protecting the player and the organization from anything distracting or negative is important, but this is not a matter of National Security. This is just a young man who probably did a young man thing and has plenty of time in life to move past it.

I'm not saying don't enforce the suspension, I'm saying communicate with your public about the truth of the situation instead of hiding behind a veil of gray.

I don't know what it is about our world today that makes "more qualified" people choose what we should and shouldn't know, but in the arena of sports — which I will mention again, is about games — we should be free to know.

Robbins's absence was more than prevalent during the game against Washington and it wasn't just his absence on the court.

Something within the players was different, as if a piece of them was missing.

Junior guards Gary Payton II and Langston Morris-Walker combine for eight points on the night?

I mean, I understand Oregon beat the Beavers and the Huskies beat the Ducks, but let's be real — Washington's defense isn't so prolific that it's able to shut down the top two scorers on the team.

No, both Payton II and Morris-Walker were off that night, and without a clear explanation as to why Robbins wasn't there, I'm only left to assume that the piece that was in a funk was not an off night for the junior guards, but the absence of a friend, teammate and contributor to what makes them a team.

Even head coach Wayne Tinkle had to motivate the team with the loss of Robbins and tell them to work with what they had. And after he did, the two top scorers combine for 35 points and 24 rebounds showing — as great teams do — that through adversity, a winning team is made.

Undoubtedly there will again come a day where the absence of Robbins will be felt, and on that day, I will again wonder why.

Bruins prove too much for Beavers at Osborn

■ After long road schedule, women's swim team returns home to face UCLA

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After spending more than two months away from home, the Oregon State women's swimming team returned to Corvallis and the Osborn Aquatic Center to face in-conference opponent UCLA Friday.

Unfortunately for the Beavers, the return home was not enough to help them break a home skid that dates back to early October, as they fell to the Bruins 151 to 102.

Junior distance swimmer Sammy Harrison continued her dominance in the 1,000-yard freestyle clocking a time of 9:46.70. Harrison managed to take a couple second places during the meet, with finishes in the 200 and 500 yard freestyle events.

Sophomore breaststroke specialist Czarina Isleta managed to hit the wall first when she competed in the 100-yard breaststroke event. Isleta recorded a time of 1:04.81, which was almost two seconds

faster than her next competitor. Isleta managed a few other top three finishes on the day, coming in second in the 200 breaststroke and third in the 200 IM.

Isleta's other top place finish came in the 200-yard medley relay where she took second, thanks to the help of teammates junior backstroke swimmer Amani Amr, sophomore freestyle swimmer Andrea Young and redshirt sophomore freestyler Claire McLaggan.

The Beavers managed one more first place finish at the end of the meet when they took part in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Harrison, who was accompanied by teammates freshman freestyle swimmer Tair Maimon, freshman freestyler Noemie Midrez and junior free swimmer Constance Toulemonde, hit the wall with a time of 3:32.77, good enough for first and 11 points for the team.

The Beavers will now enjoy a stint at home that starts with a meet against Washington State on Friday Jan. 23 at 5 p.m.



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Junior distance swimmer Sammy Harrison prepares for her next heat during the Beavers' meet against UCLA Jan. 16 at Osborn Aquatic Center.



Women's basketball Pac-12 rankings



By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 9 Oregon State

(16-1, 6-0 Pac-12) and

No. 13 Arizona State (17-1, 6-0)

Oregon State and Arizona State are the only two teams that remain undefeated in conference play, and have each only lost once outside of inconference play. They are one and two in scoring defense, scoring margin, field goal percentage and rebounding margin. Oregon State showed its grit this last weekend with a pair of close wins against tough Washington teams, proving that even on an off-night it is able to scrape together a win. Arizona State was tested this last weekend with a 3-point victory on the road against Stanford. These two teams are meeting this weekend, and it should be the showcase of the season so far.

No. 11 Stanford (13-5, 5-1)

After being top of the Pac-12 for more than 10 years, Stanford is no longer the unbeatable force it use to be. The Cardinal was recently defeated by Arizona State on their home court. ASU took the lead early and maintained it throughout the game, while Stanford was able to come back from a 17-point deficit to only lose by three. That showed its determination and fight to not give up. Its other game last weekend against Arizona showed that the team's ability to dominate is still in its repertoire with the 70-47 win. Although Stanford is not top dog anymore, it is still a potent threat.

Washington (14-4, 3-3)

While the Huskies are only .500 within inconference play, they entered conference play with only one loss. They are a very efficient team on both ends of the floor, and are able to score quickly through fast-paced transition play. The Huskies are No. 1 in scoring offense in the conference and in free throw percentage, complimenting their

fast paced play to get to the line and convert fouls to easy points. They are a team to watch out for as the season progresses.

Cal (12-5, 4-2)

Cal's two conference losses were against top teams Arizona State and Washington. It has been able to score often and efficiently, coming in third in the conference in scoring and field goal percentage. It has, however, the worst free throw percentage, and that could prove to be trouble for it later in the season when games are close and are often decided by free throws. So while it is finding wins, it is not a team that can't be exploited and defeated.

Washington State (11-6, 2-4)

While they only have two conference wins, the Cougars do have a unique and aggressive defense that can cause teams trouble. They are number two in steals in the conference, and are very good at turning those turnovers into easy points on fast breaks. When they are able to execute their defense throughout a whole game, they are able to stifle their opponents' offense and win. The Cougars are only a few points and plays away from getting wins instead of losses.

UCLA (8-9, 4-2) and

USC (11-6, 3-3)

With a .500 conference record, USC is sitting firmly in the middle of the Pac-12. It is number one in offensive rebounding and in steals. In conference play it has had some varying results with a 20-point win against Colorado, and then only a three point victory against bottom of the Pac-12 Utah last weekend. Similarly to UCLA, the Trojans have had some mixed results in conference play. Their two losses were against Oregon and Oregon State. While Oregon State

was an expected loss, losing to Oregon was an unexpected loss. These displays show the appropriate placement of these teams in the middle of the conference.

Colorado (9-8, 2-4)

While Colorado only lost to Stanford by seven points, its other Pac-12 losses are double-digit losses, including a 20 point loss to USC. Its first two conference wins were this last weekend against Utah, which hasn't won a conference game this season. So while it is at the bottom of the Pac-12, it has firmly showed itself to not be the absolute bottom.

Oregon (8-9, 1-5)

Oregon is struggling again this season, after going 6-12 in conference play last year. The Ducks are still adjusting to their new coach from last year. They are in the bottom half of all stats in the conference, except three pointers made and assists. Having a second-year coach gives them an excuse to be in the bottom of the conference for one more season. However, if they don't show improvement towards the end of the season, it is safe to say that they lack the talent to compete competitively in conference play.

Arizona (7-10, 0-6) and

Utah (6-11, 0-6)

Both these teams have yet to find a win in conference play. To no surprise, Arizona and Utah are the worst in the conference for scoring and field goal percentage. It is hard to win when you can't score. Neither team is a bad team, but they aren't up to the high standards of the Pac-12 this season. They could get a win if they played their best games, but they can be seen as a semi-easy win for the other teams inconference.

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MEN'S HOOPS

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played Oregon State — coached by Craig Robinson — and won by five points.

Today, OSU and UCLA are tied in the Pac-12 standings, both one game back from the peak of the conference.

The Beavers are in a cross-roads currently, playing without junior forward Victor Robbins, who has eight games remaining in his 10-game suspension for violating athletic department policy.

OSU lost by 13 to Washington in Robbin's first game away from the team before capturing a 15-point victory over Washington State on Saturday.

"That first game at Washington, (we said) 'oh no, that's our second-leading scorer. Where are we going to go with our point production?'" Tinkle said. "But then it was just kind've like, 'hey, this is what we have. Let's go find a way to win.' And the guys really bought into that against Washington State."

Against Washington, OSU's starters totaled only 33 points and junior forward Jarmal Reid's 10 points represented the only scoring from bench players.

"It was our first game with a guy short, so we had to know what player had to step up," said junior guard Gary Payton II. "Going into the Washington State game, we knew what we had to do."

Payton and junior guard Langston Morris-Walker combined for 35 points against the Cougars in the 62-47 win, though the Beavers only got seven bench points without Robbins, who had been averaging 10.3 points per game in a reserve role.

"We were a little short-handed with our roster, and the guys stayed together," Tinkle said. "We focused on the defensive end and controlled the tempo ... great overall bounce-back on the second game (against WSU)."

Going forward, Reid knows he will continue to be one of

the lone scoring contributors outside of the starting five.

"I think it will definitely be noticeable, considering the fact that me and Vic were the main guys coming off, and now it's just me and the walk-ons," Reid said. "It's going to be tough... but I think we can definitely get it done."

Tinkle said that Reid and N'Diaye, despite playing different positions, can spell Gomis and other players while also allowing Schaftenaar to play more at the power forward position than center. Also, freshman walk-on guards Tanner Sanders and Dylan Livesay as well as forward Matt Dahlen could see more playing time with Robbins out.

"Everybody has to step up; the walk-ons have to step up," Payton II said. "That carries over to the starters ... we've got to pick up what Victor brought to the table."

The Bruins have had a tumultuous season of their own, playing four teams ranked in the top-10 nationally and losing all three by a combined 106 points.

UCLA started 8-7 and was on a five-game losing streak before rattling off three straight wins — including a double-overtime 86-81 thriller over Stanford, the only loss for the Cardinal in the Pac-12 — leading up to Thursday's game against OSU.

The Beavers, meanwhile, are 10-0 in Corvallis, matching the best mark for an OSU team since 1984, and most recently winning over then-No. 7 Arizona, 58-56.

Though home games have been favorable for OSU this season, Tinkle commented on the necessity to not negatively compensate with the bonus of a home crowd.

"The one challenge is to not just think that because we're at home, we're going to get a win," Tinkle said. "It's been neat to this point, but we still have a lot moving forward and we have to stay focused."

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Men's basketball Pac-12 rankings



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Arizona (16-2, 4-1 Pac-12)

Message received, Arizona: you are still the class of the Pac-12. After being upset by the Beavers, the Wildcats bounced back, took care of Colorado fairly easily and brought the hammer down on Utah, which entered the game ranked No. 8 in the country with a convincing 69-51 beating at home. The next matchup for the Wildcats does not get any easier, as they need to travel to the Bay Area to take on a very tough Stanford team and finish off against Cal.

Utah (14-3, 4-1)

I bet Utah cannot wait for Feb. 28 when they get to play Arizona again on their court, because they got ran out of the McKale Center in Tucson, Ariz. with an 18 point defeat. That had to have been a huge letdown for the Utes as they entered the game ranked 8th in the nation and had breezed through their Pac-12 schedule. How the team will respond is the big question: after a loss like the one Utah suffered, its next test comes at home against Washington — who is coming off a sweep of the Oregon schools — and Washington State.

Stanford (13-4, 4-1)

Stanford is a tough team. They could make a case being the top-team in the Pac-12 after blowing past Cal in the second half in Berkeley, Calif. and then blowing out defending national champions UCONN last week. Stanford wants a chance to prove it belongs in the conversation for top of the Pac. Fortunately for the Cardinal, they host No. 7 Arizona on Thursday on their home court. Are they as good as their record? We should find out soon enough.

Oregon State (12-5, 3-2)

Another positive weekend for the Beavers as

they split their road trip in Washington and get their first inconference victory away from their home court — an impressive feat for a team that continues to surprise everyone outside its own locker room with its play each week. This week the Beavers return to Gill Coliseum, where they are a perfect 10-0, to host UCLA and USC. UCLA will be coming in on a three-game winning streak bouncing back from its rough start to conference play. The Bruins are also already battle tested, having played four top-10 teams this season, and USC is coming off of their first conference victory. This could end up being a very important week for the Beavers.

UCLA (11-7, 3-2)

I am guilty for pressing the panic button on UCLA; I had the Bruins ranked 12th in the conference a couple weeks ago, as they had just lost their fifth game in a row. Here they are now, in the top-five and riding a three-game win streak as they travel up to Corvallis for a matchup with the Beavers on Thursday night. The Bruins are coming in with momentum to a court that teams from outside Oregon — Western Oregon in an exhibition — have had no luck winning in. They will finish off their road trip against a Duck team that is just as tough at home and is coming off a tough road trip. UCLA could be a big riser or faller after this week.

Washington (13-4, 2-3)

Washington, much like UCLA, has gotten back to its winning ways. After winning the first 13 games, it went on to lose its next four, before bouncing back and sweeping Oregon State and Oregon. The difference maker has been 7-foot junior center Robert Upshaw. In Washington's two wins he averaged 12.5 points, 13.5 rebounds and 5.5 blocks per game. The Huskies will look to keep their winning streak alive when they travel

to take on Colorado and No. 12 Utah this week.

Washington State (9-8, 3-2)

Five games into conference play and the Cougars have already matched their win total — of three games — within the conference from a year ago, a big step for first-year head coach Ernie Kent. Speaking of Kent, he faced his former team, a team he was fired from after the 2009-2010 season, last week and beat it in overtime. Wazzu beat the Ducks 108-99 in the overtime shoot-out to give them their third inconference win. The Cougars were unable to get their fourth conference victory, as they were held to 61 points fewer in their matchup against the Beavers than they were against the Ducks in their 62-47 defeat to the Beavers.

Oregon (12-6, 2-3)

Defense is what killed the Ducks last week. Against Washington State, they gave up 108 points in their overtime loss to the Cougars; against Washington the Ducks allowed 53 second-half points and were unable to protect their 10-point halftime lead as they fell to the Huskies 85-77. The Ducks can score the basketball — they rank 24th in points per game — but until they improve on their 287th ranked defense, wins will be hard to come by in Pac-12 play.

Arizona State (9-9, 1-4)

There is no longer a winless team in the conference. Arizona State finally got the monkey off its back and picked up its first conference win in its 78-72 victory over Colorado on Saturday. There is even a chance that the Sun Devils could keep this hot streak going, as they travel to Berkeley to take on the Golden Bears on Thursday, who are in the midst of a four game losing streak.

Colorado (9-9, 2-3)

Last week I wanted to know who this Colorado team was. I have come to the conclusion that

it is not a team that will represent the Pac-12 in the NCAA tournament, like it has the past three seasons. After getting blown out by Arizona and giving Arizona State its first conference victory, it's safe to say that the Buffaloes are in a down year. Colorado will try to stop its three game losing streak at home against Washington and Washington State to try and get its season back on track.

Cal (11-7, 1-4)

Rough stretch for the Golden Bears: They started off Pac-12 play with a very nice victory against then No. 21 Washington — which has also fallen off — then proceeded to drop their next four games including double-digit losses to UCLA and USC. There is no way around it: Cal is in a slump. Fortunately for the Golden Bears, their is a potential slump-buster in Arizona State coming to Berkeley on Thursday. If Cal doesn't close the deal against the Sun Devils, they face a much harder task in taking down Arizona. Things are bad for Cal — with the potential to get much worse — if they can't get a win this weekend.

USC (9-8, 1-4)

The men of Troy only had one game this week, against their in-city rival UCLA. In that game the Trojans could not close out both of the halves in that game, as the Bruins outscored them 26-6 in the closing minutes of both halves. USC is the only team in the Pac-12 to allow more points per game than it scores per game — 69.2 points allowed versus 67.7 points per game — and it's tough to win many games when you allow that to happen. Next up for the Trojans is a matchup against the struggling Ducks in Eugene, before taking on the Beavers on Saturday.

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More proof needed from Obama's community college plan

President Barack Obama issued the State of the Union Tuesday, Jan. 20 and addressed many victories and promises that have occurred in the past decade — among which was the illusive “bold new plan to lower the cost of community college to zero,” according to the transcript from the White House Office of the Press Secretary.

Obama expressed in his speech that free community college was already available in locations such as Tennessee and Chicago — confirmed by The Chicago Tribune and The Tennessean — and that he wanted to make community college as free and accessible as American public high school.

This would allow Americans to get

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out into the work force sooner and with significantly less debt than is currently possible.

It would definitely create a much more feasible route for our society to smarten up without eating Top Ramen constantly.

We commend his goal and desire to shower the nation with free education — in terms of gifts, it's probably the nicest present anyone has ever tried to give us students.

But how exactly will this plan work when Obama only has a year and a half left in office and a Congress and Senate filled with people who have done nothing but try to block all of his bills out of spite?

What is the budget like for this kind of endeavor? We know that he doesn't really have to worry about voter approval since it's his second term, and if he wants to go hog wild, there is really no stopping the guy.

Except for the other branches of government.

Don't get us wrong; we would love to see free community college.

We are just very cynical, skeptical students who were once told that a red-suited fat man came down a chimney once a year to give us goodies, free of charge. Spoiler: the red-suited fat man does not exist.

Could the budget or the bill for free community college exist?

It is very easy for a politician to get up on a podium and give grand promises that guarantee change.

And although we concur that significant changes have taken place during the Obama administration — gas is lower, there are fewer troops in Afghanistan and more jobs have been created — we remain skeptical.

The thing we worry about, though, is even if these plans for free community college go through, what is to stop the next president from undoing it?

What we have now, in comparison to where we started at the end of the Bush administration, is definitely better.

But it is definitely not over.

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Young voters necessary to win elections

In today's society, where politics have become increasingly divided between the Republican and Democratic parties, it has never been more important to view political issues from a purely individualistic perspective. More often than not, we tend to see propaganda that supports only the conservative or liberal aspects of a certain issue — whether it is on news channels, in newspaper articles or on the radio.

With many Americans listening to these extreme perspectives, we are unfortunately more apt to agree with our own particular political party's stance instead of truly focusing on our own ideals and coming to a unique conclusion.

Politics is not intended to look at issues in purely black and white perspectives, although our current political system may make it appear that way.

By listening to various points of view and keeping an open mind at all times, we are able to cultivate more considerate and productive opinions.

Although I do not agree with the Obama administration on many of their approaches towards certain political issues, I do appreciate their most recent attempt to reach out to younger generations through social media.

According to an article in the New York Times called “Obama's Social Media Team Tries to Widen Audience for State of the Union Address,” not only has the current administration recognized the need for advertisement through social media, but they have developed a team that will create various advertisements on Facebook, Twitter and other social media that will allow a wide variety of people the opportunity to follow the State of the Union Address via the Internet.

When it comes to the younger generations, this is a crucial step towards increasing public participation in political issues, and more importantly the upcoming Presidential election in 2016.

In past years, there has been a significant lack in voting from young adults ages 18-24, as only 38 percent of Americans in this age category voted in the 2012 Presidential election.

With such a low turnout, it is critical that our administration attempt to reach out to these young adults in order to gain their perspective, as they are the future of this nation.

Here at Oregon State University, the Associated Students of Oregon State University has done an excellent job of motivating students to register to vote, as well as participate in local issues.

However, there is still much that can be done in order to increase participation in the on-goings of our nation — but I applaud the current administration for taking the necessary action to incorporate more perspectives into our current political society.

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Accessible parking abuse is spawn of Satan, evil incarnate

America has many programs to try to help the poor, the sick and those with accessibility needs.

As far as the latter goes, many steps have been taken since the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 to make sure that people with disabilities are not discriminated against, and that certain accommodations are made in public places to increase mobility.

But like any well-meaning system, there are always abusers of it.

It is all too easy now to fake one's way through an accessible parking placard application. According to the DMV, one simply needs to fill out an application and get obtain doctor's signature in order to reap the benefits meant for people with actual disabilities. This could mean forging a signature, or a doctor quietly handing them out to his or her spouse, kids or friends.

But who would be so dastardly



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as to pretend they have to park in spaces meant for people who actually need them?

Unfortunately, the answer is quite a few people.

Because the system is so easy to abuse, and the benefits so tantalizing, many people do. The abuse of the system can range from able-bodied people obtaining an accessible parking card in their names, to people borrowing a relative's placard for a trip to the library, grocery store or into the city.

But progress is being made, if rather slowly.

In 2012 in San Francisco, for example, dark clouds of doom rolled

onto the horizons of people committing fraud.

In the city, parking is very limited, and there are currently double the amounts of accessible parking placards as there are blue parking spaces, according to SFGate.

City council members met to discuss what to do about the issue, and mulled over a few possible solutions.

One, of course, was to start cracking down on able-bodied people parking in accessible spaces. And this has been done with more gusto; the punishment for committing such fraud in the city has been raised from a fine to possible jail time.

Although the city has been cracking down on people who lie on their parking placard applications, the council also raised the possibility of making disabled San Franciscans pay at meters.

Currently, most city parking is metered parking, but people with accessibility needs are exempt from

this and are able to park for free for almost unlimited amounts of time.

But because of the astounding number of issued placards in the city and the limited amount of coinciding spaces, it would make it easier for people to find accessible parking spaces if the incentive to keep one's car in the same spot (free parking) were to be taken away.

Although this may seem like a reasonable solution, the population of those with accessibility needs was less than pleased with the idea, according to SFGate.

It has now turned into a three-year-long dispute, with the handicapped population continuing to push back against the efforts of the city to install meters in handicapped spaces.

Despite these setbacks, many people are becoming more educated about the problem, not just in San

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Domination, submission and the pursuit of happiness

Dear Dr. Sex:
My fiancé and I were looking up things for us to do to spice up our sex life.

We then discovered a type of role-play that some straight couples have been doing called gender swapping where the male and female physically reverse roles.

An example would be if the female wears a strap on and then penetrates the male.

This act also involves cross dressing as well which I already know is more common than it was before, but I want to know how common this gender swapping is, particularly how common it is among straight people/couples today?

Signed, Sex - Sriracha Style

Dear SSS,
The behavior you are describing certainly isn't new.

I went to a professional training conference provided by the American Association of Sex Educators,

Counselors and Therapists more than 20 years ago and women wearing strap-ons to penetrate their male partners was a topic.

The phrase “Gender Swapping” is used more in the realm of video gaming.

I actually haven't seen that phrase used much at all in the context of heterosexual sexual behavior.

I think a more common phrase for a heterosexual couple switching roles is Domination and Submission or simply sexual role reversal.

I'm not saying the phrase Gender Swapping is wrong, but simply that I haven't seen it used for what you are

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