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CONTINUING THE LEGACY

OSU reflects on 2 weeks of celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr., dream he held dear

By Abigail Erickson
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More than 50 years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his "I have a dream" speech, envisioning a world of equality and unity. Oregon State University not only honored his legacy through a two-week-long celebration, but promoted the idea that even the most ordinary people can make extraordinary changes.

Since Jan. 12, the Office of Equity and Inclusion at Oregon State University has commemorated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and MLK's legacy with a two-week-long celebration. Each day, the series held events featuring guest speakers, slam poetry, essay readings, film screenings, discussion panels and more.

On Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the community gathered for the 33rd Annual Peace Breakfast, which featured a keynote speaker and presenters for the Phyllis S. Lee and Frances Dancy Hooks awards. With the festivities drawing to a close, OSU students and staff reflected on some of the high points of the celebration and how far the university has come — and still has to go — on matters of equality.

"I'm very thankful that the university is willing to do this (celebration) and is putting so much of an investment into these cultural centers," said Crystal Boson, a professor in the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Boson also said that while the university has made a great deal of progress on matters of equality, there are still difficult discussions to have.

"I see a lot of value in conversation," Boson said. "Not just discussion, but also bringing in the right people to have those hard conversations and share

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Activist visits OSU, discusses making social justice reality

Social justice activist emphasizes accountability, organizing social change

By Jasmin Vogel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Social justice activist Walidah Imarisha visited with Oregon State University students Thursday at the Native American Longhouse to discuss how change can be implemented on campus and

allies can be supportive in a post-Ferguson era.

As a continuation of Martin Luther King, Jr. events on campus, student and community leaders hosted a luncheon with guest speaker Imarisha. The discussion centered around issues of social justice and what it means to be a positive ally.

"The goal is not to be perfect. The goal is to be accountable," Imarisha said. "I don't think you can create safe spaces. I think you can create

accountable spaces where folks have expectations of each other, where they come with their best intention, and if they mess up, they are willing to be accountable; they take responsibility, they make amends, then they work to change their behavior in the future. That's really all we can ask of anyone. That's the idea behind transformative justice."

Imarisha is a nationally recognized professor, author, spoken word poet and activist.

She has spent six years organizing programs throughout Oregon with the Oregon Humanities' Conversation Project on topics of black history, the history of hip-hop and exploring alternatives to imprisonment.

"I liked how she talked about how impossible unrealistic social change is, and if this is the reality we are living in, we are going to break it," said

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Sunday, January 18

Moonshine-inspired assault

According to logs from the Benton County Sheriff's Office, two deputies responded to a residence for an alleged medical and domestic emergency. Officers logged that the man who lived there needed emergency transportation to the hospital for his "high level of intoxication caused by drinking moonshine." The man's female roommate allegedly told officers the man had slammed her hand in a door the previous night, and officers logged that the woman's hand was indeed swollen and she appeared unable to make a fist. Officers issued the man, while at the hospital, a no-contact release agreement and a citation for assault in the fourth degree.

Saturday, January 17

Using a phone while driving

A parked BCSO officer allegedly witnessed a man using a cell phone while driving and pulled him over. According to officer logs, the officer arrested the driver after determining the man was unable to safely operate the vehicle. A blood-alcohol test reportedly determined the driver's blood-alcohol content was 0.07 percent, which is below the legal limit; however, the officer decided to cite the driver before giving him a courtesy ride to his residence.

Friday, January 16

Suspicious behavior

A BCSO officer arrived at the BCSO lobby to speak with a man on-site who reported an allegedly suspicious individual who had approached the man at



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his farm. According to BCSO logs, the complainant alleged that the other man had approached him, asking to purchase sheep, but became upset when the complainant informed him that the farm did not raise or sell sheep. The complainant alleged that the man then exclaimed, "I need meat, I have to feed my soldiers!" and left the property in a Toyota Camry. The complainant provided a license plate number for the vehicle and officers were able to locate the address of the alleged suspect, who matched the complainant's description. The attending officer logged that he forwarded the report to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Thursday, January 15

Sleeping at the highway

A citizen reported to the BCSO that a man appeared to be sleeping in the driver's seat of a car on the side of Highway 99. BCSO logged that an officer responded to the man's location for a welfare check. During the interaction, the officer allegedly determined that the man was not having a medical emergency, but requested he participate in a standardized field sobriety test. According to the officer's logs, the man did not pass the test, and

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Generally, an individual can be arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants if blood-alcohol content is equal to or greater than 0.08 percent. That means that 0.08 percent or more of the person's blood content consists of intoxicants. Other "intoxicants" include controlled substances or inhalants. Many over-the-counter drugs, such as NyQuil or some antihistamines, have compounds that can influence a person's ability to drive safely, so it is often up to the officer's discretion if these are included. A minor (in this case, defined as an individual under the age of 21) with any level of intoxication can be cited for DUII. The fines for DUII charges vary, but for a first-time conviction, the minimum fine is \$1,000 as ordained by ORS 813.010.

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the officer decided to take the man into custody for allegedly driving under the influence of intoxicants. At the BCSO, a blood sample allegedly determined the man's blood-alcohol content was 0.15 percent.

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Calendar

Friday, Jan. 23

- Meetings Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11:30am, MU 221/Board Room. SORCE Committee Hearings. Student Parent Advisory Board, Noon, Barometer Conference Room (120 MU East/Snell Hall), FY16 Open Budget Meeting. Student Diversity Budget Board, 9:30am, MU 211. Open hearing. Review of the comprehensive FY15-16 budget.

Saturday, Jan. 24

- Events Oregon State University Polo Club, 5-7pm, Benton County Fairgrounds Arena. OSU Men's (horse not water) Polo Team vs. Colorado State University. Free parking and bleacher seating. OSU Polo since 1923. Come and watch this exciting and fast-paced game in person.

Sunday, Jan. 25

- Events Oregon State University Polo Club, 10am-Noon, Benton County Fairgrounds Arena. OSU Women's (horse not water) Polo Team vs. Colorado State University. Free parking and bleacher seating. OSU Polo since 1923. Come and watch this exciting and fast-paced game in person.

Monday, Jan. 26

- Meetings Waste Watchers, 5:30-7pm, Gilkey 104. Weekly meeting - Help plan and get involved with waste reduction events, education and outreach!

Wednesday, Jan. 28

- Meetings ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Weekly meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 29

- Meetings Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Empowering Children and Youth - A discussion.

Friday, Jan. 30

- Meetings Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11:30am, MU 221/Board Room. SORCE Committee Hearings.

Monday, Feb. 2

- Meetings Waste Watchers, 5:30-7pm, Gilkey 104. Weekly meeting - Help plan and get involved with waste reduction events, education and outreach!

Wednesday, Feb. 4

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

Thursday, Feb. 5

- Meetings Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Do Clergy Service a Role in Today's Religious Community? - A discussion.

Friday, Feb. 6

- Events Poetry Interest Group, 7-9pm, Westminster House, 23rd & Monroe. Open Mic - Speaking up against torture and Guantanamo Bay remaining open.

Monday, Feb. 9

- Meetings Waste Watchers, 5:30-7pm, Gilkey 104. Weekly meeting - Help plan and get involved with waste reduction events, education and outreach!

Thursday, Feb. 12

- Meetings Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Racism: America's Most Challenging Issue - A discussion.

Senior trooper reflects on journey to law enforcement

Senior Trooper Huff Meyr called to law enforcement by desire to help others

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg THE DAILY BAROMETER

After 19 years in law enforcement, Senior Trooper Huff Meyr has had to handcuff and pat down a naked man, has accidentally pepper-sprayed himself and has even been shot at. But when it comes to one of the hardest things he's done in his life, his answer was completely unrelated to his experiences as an Oregon State Trooper.

"Teaching seventh grade," Meyr said. "That was one of the hardest things I've ever done."

Teaching middle school in inner-city Phoenix was just one of Trooper Meyr's career paths before he settled on working for the state of Oregon. After graduating from Brigham Young University, Meyr considered law school, taught and even worked as a long-distance truck driver.

After he and his wife decided truck driving kept him away from home too frequently, Meyr's brother-in-law suggested working for the state. His interests in helping others and his fluency in Spanish made him an exceptional candidate for public service work.

"I've always wanted to help people," Meyr said. "You know, to contribute to society."

After two years working as a correctional officer in the Oregon State Penitentiary, Meyr was hired on as a state trooper in Baker City. Three and a half years later, he transferred to Albany and, just more than two years ago, joined the team of Oregon State Police at Oregon State University.

Meyr said that working as a state trooper on a university campus is "very different" than the average trooper station. He added that he's enjoyed his experiences working at the university so far and does his best to learn and grow alongside the student body.

"It's just trying to keep people safe," he said. "Helping people make good decisions and making good decisions yourself."

Outside his day shift, Meyr just goes by "Huff." "A lot of people think that's a last name, but mom stuck me with Huff," he said.

Meyr said that having friends who are not involved in law enforcement helps separate work life from civilian life.



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Senior Trooper Huff Meyr

In terms of his hobbies, Meyr said he and his family are active members of their local church. He goes golfing with his buddies when he can, fixes up the house and also attends the school band concerts, academic events and sports games in which his six children (ranging from 16 to 26 years old) participate.

"There's always something going on," he said, noting that seeing his children grow up has been one of his most rewarding endeavors.

Meyr did note that it can be a bit hard to get away from cop life.

"Everyone knows you're a police officer, so everyone wants to ask you or tell you their police stories," he said. "A lot of times, when you go to church or go to social events, that's kind of the last thing you want to talk about. You'd rather talk about the Seahawks or the Beavers."

When incidents at work become so encompassing that they distract from his home life, Meyr explained that he isn't afraid to seek professional advice.

"I'm a big fan of accessing mental health professionals," Meyr said. "In my opinion, any police officer that's been active ... I mean, I think there's things you need to talk about with a qualified professional, and

there's certainly no shame in that."

Meyr explained that earlier in his professional life, a retired officer, who at the time was heavily involved in providing support and care for police, had asked him about the last time he'd cried.

"I couldn't remember," Meyr said. "It'd been so long and my emotions were just kind of shutting down."

He explained that the officer had told him that, regardless of how Meyr was managing, his seeking professional guidance would help him be a better father and husband to his family.

"I've been married 26 years and I have six children, so I have a lot to work for," Meyr said.

In trying to find a theme for his career as a state trooper, Meyr reflected on several things he's learned: Be ever-learning. Be patient. Be forgiving of people. Beware of pride. Life's too short.

In one of his most difficult incidents, Meyr had to deal with the hit-and-run manslaughter of a toddler.

"The car stopped and then took off," he said. "Since I spoke Spanish, I was the one who had to break the news to his mom. She was wondering why the ambulance wasn't taking him away and ... it just breaks your heart, things like that."

Despite the occasional heartbreak, Meyr said most of his work as an Oregon trooper is rewarding and, at times, even enjoyable.

He recalled one particular instance of a more-or-less routine traffic stop.

"The driver, she was speeding but not very, very fast," he said. "There was a toddler in a car seat in the back and he had a pacifier. As I walked up to the passenger side, I looked at the toddler and he looked right at me and he smiled, just super big, and as he smiled, the pacifier dropped out of his mouth."

He said this was one of his favorite moments on the job, adding that rather than ticket the woman, he chose to release her with a firm warning.

"It's had its ups and downs, but for the most part, it's been good," Meyr said of life as a state trooper. "Anytime you're leaving work and you're healthy and on your feet, it's a good day. To feel like maybe you made a little dent."

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Nicaragua water project connects engineers

■ Engineers Without Borders assists rural town, builds networks

By Justin Frost
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As a physics recitation was released for the evening in Batcheller 150, a group of students trickled out as another, enthusiastic bunch took their place. One of the incoming students peered over the whiteboard, where the recitation group had been working out assigned problems. The chattering crew of incoming students discussed the equations on the board as they found their seats.

The incoming students belonged to Oregon State University's Engineers Without Borders chapter. Engineers Without Borders is a non-governmental organization with 684 community development projects in 39 countries around the United States, according to their website. The focal project of OSU's group is helping to distribute clean water to a rural community in Los Potreros, Nicaragua, by putting in a well paid for and designed primarily by the students.

The meeting opened with smiles, introductions and some good news.

"We spoke with the community leaders yesterday and they were very excited about the project," said Isabella Lewis, a third-year student in environmental engineering. "We were just approved for travel this summer."



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Isabella Lewis, a third-year student in environmental engineering, addresses the Oregon State University chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

The life of an OSU engineering student is busy, but students in EWB still find time to get together and work on their projects, often multiple times each week.

"I gain so much just from being a member of EWB," said Heidi Oldenkamp, a sophomore in bioengineering. "I knew I wanted to get involved ever since I enrolled here. Now I go to three meetings each week, two for Nicaragua and one general meeting."

Heidi Oldenkamp said she was naturally drawn to the program after participating in humanitarian work in high school.

Assisting a community in another part of the world is not

the only draw to the program, according to Dylan Hinson, a junior in bioengineering.

"EWB connects the students in civil engineering to the students in chemical, biological and environmental engineering," Hinson said. "It also helps improve communication and leadership skills and educate students about humanitarian engineering."

Working on such a complex project requires consistent meeting and attendance, but consistently draws new faces, according to Lewis.

"There is a lot of communication involved," Lewis said. "We need to check in with EWB regularly to make sure that all of the regulations are met."

Lewis and Emily Oldenkamp, who are co-coordinators of the Nicaragua project, emphasized the sense of community that the club creates both internationally and at OSU. The meeting had drawn about 10 new members, many of whom were freshman in engineering.

"We're not just limited to engineers; students from any major can join," Lewis said. "We had a marketing major work with us last year on getting word out about the project. They were so excited about it."

EWB will hold their annual banquet May 3 to raise money for the trip.

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their own stories."

Daryl Adkins, a graduate student in the Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, said she was excited about where the university was headed next.

"I really liked the presentation that included Sister Outsider," Adkins said. "I liked that they incorporated queer women into this conversation."

Sister Outsider is an award-winning poetry duo that spoke at the event "Writing to resist: uprooting the normalization of gendered violence" Jan. 15.

Boson currently teaches a class on women's self and society, and Adkins is also a teacher assistant.

"I'm still relatively new to campus," Boson said. "But I see a willingness in my students to listen and a desire to understand."

Boson added that historically, blacks were not allowed to move to the state of Oregon until 1926, making Oregon a historically white state.

"When I point this out to my students, it's a difficult thing for them," Boson said. "Still, students are willing to listen."

Adkins said she's seen both a willingness to discuss issues and a resistance from her students.

"I've seen different sides," Adkins said. "Both openness and a resistance to some material like white privilege and white supremacy. When you ask students to question things like their privilege, it's a very hard thing, and sometimes it can come off as an attack and make discussions difficult."

Adkins also mentioned that it's important to keep having conversations about race and privilege with students, and that it's important for students to also question themselves and think critically.

"In terms of identity on campus, I'd like to see more conversations on solidarity and activism on campus," Boson said. "I'm excited about the new Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center building and how all the other cultural centers are coming together to promote cross-cultural engagement."

Students also noted positive outcomes of the celebration. Christian Nishioka, a senior double majoring in digital communication arts and business, is a graphic designer for the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center. Nishioka attended the Peace Breakfast Monday and was pleased with the turnout.

"There were more people there than I expected, and it was cool to see the community come out and support the event," Nishioka said.

Nishioka added that he was pleased that the university was doing its part to promote a more open, multicultural community.

As far as room for improvement, Adkins and Boson added that more discussions were always important.

"I would like to see more discussions about Ferguson and anti-black violence," Boson said.

Adkins also said that people can't hide behind words like "inclusion" and "diversity" and mask current problems with positivity.

"How are we using these words?" Adkins asked. "Differences between people are OK, but when you discriminate against those differences, then it's a problem."

Overall, students and staff reacted positively to the celebration, and were looking forward to how the university continues to promote diversity.

"I'm excited about how our university is going to evolve," Boson said.

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JUSTICE

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Jasmine Armas, a sophomore majoring in Zoology.

Miguel Arellano, coordinator for social change leadership programs in the Department of Intercultural Student Services, said he put on the event because of students' connection to global issues and Imarisha's "work on envisioning alternative futures."

"OSU is dedicated to graduating students that are prepared to deal with the world's most complex and pressing social problems," Arellano said.

Imarisha talked about her upcoming anthology science fiction book, "Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice Movements." The work, set to be released in spring 2015, is a collaboration of various social activist's stories combined into a single book with the help of Adrienne Maree Brown.

The discussion brought up ways students at OSU can institute social change in the college environment.

"I think it's incredibly important to organize, otherwise you're engaging in social justice tourism; you're going through your own edification," Imarisha said. "There is no real reason you are gathering this information other than making solid, real societal change."

The event, provided by the Anarres Project for Alternative Futures; the School of History, Philosophy, and Religion; Intercultural Student Services; and Student Leadership and Involvement was significant to many students and faculty who attended.

"Overall it was eye opening, by breaking down ways that I thought about things," Armas said.

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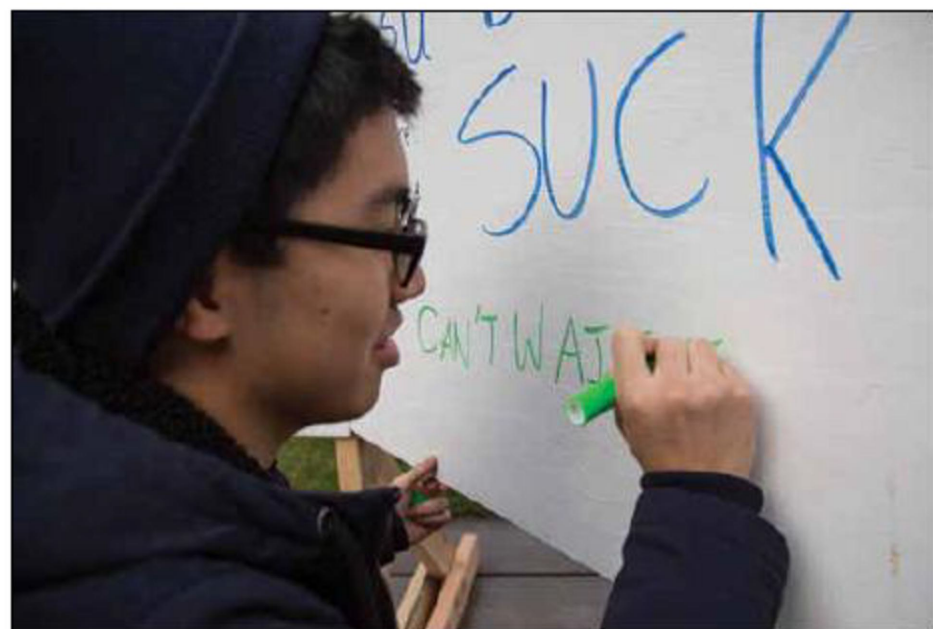
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The Oregon State University College Republicans set up a free speech wall where students can write whatever they please in the Memorial Union quad in honor of the First Amendment.



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Sophomore civil engineering major Emily Luke writes on the wall to celebrate the right to freedom of speech.



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Sophomore electrical engineering major Tim Luo writes on the wall as part of the College Republicans' celebration of the First Amendment.

Write for freedom

College Republicans encourage others to write on First Amendment wall

By Nicki Silva
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The College Republicans at Oregon State University are tabling in the Memorial Union quad this week to remind students of the First Amendment right to free speech.

"We're just kind of celebrating: 'We have the right, so we're going to do it,'" said Donald Handeland, president of OSU College Republicans and a civil engineering and finance senior. "Some people going through school don't really understand what's completely protected or what they can and can't say."

Students were asked to write anything they wanted on the free speech wall set up in the

MU quad. "On the wall, we have some political stuff, and some people just write silly things, whatever's kind of going through their mind. It's mostly positive, but it gets a little heated sometimes," Handeland said.

The College Republicans promote conservative ideas, provide informational services and promote the election of Republican leaders into public office, according to their website. They have weekly meetings in Gilkey 113 Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.

Thursday night, the College Democrats and the College Republicans debated the issues of minimum wage, GMO labeling and the United States' energy needs.

The free speech wall will be up Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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President of the College Republicans Donald Handeland, a senior in civil engineering and finance, and Matthew Perez, a senior in economics, table in the Memorial Union quad.

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Head coach Wayne Tinkle encourages his players against UCLA at home Jan. 22.

■ Beavers stifle UCLA offense, remain undefeated in Gill Coliseum

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As Oregon State head coach Wayne Tinkle was explaining his team's resilience late in Thursday's 66-55 win over UCLA, sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier interrupted with the words issued among players in the last media timeout.

"We came too far (to lose)," Duvivier said. The Beavers had pulled out a 17-point lead in the second half, but UCLA closed the gap to a 51-48 margin at the 4-minute mark.

During the timeout, the Beavers rallied together and finished the contest with a 14-7 run, claiming the 11-point victory for OSU (13-5, 4-2 Pac-12) over the Bruins (11-8, 3-3).

"We turned it over and got a little tentative during their run," Tinkle said of UCLA's 12-3 streak late in the game. "But our guys in that last media timeout just drew a line in the sand and said 'we're not giving this up.'"

The win came on the heels of USA Today's recent acclaim for Tinkle as the nation's second most

OSU Defends Home Floor Once Again



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Sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier drives the lane against UCLA during the Beavers' win at Gill Coliseum Jan. 22.

impressive college coach this season.

His squad's 2-3 zone stymied the Bruin offense consistently, including a stretch in the first half when UCLA missed 15 consecutive shots.

The Bruins came into the contest averaging 73.3 points per game but managed only 55 against OSU on a 30.6 percent shooting clip and 24 percent from

beyond the arc.

"In zone, a lot of people think if (the opposing team) has good shooters, you can't play zone," Tinkle said. "You don't just play zone because you don't think they shoot. You can guard shooters and

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Fans need to be factor in house of Gill

Thursday, the Oregon State men's basketball program notched another win at home and — once again — the perfect record inside of Gill Coliseum continued.

With each win, and each game at home, the crowd seems to grow, and the ambiance of Gill gets a little more special.

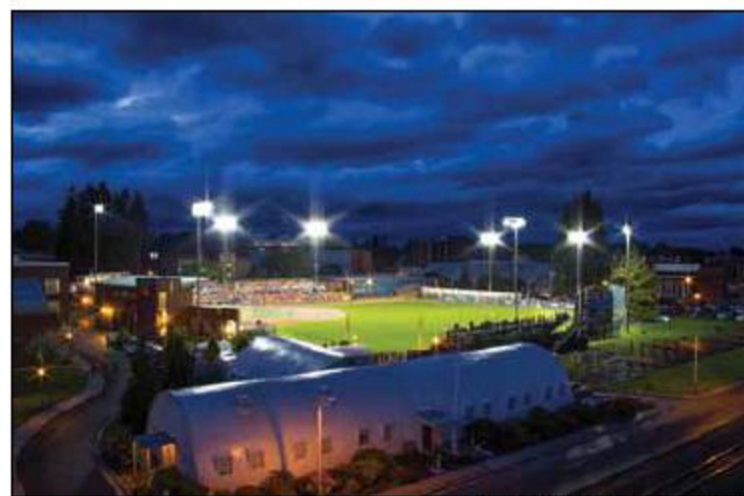
At home, the men's basketball team is 11-0, the women's basketball team is 8-0 and men's wrestling is 4-0. I think it's official: Participating inside Gill Coliseum is something to be revered.

Typically Beaver Nation is a large part of that, but on Thursday with four minutes left and the Beavers' lead dwindling, it took the enormous arm-flapping of head coach Wayne Tinkle to get the fans inside Gill to respond to the way the game was shifting.

To Beaver Nation's credit, they immediately acted upon the coaches' request, but it shouldn't take the coach to get them going.

Each time the Beavers win at home, Twitter is flooded with tweets discussing the need to protect this house of Gill. And last game against then-

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The Beavers play under the lights of Goss Field against Washington State April 13, 2014.

Baseball season on the horizon

■ Oregon State baseball gets things underway Thursday with annual media day

By Brian Rathbone
THE DAILY BAROMETER

You may not be able to tell by walking past Goss Stadium, but Baseball Season is just a short three weeks away, as the two-time defending Pac-12 champion Beavers will try to make it a three-peat when they open play against Northwestern in the Surprise Tournament in Arizona on Feb. 13.

Although the team won its second straight Pac-12 title, last season is viewed as a disappointment. The Beavers spent much of the season ranked in the top five and entered postseason play as the No. 1 seed, but were upset at by UC Irvine in the regional round, ending their season.

But this is a new team with a lot of new faces. And because of that, the



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Head Coach Pat Casey walks the field against Stanford April 6, 2014.

Beavers will start the season unranked. "We are not looking at rankings," said right-handed pitcher Andrew Moore. "Just like we saw last year going in as the No. 1 seed, we let it slip away on our own turf; that's something we are working everyday to make sure we

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Battle of Pac-12's Best slated for Sunday

■ Ninth-ranked Beavers will play 13th-ranked Sun Devils in battle of undefeated teams

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sunday's tilt with the 13th-ranked Sun Devils will be one of the more anticipated Pac-12 women's basketball games of the season. The game will feature the two teams playing perhaps the best basketball in the Pac-12, as no two teams in the conference have better records than Arizona State (17-1, 6-0 Pac-12) and No. 9 Oregon State (15-1, 6-0). The Beavers and the Sun Devils are the only teams still perfect in conference games, but only one can survive the weekend.

The Sun Devils are riding a 13-game winning streak, and it wasn't until their most recent game that they faced a ranked opponent. The foe came in the form of 11th-ranked Stanford just four days ago. Against Stanford, Arizona State jumped out to an early lead and held a 17-point advantage at the half.

In the second half, Stanford launched into a comeback attempt and outscored the Sun Devils 35-21 in the second half. The Sun Devils survived the comeback and won by a final score of 60-57. It was their first win at Stanford in 37 years, which illustrates the level they've been playing at this season.

"Arizona State is playing as well as anybody, maybe anywhere," said head coach Scott Rueck. "They have a belief similar to what we have; I think we're very similar. They believe they should win every night, and then they'll find a way to win — they're willing to do whatever it takes."

As close as that Stanford game was, the Sun Devils have been blowing out their opponents more often than not. During their 13-game winning



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Junior center Ruth Hamblin prepares herself to shoot a free throw against Washington Jan. 19.

streak, the Sun Devils are winning by an average margin of 20.5 points. Their average scoring margin for the entire season is +18.2 points, which is second in the Pac-12 to Oregon State's +21.9.

Despite that statistic, the Beavers should probably consider themselves lucky to be where they are in the standings, especially after last weekend's games. A week ago, Washington and Washington State entered Gill Coliseum in the hopes of knocking off a ranked opponent and adding a statement win to their seasons. Both teams were poised to try to show that they belong with the upper tier of the Pac-12, and both teams nearly proved that. "They were really great basketball

games," Rueck said. "They were ready for us; they had a good plan against us. I was really proud of our team for weathering the storm and not losing confidence — we certainly could have against Washington State. Instead, it kind of did the opposite."

The Beavers overcame a 16-point second half deficit to beat the Huskies 73-70. Three nights later, the Beavers overcame a three-point deficit late in the game against Washington before taking the 75-67 victory.

"Definitely being in the top-10, or even being ranked, you've got a target on your back every night," said junior guard Jamie Weisner. "In this confer-

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Junior forward Olaf Schaftenaar (left) and junior guard Gary Payton II share a moment in between plays against the Bruins Jan. 22 at Gill Coliseum.

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get to shooters in a zone."

Bruin sophomore guard Bryce Alford knocked down four 3-pointers and lead UCLA with 18 points, but needed 13 attempts from beyond the arc to get that total.

UCLA sophomore guard Isaac Hamilton was fourth on the team with 11.2 points per contest but was scoreless on Thursday, going 0-for-10 from the field and 0-for-5 from 3-point range.

The Bruins didn't control the paint, despite coming into the game as the sixth-best rebounding team in the nation. UCLA barely won the battle of the boards at 35-32 and had 20 points in the paint to OSU's 26.

UCLA was missing junior center Tony Parker, who averaged 10.8 points per game but did not play due to a back injury.

"We weren't getting down low like we wanted," said UCLA head coach Steve Alford. "Tony has been a big part of that."

Meanwhile, the OSU guards were able to play around the rim: Junior guard Gary Payton II and Duvivier combined for 37 points with only one 3-pointer between them. Plenty of those plays came on fast breaks, including an up-and-under

contested layup from Duvivier in the first half that gave OSU an early 8-4 lead.

"I got more to come," Duvivier said. "I don't know how to explain it, I've just got to make those plays when they come to me."

It was the only field goal for Duvivier in the first half, but he chipped in 15 second-half points and went 8-for-8 from the line in the last minute, helping put to bed the UCLA run.

"We've gotten to the point where we've been shooting a good percentage as a team, and then in the last few minutes, it was really good," Tinkle said. "Moving forward, it builds our confidence that teams aren't going to get back in using the foul game."

Now 11-0 at home, the Beavers have one more game in Gill Coliseum before a road trip to Arizona: Saturday at 6 p.m. against USC, which recently lost at home to UCLA, 83-66.

Tinkle looked ahead to that game when addressing his team's spotless home record.

"They've been able to develop this deal at home where we're going to defend it through thick and thin," Tinkle said. "Someone is really going to have to come in and put it to us to sneak one out of us here at Gill."

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don't have that feeling again."

"You got to take it one pitch at a time and one game at a time," junior outfielder Jeff Hendrix said. "And that will ultimately decide your season."

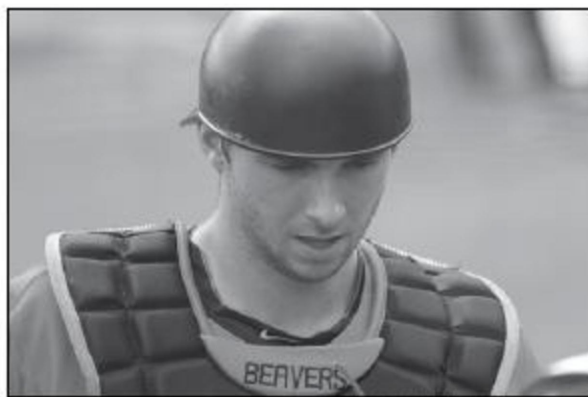
Gone is two-time Pac-12 player of the year Michael Conforto, and two-time first team all-conference player Dylan Davis; gone is Ben Wetzler and Jace Fry — Pac-12 pitcher of the year — who made up one of the more dominant pitching rotations in the nation last season.

This leaves head coach Pat Casey, who is entering his 21st season coaching the Beavers, in an unfamiliar position: not being able to name more than a few sure-fire starters this soon before the season, which he says is a recipe for disaster or the perfect storm.

"Trevor Morrison will start at shortstop; the rest of you need to figure it out. Jeff Hendrix is going to start in center-field, the rest of you need to figure it out."

That leaves a lot of spots in the lineup that need to be filled, with potential for many freshmen to be playing.

"It's trying to get that working-culture, where you show up, put your work in, and get out," said Moore on working with such a young team. "We are trying to push these freshmen along to where they feel like they aren't freshman anymore."



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Sophomore catcher Logan Ice heads off the field against Stanford April 6, 2014.

As much as they are going to miss Wetzler's production — going 12-1 and leading the nation with a 0.78 ERA last year — he had just as much value as a team leader. The obvious choice will be Moore, but Casey anticipates a couple of players to help fill that void.

(Moore) is really good; he's been there, done it all, he's got experience, he does it right; he's won at the highest level," Casey said of the junior pitcher. "For us to do what we need to do, he needs to have a very special year."

Casey mentioned how certain position on the field require you to be a leader, as he mentioned sophomores Trevor Morrison (Shortstop) and Logan Ice (Catcher) as players who will naturally become leaders on the field.

But it was sophomore infielder Caleb Hamilton who was a walk-on last season, and

worked his way into the lineup as a true freshman, who Casey raved about when it comes to leadership.

"Caleb Hamilton will definitely be a guy who will help lead us," Casey said. "Caleb will have no issue in being a guy who is comfortable being in a leadership role."

Just as this will be a new-look Beaver team, Goss Stadium also has a face-lift for the upcoming season.

Down the left field line there's something along with a new team locker room.

There will also be a new field, and after Casey was unable to convince a higher calling to stop the rain in the northwest, the Beavers will be playing their games on a entirely turf field, after playing on a turf infield and grass outfield for the last couple of seasons.

"I love grass fields, I love dirt infields, but you cannot keep up with what you want to do practice-wise without turf," Casey said.

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Junior guard Jamie Weisner shoots a free throw at Gill Coliseum against the Washington Huskies Jan. 19.

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ence especially, it's an all-out grind every night you play on the court. We're definitely getting each team's best effort day in and day out."

While it might be intriguing to look ahead and see an undefeated Arizona State on deck for Sunday, it's still the second game of the weekend for both teams. The Sun Devils host the Ducks Friday, the same day the Beavers will be in Tucson playing the Wildcats of Arizona.

The Wildcats (7-10, 0-6) do not have the national ranking of the Sun Devils, nor do they have a single conference win, but the Beavers are not about to fall into a trap of getting ahead of themselves, as the Wildcats

will undoubtedly be motivated to play the Beavers.

"I could definitely see that, but I think we're mentally ready," Hamblin said. "We're not overlooking Arizona at all. We know that they are a good team and they are going to give us their best shot too, like every other team. We just have to take it one game at a time; we're playing Friday first and then Sunday will happen."

The Beavers swept the Wildcats in the two games they played last year. Oregon State took the first meeting by 14 points and the second by 30. But last season's Wildcats team played the majority of its season

with only seven active players. Several players were injured for the year or left the team, and the losses added up. The Wildcats won only one conference game all last season, but that win was against a ranked Arizona State team, proving that anything can happen.

"I think they are still a young team, though, finding their way," Rueck said. "But they're a scary team because they've got a lot of talent."

Friday's game in Arizona begins at 7 p.m.; Sunday's game at Arizona State tips off at 1 p.m.

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No. 7 Arizona, Beaver Nation was given the player of the game award. A possible upset, a good team or coach trying to fly shouldn't be needed to encourage the fans to disrupt an opposing teams' offense.

Only four basketball programs — both men's and women's — remain undefeated at home. That includes Oregon State.

And only one of those — Wichita — doesn't have a team ranked nationally on one of those sides of the line.

All of this is to say that each game now played inside of Gill becomes infinitely important.

As Tinkle pointed out in post-game interviews after Thursday's win, "We've developed this deal at home where we're going to defend (Gill) through thick and thin."

To do that, he pointed out that the players will need to "Keep the energy, focus and selflessness going."

Just like the players, it will be important for the fans to continue with the same level

of intensity.

"The fans jump on board and they love the way our guys are laying it on the line," Tinkle said.

In my mind this is the Northwest, home of the loudest NFL fans in the country; home of Autzen Stadium, where college teams fear to go because of the disruption of the fans.

When Beaver Nation gets loud it's haunting, and they should do it all the time.

It shouldn't matter who the Beavers play, what the score is, or who's doing what.

Just like the record the Beavers hold, Beaver Nation should be something to be revered, and it shouldn't take the second most impressive coach in the nation to make that happen.

Saturday afternoon, the fans will get another shot to disrupt when the USC Trojans come to town.

So in the words of senior running back Terron Ward on Twitter Monday, "Get yo mind right."

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to possibilities of free community college.
Yea to the movers and shakers of the day looking like they might follow through on this.

Yea to a possibly smarter society being the result.

Nay to deep-seated distrust of promises made by politicians because they are politicians.

Yea to our governor coming to visit us and discuss issues that affect students throughout Oregon — we appreciate you taking time to drop in.

Yea to crisp, dry weather — makes a person feel alive and gets the blood a-flowing.

Nay to the air hurting our faces because of how crisp it is.

Yea to the Solar Vehicle Team competing in a four-day race in Abu Dhabi — good job folks, make us a solar powered hover board and we will be satisfied.

Nay to it being 2015 and hover boards nonexistent for the general populace. You lied to us Marty McFly.

Yea to "Back to the Future" 2015 jokes about inaccurate style predictions.

Nay to people from 1985 thinking we would be wearing small silver helmets and painting stars on our faces — you're thinking of Ke\$ha and she is so 2011.

Yea to men's basketball head coach Wayne Tinkle being honored as second most impressive coach in the nation from USA Today.

Nay to Valentine's Day products already going up in stores — take your social pressure for mating and partnership somewhere else, we don't want your kind around here.

Yea to chocolate.

Yea to "Parks & Recreation" marathons with the aforementioned chocolate.

Nay to stomachaches.

Yea to Pepto-Bismol.

Nay to construction — we want our quiet campus back.

Nay to the Craft Center having nowhere to live for the foreseeable future. How are we supposed to make pottery and paint things to ease our minds from the stress of studenting?

Nay to move-in to the Student Experience Center being delayed because of a solitary smoke detection ventilation part that decided to vacation in Los Angeles. We hope it gets sunburned.

Yea to sororities supporting women in agriculture — hats off to you.

Yea to new members joining the Barometer team — welcome aboard.

Nay to midterms in week three — week three is not, has never been and never will be considered the middle of the term. Get your head right.

Yea to instructors who wait the properly allotted amount of time to assign midterms.

Nay to midterms, still.

Yea to the end of the week — Friday, we missed you and will never leave you again.

Keep on singing, Corvallis.

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Kitzhaber's discussion leaves students skeptical

It is not every day that students get the opportunity to attend a seminar held by a significant state politician, let alone have the ability to ask said politician deliberate questions at their own free will.

It is for this reason that I was extremely grateful that Gov. John Kitzhaber, made the effort to visit Oregon State University for a presentation Jan. 21, during which he spoke about the importance of equity and opportunity in the state of Oregon, and later opened up his seminar for questions from the audience.

As someone who tends to sway closer to the conservative side, I really appreciated what Kitzhaber had to say about equal opportunity, and there is most definitely value in his motivation toward creating higher paying jobs in Oregon and bettering our state's overall economy.

However, it was difficult to establish firm understandings of his ideals and agenda for this upcoming year in the brevity of his visit.

Jesse Hanson



Although many students asked Kitzhaber several thought-provoking questions about his approach towards recent political issues, I personally found his responses lacking in quality and depth.

I believe it would have been extremely beneficial if students were given the opportunity to formulate rebuttal questions based on his answers in order to further probe and understand his motives.

As for the content of Governor Kitzhaber's opening remarks, I absolutely agree with his ideas for creating higher paying jobs and I applaud the fact

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Oregon senators lead fight for commercial hemp production

Gregory Christensen



Cultivating Innovation

After 77 years, hemp is returning to American agriculture. A provision in the Agricultural Act of 2014 — better known as the 2014 Farm Bill — signed by President Obama on Feb. 7 last year, removed hemp grown for research purposes from the Controlled Substances Act, the main federal drug law.

Plus, new legislation from Oregon Senators is opening doors to commercial production.

Hemp — Cannabis sativa L — is a cousin of marijuana.

Hemp contains 0.3 percent or less of the psychoactive component THC.

Marijuana plants contain 5 percent to 20 percent of THC.

Because of the low THC levels, it is impossible to get high from hemp.

Regardless, in 1937, U.S. drug laws made cultivating hemp on US soil off-limits.

The U.S. is the world's largest consumer of hemp, but is also the only major industrialized country that bans farming the product.

U.S. imports have consistently grown over the past decade, increasing by 300 percent.

Canadian farmers have controlled the market until late and garnered huge profits from hemp.

According to South Dakota State University, Canadian farmers bring in \$250 per acre. By comparison, U.S. soy farmers net only \$71 per acre.

In fact, Canadian hemp seed oil is sold to American markets for Omega 3 boosting diet supplements. Hemp fibers are the backbone of the stronger-than-steel fiber used in car door panels, housing insulation, concrete and many essential oils.

Hemp has been a big part of American history too.

Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on hemp paper, hemp webbing in his parachute saved George H.W. Bush's life in World War II and the canvas that covered Oregon Trail wagons was made of hemp.

With the Agricultural Act of 2014, U.S. policy acknowledges the role hemp can play to help restore our agricultural economy, deal with climate change and develop research into innovative products that can be made from hemp.

Congressional leaders know the farm bill hemp provision is just a baby step.

Ron Wyden, Oregon's Senior Democratic Senator, introduced the Industrial Hemp Farming Act 2013.

This failed legislation would have allowed nationwide commercial hemp cultivation.

A new bill, SB-134, was filed last week by Senator Wyden and co-sponsored by Jeff Merkley — the Oregon Jr. Senator — and Kentucky republican senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul.

Titled the "Industrial Hemp Farming Act of 2015," the bill would remove federal restrictions on the domestic cultivation of industrial hemp.

This would remove hemp from the Schedule

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Religious freedom no excuse for homophobia, transphobia

Travis Chambers

The Daily Barometer

Abakery in Colorado has recently become the latest battlefield in the war on Christian values.

A complaint made by Bill Jack, co-founder of a non-denominational ministry dedicated to "helping Christians to think and to live in accord with a biblical worldview", alleges that the Azucar Bakery in Denver refused him service because of his Christian faith and not for the usual reason of thinking his name was obviously fake.

The owner of the bakery, Marjorie

Read your Bible, people.

But while Silva has been heavily criticized by many social conservatives who feel like this is just another example of the gay agenda — I believe "take over the bakeries" is step 32 in the plan for world domination — she has found an ally in famed civil rights advocates, Focus on the Family.

The media ministry, taking a break from fighting for children's rights to bully and harass LGBT students, has come out in support of Silva's right to refuse Bill Jack's business.

"Just as a Christian baker should not be required to create a cake for

a same-sex ceremony, this baker should not be required to create a cake with a message that goes against her conscience," Jeff Johnston, an issues analyst for the organization, told the Christian Post.

And Johnston is right.

Those two scenarios are exactly the same.

It's like how requiring restaurants to serve all people regardless of race meant that they also had to let white people come in wearing full Klan regalia and give speeches about the

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Take most honest approach with ultimatums

Dear Dr. Ethics, I've been on a few dates with a guy. So far it's been great and I'd like things to be more serious, but he recently heard rumors that I hooked up with his best friend about a year ago.

Now he's said he won't date me unless I tell him exactly what, how and when it happened between his friend and me. Do I have to tell him? Would it be a bad start to our new relationship to not tell him, or possibly lie so he'll drop it?

—Lips are Sealed

Dr. Stephanie Jenkins

Ask Dr. Ethics

If so, that would be a good example of a situation in which — to recall a topic from last week's Dr. Ethics column — an emotional response incorrectly indicates a moral harm.

Not only do you not have a crystal ball telling you who all your future partners will be, you also don't have any obligations of fidelity to someone with whom you're not in a committed relationship.

You weren't a year ago and, it's important to note, you're not now, even though you want to be.

There are, of course, other motivations that could explain your boyfriend's behavior. Maybe he's asking because he's mad at his friend for hooking up with a person — I don't know your gender or sexual orientation. Readers, make sure to include this information if you think it's relevant — to whom he expressed romantic interest.

In this scenario, the conflict doesn't involve you; your boyfriend should address his concerns with his friend.

Or, to consider another possible explanation, maybe your boyfriend is aroused by the thought of you with another man, but he's afraid to tell you directly.

If this is the case, he should just be upfront about the kinks he would like to explore with you instead of feigning moral indignation as a pretense for soliciting material for his sexually fantasies.

He's the only one who knows his real intentions.

You could ask him why this information is so important to him, but — just as you are considering lying to him — he may not respond truthfully.

Your question indicates to me that your new partner's demand makes you uncomfortable, angry or insulted.

While you need to carefully evaluate such sentiments to make sure they support, rather than under-

mine your moral beliefs, I think you should trust that there's a part of yourself that feels violated by how your new partner has approached you for this information.

Even if he has the best of intentions, he is being disrespectful by pressuring — remember, he's threatening to end your budding relationship — you to give him information that he has no right to know, outside of your willingness to tell him.

This doesn't mean you should lie to your boyfriend "so he'll drop it."

As I suspect you already know, lying is not an effective way of building trust, compassion, and intimacy in a new — or any — relationship.

Ask yourself: is it a "bad start" to a new relationship to threaten an evolving romantic partner for personal information?

Does this behavior reflect the character of someone worthy of your time, love and sexual attention?

Maybe the best friend or a Dr. Ethics reader is available and more capable of giving you the respect you deserve.

Peace & Virtue,

Dr. Ethics.

Are you curious about ethics and philosophy? Do you have a moral dilemma or secret evil plan you want to run by Dr. Ethics? Send your questions to forum@dailybarometer.com, use #askdrethics on Twitter, or meet Dr. Ethics live. On Tuesday, Jan. 27, Dr. Ethics will be on the MU Quad from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to discuss the moral values, problems and concerns of Beaver Nation.

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Common division between domestic, international students due to apathy

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Every year we have hundreds of students from more than 90 countries come to Corvallis to study at OSU.

As of last term, we have 3,384 international students studying here, according to the International Student Advising and Services office.

We are fortunate to be one of the 17 leading universities in the world that are partnered with INTO.

Go us.

We have gained respect from all over the world with the work we do here every day, and we are so wonderful and prestigious that others want to come to this campus and be a part of Beaver Nation.

You would think being a school known for international study and a large population of on-campus international students would make this a well-rounded and open community of students.

Surprise: we are not.

Culture, language and just simple different life styles of domestic and international students cause a lot of riff and unkindness between the two groups.

It should not even be referred to as "two groups."

We are all students, but more importantly we are all people who deserve the same respect, no matter where we come from.

This should already be instilled in us, but apparently not all of us can see past where another person comes from.

On our campus there are the misconceptions and misunderstandings of international and domestic students.

Some cannot see past the stereotype of all international students having expensive cars, and some cannot see past the stereotype of over-friendly but shallow American acquaintanceship and friendships.

It is normal at first to have some uneasiness and plain ignorance of another culture because we do not know everything immediately.

Time is needed to talk with others

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Running on caffeine

from different countries and backgrounds to know how others live and appreciate the diversity of the world.

But the time that is needed to cultivate an appreciation of diversity on our campus is missing because most of us do not take that time to understand and learn. And many do not care to learn.

I see this apathy every day. I see it in the residence halls, the dining centers, coffee shops, grocery stores, classes and Dixon Recreational Center.

I hear domestic students slip slurs or stereotypes into their conversations about international students and I also hear international students' confusion on American customs and not getting any answers.

We are not participating in inter-culture, inter-culture and international conversation and growth.

I love that our campus and community is so diverse.

I have met so many fascinating and kind people from every corner of the globe, and in each interaction and conversation

I have grown in my own knowledge and as global citizen.

We should all feel this way.

OSU offers multiple events and programs to get to know our international classmates so that we can foster an all-inclusive community.

An ounce of care would help our community immensely.

Corvallis is known for being the college town that is friendly and open to everyone, but we do not practice this.

We should not continue this two-way street of non-communication and ignorance.

It does no one any good and only creates distance and gossip.

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I controlled substance list under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970, and would define it as a non-drug so long as it contained less than 0.3 percent THC.

"The U.S. ban on hemp farming is an outrageous restriction on free enterprise and does nothing but hurt economic growth and job creation," said Sen. Wyden in The Daily Chronic. "Our bipartisan, common-sense bill is pro-environment, pro-business, and pro-farmer. Congress must act to empower farmers and boost economic activity across the country. As I've always said, if you can buy it in Oregon, you should be able to grow it in Oregon."

I strongly believe the ban on hemp production represents a failed understanding of the differences between hemp, cannabis sativa l, and the marijuana drug.

Oregon managed to pass legislation last November legalizing the drug derivative of the cannabis family; let's do the same nationwide for the industrial product.

Help Oregon and American agriculture.

Reach out to your congressional leaders and let them know this is an important issue. Why can't American hemp products originate from domestic hemp plants?

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that we were able to create more than 24,000 jobs last year.

But when it comes to a few of his stances on how to improve our economy, I would have liked the opportunity to ask him a couple more questions, such as why he believes increasing the minimum wage would improve our overall economy.

Upon being asked by a student in the audience whether or not he supported President Obama's new proposal for two years of free community college, Governor Kitzhaber responded with a resounding "yes," but provided very little reason for his support.

After spending the majority of his seminar discussing the importance of equal opportunity for all, I cannot understand why he would support a plan that targets com-

munity colleges rather than focusing on a plan to promote benefits to higher education in general.

Despite my issues with a portion of his agenda and a couple of his responses to students, I am truly grateful that Governor Kitzhaber took the time to come visit our university and realizes the importance in our campus' voice.

I would hope that Governor Kitzhaber, as well as other state politicians, would consider visiting Oregon State University in the near future — not only to present agenda information, but to focus on student Q&A, which would prove beneficial not only to our students, but would further promote the voice of students attending our state's public universities.

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inherent superiority of the white race.

Or how the suffragettes winning the vote for all gender identities opened the door to men being allowed to stand outside voting booths and spit on women as they come out.

At the same time, I do think Silva is making a mistake in rejecting the serious business opportunities Bill Jack represents.

There is obviously a hunger in the Christian community for baked goods that express the core values of the Christian religion.

That's why I'm taking this opportunity to announce my new business: "What Would Jesus Bake?"

This bakery will dedicate itself to crafting fine baked goods that express the intolerance and bigotry towards the LGBT community that is foundational to all Christians.

Need a cake for your son's 12th birthday that makes a ridiculous link between homosexuality and pedophilia? Or have you been looking for the perfect wedding cake to express your trans phobia in the form of a frosted message about how gender-inclusive bathrooms are just a ploy by perverts and rapists to sneak past the impenetrable barrier of a public bathroom door?

The expert bakers at "What Would Jesus Bake?" will have you covered with a range of baked goods preaching the same message of exclusion as the Lord and Savior himself.

We're also looking into the possibility of offering a range of specialty items for other groups of customers. We plan on eventually offering cakes and other baked goods to celebrate holidays like Robert E. Lee Day or White History Month, slut-shaming scones and a fresh fruit tart that doubles as a Holocaust denial.

However, we will be focusing our efforts — especially in the beginning — on our core demographic. And I imagine it will be very successful.

After all, we offer a singular service currently unavailable to social conservatives like Bill Jack.

In the wake of 36 states legalizing gay marriage and politicians throughout the nation backing away from their resistance to equal rights for the LGBT community, "What Would Jesus Bake?" offers supporters of traditional marriage the opportunity to eat their words.

They should try not to choke on them.

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