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The rumor and reality of 'party dorms'

Report sheds light on validity of rumors of student conduct, OSU residence halls

By Chris Correll
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Have you heard about the student lifestyle in "that" residence hall?

Since 2013, all incoming Oregon State University freshman have been required to spend their first year of college in on-campus housing to help them adapt to the change from high school.

This means the majority of non-transfer students have at least some experience with residence hall culture, enough to form their own opinions about which halls on campus have potentially rowdy or disruptive environments.

Joey Sudyka, a senior in exercise and sport science, recalls "bigger events" involving ambulances, police or the fire department shaping his perception of student conduct in residence halls.

"From when I lived in the dorms and from what I've seen, there are a couple halls on campus that tend to have more of those bigger events," Sudyka said. "When I lived in Sackett, you hardly ever saw anything come to Sackett for those reasons. There were

always two or three dorms that were specific in getting their fire alarms pulled or ambulances showing up almost every weekend."

Rumor and speculation spread by students about a particular building can have a large impact on how others judge it. But documenting such incidents has the power to validate rumors or dismiss them.

A report from University Housing and Dining Services, which outlines the number of quiet hours and marijuana violations among hall residents during the 2013-2014 academic year, provides evidence for some popular assumptions about certain residence halls while discrediting others.

Quiet hours take place from "10 p.m. - 10 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and midnight - 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday," according to the 2014-2015 UHDS Policy Guide. Quiet hours are expanded during week 10 and finals week. The guide dictates that during quiet hours, "the living environment should be quiet enough to allow others to sleep."

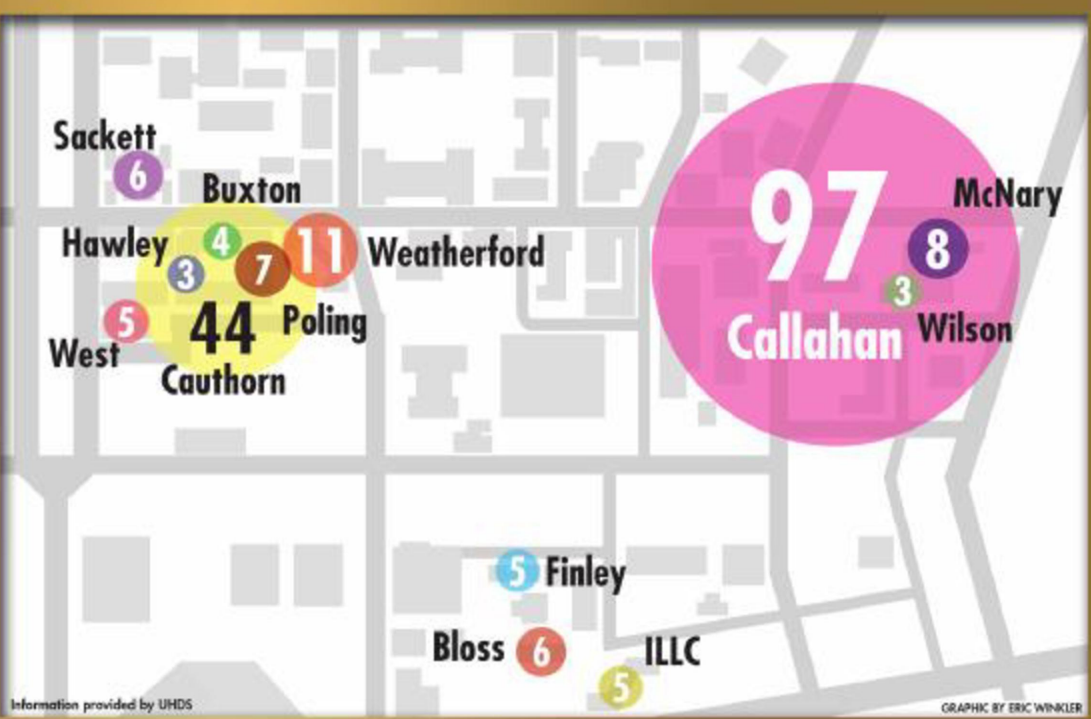
Out of the 15 current residence halls — excluding the recently completed Tebeau Hall and Halsell Hall, the latter of which had experienced no violations in either category — only 10 had registered quiet hours violations

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QUIET HOURS VIOLATIONS

By residence hall

Total cases: 204



Information provided by UHDS

GRAPHIC BY ERIC WINKLER

Black Cultural Center holds dinner

Annual dinner ushers in Black History Month; talk urges people to make a difference

By Jasmin Vogel
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center hosted its annual dinner night Tuesday as a kick-off event for Black History Month.

"I came to find some level of inspiration," said Chuma Nnaji, a second-year graduate student studying civil engineering.

The event, held in the Memorial Union Ballroom from 5:30 to 7 p.m., was highly attended, attracting approximately 200 student, staff and faculty members.

The intended keynote speaker, Loretta Smith, African American Multnomah County commissioner and Oregon State University alumna, was unable to address the group due to a family emergency. Instead, Jimmy Brown, recent Multnomah County commissioner retiree, attended and spoke about the leadership role Smith embodies as well as the potential young people have in making a difference.

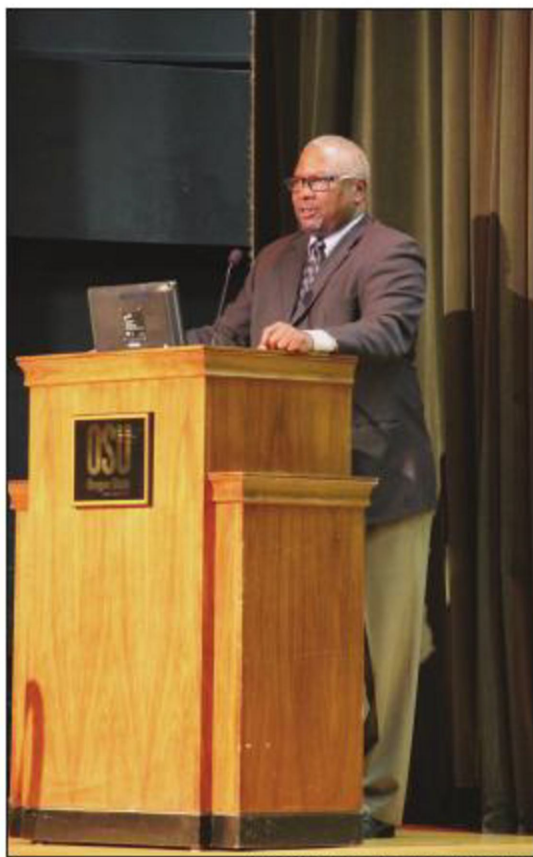
"Ask: 'What can I do to make a difference? What can I do for the elderly? What can I do for that young person? But overall, you want to make a difference in that person's life,'" Brown said.

Brown talked in detail about the impact Smith has made on the Multnomah community as a leader. He also told a story about the importance of her demeanor in a leadership role.

"What does leadership mean? It means standing out and speaking up when those beside you may not," Brown said. "When people are throwing rocks and bricks and sticks and you are staying the course, you are a leader."

In regards to the efforts put forth to facilitate and

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Former Multnomah County commissioner Jimmy Brown speaks at the Black Cultural Center dinner Tuesday.

Ray looks forward to progress

President Ed Ray addresses salary increase, focuses on working for university

By Courtnee Morin
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Ed Ray, president at Oregon State University, recently received his first raise in two years, making him the highest paid public university president in Oregon.

Ray said his raise doesn't change his responsibilities to OSU.

"I think that was just our board's feeling that things that are going on here, things that I talked about in the State of the University address, there really are a lot of good things going on," Ray said. "I think they wanted to send a message that they are very pleased with the things we have been able to work on together, and the work that we have been able to accomplish ... Other people have reacted very differently."

Ray said he feels that he has followed a consistent path. The university has had a strategic plan draft, now termed strategic plan draft 3.0, which is refreshed frequently.

"We put together a strategic plan and five years later we refreshed that and set some new objectives. Some new targets for key measures. And I think there's some sense that we're on a course that is serving us well," Ray said. "We identified signature areas of the university and we want to invest in and promote areas that we think can make a difference in the world, and it's also advancing the science of healthy ecosystems and healthy populations."

Ray does feel that his role has slightly changed over his presidency since 2003, mainly in the leadership of those around him.

"Personally, I think the leadership around me has increased. You can't do anything completely on your own. You have to rely on people around you to do their jobs, and do them well," Ray said. "And the people around me have done their jobs very well. I don't feel like I have to be as hands on as I tried to be when I first became president."

In regards to those who might critique him or are not pleased with this increase in his salary, Ray likes to not think about them too much.

"I am blessed in life, I love what I do; working at OSU and with students. (To those who would criticize) I'd just say 'take your shots.' I don't want to get too involved in that sort of thing," Ray said. "There is no way I can change what they think of me with actions or what I say. I'm privileged with my

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Three-Day Forecast

Weather data from the National Weather Service		
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Beavers break track and field records in Seattle

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Dr. Sex discusses the Valley Library porn recording incident

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Sunday, February 1

Stolen car seized

A patrolling Benton County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped a driver after allegedly recognizing the vehicle as stolen. According to officer logs, the officer was able to confirm the driver's identity, the vehicle's stolen status and a warrant out for the driver's arrest. The officer arrested the driver for his active warrant and transported him to the Benton County Jail, then had the vehicle towed.

Vandalism

Officers from the Corvallis Police Department responded to two Oregon State University-associated fraternities early Sunday morning following reports of vandalism. According to CPD logs, individuals at Sigma Pi alleged that around 12:30 a.m., someone threw half of a cinder block through a south-facing window of the building. A witness reportedly said she saw four men running eastbound along Northwest Harrison Boulevard. Shortly after that incident, officers responded to Sigma Phi Epsilon, where witnesses alleged that someone had thrown a beer bottle through a front window of the building.

Saturday, January 31

Nearly double the speed limit

An officer from CPD pulled over a driver who was allegedly driving 44 miles per hour in a 25 mph speed zone in downtown Corvallis. The officer was



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

allegedly able to confirm a warrant for the driver's arrest and took the driver into custody for the warrant. The officer logged that he also cited the woman for driving while suspended, speeding and failing to carry proof of insurance.

Friday, January 30

Alcohol-related crash

Corvallis police investigated a non-injury crash that took place Friday at the intersection of Northwest 26th Street and Northwest Harrison Boulevard. According to CPD logs, a driver had swerved to avoid a vehicle, which had allegedly slowed for a pedestrian in the intersection, in front of him. The swerving vehicle then allegedly hit a parked car, which caused the parked car to bump into two other parked vehicles. No one was harmed in the incident, but officers determined through standardized field sobriety tests that the driver who swerved was under the influence of alcohol. The driver alleg-

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According to the 2015 Oregon Driver's Manual, many things can be considered a distraction and thus can result in a citation for failing to perform duties of a driver. The manual writes, "It is dangerous to eat and drink while driving; Do not hold a package, pet, or person in your lap or arms; It is very dangerous to remove a coat or jacket while driving." Though these may be considered minor distractions to some, the manual urges drivers to avoid any distraction that can take driver attention away from the road. According to the driver's manual, drivers should, at the very least, wait until they are at a complete stop at a red light; however, it is encouraged that drivers wait until they have the ability to pull over and stop the car or wait until they have reached their destination.

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edly provided a breath sample that determined a blood-alcohol-content of 0.15 percent, which led officers to cite the man for driving while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

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execute the dinner event, many students were pleased with the outcome.

"I think it's important to bring the community closer, and it provides closeness even for those who don't identify with a particular cultural group; at the BCC we aim for inclusivity. I think we achieved that tonight," said Demetrius Watts, a freshman majoring in exercise and sport science who also works as a peer facilitator at the BCC.

Many members of various cultural centers and faculty members from multiple disciplines attended the dinner.

"I love coming to the dinner. It's a great way to start off Black History Month in February. Great food, great staff and an amazing atmosphere," said Malik Ensley, a sophomore majoring in human devel-

opment and family sciences with a focus in public health. Ensley is also a staff member at the Oregon State University Pride Center.

The dinner consisted of baked macaroni and cheese, southern deep fried chicken, banana pudding, cornbread and vegetable soup, all cooked and prepared by BCC staff and volunteers.

Holding a cultural event on the OSU campus allows for community attendance and involvement.

"I think it can have a big impact on our community and also brings our black community together for Black History Month," said Osenat Quadri, a junior majoring in human development and family sciences, as well as a staff member at the BCC.

Quadri's involvement with the Black Cultural Center started with general interest and led her to dive into her cultural

history.

"For me, it's a home away from home," Quadri said. "Being someone who is a minority on a predominately white campus, knowing that I'm not alone makes OSU more comfortable."

Nnaji was inspired by Brown.

"(Brown) gave some really great examples of ways to turn bad situations good." As a graduate student, Nnaji thinks the positive experience of talking with other people going through similar experiences is beneficial.

"(They) mentor you, advise you and inspire you," Nnaji said. "You need that on a regular basis when you can get it."

The event also included the Black National Anthem sung by Haniya Ferrell and Stella Moon, who performed a storytelling monologue.

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work, so I focus on the good things that I am able to do."

Ray said that he can see successes all around campus, from the current rebuilding and renovations, to the students who have talked to him about things they are excited about on campus. Ray believes that the positives much outweigh the negatives.

Ray thinks that the university is in a good place right now, as he mentioned in the recent State of the University address, specifically the fundraising Campaign for OSU, which has been able to raise 1.4 billion dollars.

The money raised has helped to build or renovate 28 OSU buildings, establish 79 new faculty positions and create more than 600 new scholarships and fellowships that will serve 3,200 students who may not otherwise have been able to attend OSU or any other college without such financial support.

With areas such as scholarships, Ray is very committed to increasing student graduation rates at OSU, the current six-year graduation rate being 63 percent, which is pretty steady with the past few rates.

Ray said he wants students from low-income families to not only leave college with as little debt as possible, but with a degree. Ray ideally wants more students to be able to graduate faster, with fewer 'dead credits' that do not correlate with their degree.

"As terrible as the student debt issue is for students and their families, the real tragedies are students who leave college with no certificate other than the loan agreement they signed," Ray said. "They don't have a degree, and they've got all this debt."

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in the single digits.

Callahan Hall experienced 97 quiet hours violations, more than six times the campus average. This means approximately 47.5 percent of registered noise violations that year — 204 in total — came from a single building. The second highest rate went to Cauthorn Hall at 44, or about three times the campus average, followed by Weatherford at 11, which is actually less than average.

"Callahan was pretty bad," said Callie Limbaugh, a psychology junior. "We had an RA that just didn't do anything."

Callahan also had the most registered marijuana violations at six — followed by four each for Buxton, Cauthorn and Weatherford — but the overall prevalence in dorms was relatively low, totaling 29.

Callahan has 350 students, tied for the most populous alongside Wilson and Finley halls. Wilson Hall had three quiet hours violations and two marijuana violations while Finley had five quiet hours violations and one marijuana violation.

Tebeau Hall Resident Director Logan Denney said the amount of violations in a dorm can fluctuate each year as students enter and leave a hall, or under certain conditions like a home game.

"I wouldn't say there's truth to party

dorms or halls," Denney said. "I definitely think that students have perceptions, and there are levels of stereotypes that can be made. There may be situations that happen in Callahan one night that won't happen in Tebeau, but then I can guarantee you a week later things happen in Tebeau."

Denney said the same UHDS Conduct Action policy is applied to all on-campus housing, and that directors and resident assistants work under the same set of guidelines.

"What we try to show is that we have a very conducive system that comes together, it's very cohesive. Each hall director operates in the same way that we are required to as part of our position, and our RAs operate in the same way," Denney said.

History senior Jeff Baxter, a Cauthorn resident who has lived in multiple halls, said a hall's reputation can become overblown due to the actions of a small percentage and that terms such as "party dorm" are misleading.

"Most of the students go out to houses or Greek Row to do their partying," Baxter said. "I think (Cauthorn) isn't really as

rowdy as people think it is; it's just a few of the students causing the most rowdiness."

Freshman in particular can end up with more violations as they figure out boundaries and adjust to being on their own. Halsell Hall, the only hall without any recorded violations, is an upper-classmen only hall.

Ryan Cavanagh, a freshman business major living in Cauthorn, and his friends have already had several brushes with his floor's RA this year.

"We definitely violate quiet hours seven days a week. That's not a joke," Cavanagh said. "There's never not a night when our RA doesn't have to come out and tell us to shut up. There are a lot of kids in Greek life in Cauthorn and Poling. A lot of kids are going out."

"And sometimes we bring it back," said Jacob Meek, a bioengineering freshman.

"And we respect him, it's just like, when you come back and you're intoxicated, you're bound to be loud, or if you have a lot of people it's just going to happen," Cavanagh said.

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Wednesday, Feb. 4

Meetings
Gaming Club at OSU, 7pm, MU 206.
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Weekly meeting.
Student Diversity Budget Board, 4:30pm, MU 211. Open budget review of FY16 budget.

Speakers
Pre-Med Society, 5pm, Phar 107.
Dr. James Hayden is a bone and joint specialist from OHSU who treats bone cancer and soft tissue tumors.

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 out against torture and Guantanamo Bay remaining open.
OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: OSU Voice Studios Recital

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.

Friday, Feb. 13

Events
OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: David Rodgers and James Edwards, period music on original 19th Century guitars

Monday, Feb. 16

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

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Events
OSU Career Development Center, 2-4pm, MU Multipurpose Room. Speed Mock Interviews. Sign up on Beaver Careers to practice interviewing with Employers & Career Specialists! Bring resume.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

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

Friday, Feb. 20

Events
OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: Left Coast Sax Quartet

Monday, Feb. 23

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

Thursday, Feb. 26

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Education is Not a Crime - A discussion.

Friday, Feb. 27

Events
OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: Sungha Kim, piano

Monday, Mar. 2

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

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Lawmakers start review of tax credits

By Peter Wong
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — It's the legislative equivalent of putting a square peg into a round hole. Legislative budget writers want the revenue committees to squeeze \$64 million worth of expiring Oregon tax credits into \$14 million made available in their budget framework for the next two years.

"That will be a trick," says Rep. Phil Barnhart, D-Eugene, who leads the House Revenue Committee, which reviewed tax credits at a meeting Tuesday.

The framework is in contrast with the budget presented by Gov. John Kitzhaber, who included enough money to continue all 18 tax credits unchanged.

But Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, says lawmakers have done something similar before.

"We think that given the time we have in this session, the revenue committees should focus on that task," says Devlin, the Senate's chief budget writer.

"We need to look at tax credits the same way we look at expenditures in the budget, because they have the same underlying effect."

A credit subtracts directly from income taxes owed by an individual or business

— and means less money for the state's general fund, which supports schools and state services.

Back in 2009, lawmakers put selected credits up for review every six years. This legislative cycle is their third such review. Technically, the review is conducted by a joint House-Senate committee, but most members come from the tax-writing committees in each chamber.

Among those up this cycle are two related credits. One is for child care for working families estimated at \$21.8 million over the next two years, the other for child and dependent care estimated at \$7.6 million.

Also up are credits for long-term-care insurance, \$10.4 million; individual development accounts, \$6.7 million, and severe disability and child disability, \$5.6 million each.

In 2011, budget writers, including Devlin, proposed only \$10 million to fund credits estimated at \$40 million. The revenue committees managed to do it.

"I was amazingly shocked at the time," says Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay, who was House co-speaker back in 2011 when the chamber was split evenly between the parties.

"It's what happens when people sharpen their pencils."

Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, led the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee back then. She says it was made possible because lawmakers narrowed the scope of energy tax credits that were not scheduled for review — and lawmakers could do something similar this time.

The revenue committees may be able to raise more than the \$14 million available in the legislative budget.

They are expected to weigh in on a 2013 decision by the Oregon Supreme Court, which ruled in the Con-Way case that businesses could apply tax credits or other carry-forward amounts against what they owe under Oregon's corporate minimum tax, so those businesses end up paying no minimum tax.

Under a 2009 law that voters upheld in 2010, Oregon raised its corporate minimum tax from \$10 — its level since 1931 — to a sliding scale. For businesses with more than \$500,000 in Oregon sales annually, the tax is one-tenth of 1 percent.

Devlin says the revenue committees could choose to rewrite the law in light of that decision to generate more money, which then could be applied to extending other tax credits.

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Second U of O student diagnosed with meningococemia

By Jeff Wright
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — A second University of Oregon student has been diagnosed with meningococemia, the potentially deadly bacterial blood infection that causes meningitis, Lane County Public Health officials said today.

The second student, like the first, is a female, county health spokesman Jason Davis said. She is in stable condition in a hospital elsewhere in Oregon, Davis said.

Unlike the first student, who lived off-campus, the second student lived at Earl Hall, an on-campus dormitory, and so may have potentially exposed a greater number of other students, Davis said. The second student also was enrolled in one more class than the first student, also increasing the opportunities for exposure.

UO officials today sent text messages to hundreds of students who may have had contact with the newly diagnosed student, and sent a more general email to all students, Davis said.

UO Health Center officials also went to Earl Hall to provide prophylactic medication, in pill form, to students there, Davis said. The medication can halt reproduction of the bacteria, he said.

Davis said health officials are relying on media and students to alert students' parents.

Davis said officials are striving to find a balance so that they're neither overly alarmist nor overly complacent in responding to the latest

diagnosis.

"Our message is that this is a very serious illness that has very serious potential consequences," he said. "What we want to do is take all necessary steps to protect students at the UO and the community at large. So, while we don't anticipate a large-scale outbreak, we want to prepare for (that possibility)."

"This is a precautionary measure, not an emergency closure of the school, not a panic situation," Davis said. "This is us doing our jobs, making sure it doesn't spread any further."

Davis said he was very impressed in dealing with UO Health Center officials today as they worked to notify students as soon as possible about the latest diagnosis. "We are all in good hands with the UO managing these cases," he said.

The UO Health Center, on its website, noted that the risk of transmission is considered to be quite low. In order for the illness to spread, a person typically would need to have close contact with a patient for four hours or more over the previous seven days.

Davis said health officials are still trying to determine whether the two cases involving UO students are related. One way to discern that is to review whether the two students were connected through shared classes, friends, etc.

A second way is to learn whether the two students have the same type of strain of bacteria. Test results to determine whether that's the case could be known as soon as Wednesday, Davis said.

When the first student was diagnosed last month, about 800 UO students were advised to get tested for the infection at the campus health center. Davis said he didn't know whether the second diagnosed student was among those 800.

The second student went to the health center several days ago, complaining of feeling ill. When test results suggested meningococemia, she was taken to a local emergency room. County health officials were informed about the diagnosis at 3:30 p.m. today, Davis said.

Because the second student lived on campus and was enrolled in more classes, it's likely that "thousands" of students will be advised to visit the health center as a precaution, Davis said.

Symptoms of meningococemia are similar to the flu, so it can be difficult to know if a person has the more serious illness. Lab tests typically take two to three days.

While he had not checked recently, Davis said he believes the first student, who was diag-

nosed in mid-January, is faring well. He did not know if she had been released from the Portland area hospital where she was previously admitted. Davis said on Jan. 21 that doctors no longer considered the student at risk of death and were trying to assess any possible permanent neurological damage that can result from the illness.

In 2012, a 21-year-old UO student, Lillian Pagenstecher, died from meningitis. No one else at the university contracted the disease on that occasion.

Approximately 800 to 1,500 cases of meningococcal disease occur annually in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control. Outbreaks often take place among young people in university settings.

The majority of U.S. states require incoming students at universities and colleges to be vaccinated against or to receive information about meningococcal disease, according to an advocacy group, the Immunization Action Coalition. Oregon is one of 14 states that has neither requirement.



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STEM leaders program empowers underrepresented students

Program aims to connect first-year students to faculty, foster community

By Justin Frost

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Monday night in Batcheller Hall, students trickled in and picked up their worksheets containing information about the career outlook for science and technology in the state of Oregon. The workshop was part of Oregon State University's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Leaders Program. There were smiles, laughter and plenty of joking amongst the group as they shuffled into their chairs and waited for the upcoming guest speakers to delve into

the specifics of choosing a career path rooted in science, mathematics, technology or engineering.

Chinweike Eseonu, an assistant professor in the School of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering specializing in human systems engineering, spoke during the event. Eseonu's role within the industrial engineering sector has led him to coordinate projects aiming to streamline processes for various industries and individuals, including a group of rural women aiming to make heart-shaped sopes — a traditional Hispanic tortilla dish — for a local co-op.

"The corporate aspect of industrial engineering is great, but I really found interest in the social benefit," Eseonu said. "That began with a diverse

undergraduate experience through working a few different types of internships to see what I really enjoyed."

Eseonu went on to emphasize the role that his thermodynamics professor played in this process.

"I was able to get connected with this professor; he knew everybody's name in a class of 90 people," Eseonu said. "That class was my first A+, and I was able to work more with this professor in order to stay connected within the department and gain exposure to other aspects of engineering."

Cultivating this sort of connection is the aim of the STEM Leaders program, which connects freshman students in STEM majors from minority backgrounds to faculty members around campus through research. The students are asked to assemble a list of professors with interesting projects and are then mentored by one of those faculty members through a research project.

The program is funded by a \$1.5 million National Science Foundation Improving Undergraduate STEM Education grant. It seeks to raise the graduation and retention rates among students that may otherwise have difficulty connecting on campus.

"The main collaborators found out that they got the grant on Sept. 1, and I was hired about a week later," said Sophie Pierszalowski, the coordinator of the STEM Leaders program. "I get up so jazzed to go to work every day; you can already see the role this program is playing in the students' identity at OSU."

The workshop continued into a portion where the students were asked what they cared

most about: a field they sought to innovate in. The answers were highly diverse, ranging from criminology and education in underserved communities to robotics and sustainability. Students then were asked to think about three professions in which they may be able to impact these fields, an exercise in making the students' dreams become reality.

"Being able to do research and work in a lab has helped get me into my professor's office hours in order to ask questions about the techniques being used," said Frida Mata, a freshman in biology. "It's challenging as a freshman trying to understand all that's going on, but I think it's really cool to be around the work and get connected."

Mata works in the laboratory of Joe Beckman, a distinguished professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics.

The research projects are advanced and give the students a chance to see innovation occurring early on in their college careers. Many students wait until their junior and senior years to get involved in research, whereas the STEM Leaders program offers the opportunity for students to hit the ground running and gain valuable lab experience early on in their collegiate careers, according to Kyle Cole, assistant director of precollege programs/student affairs.

"I'm working with Dr. Victor Hsu; he is using nuclear magnetic resonance to look at DNA and proteins," said Katlyn Herrera, a freshman in biochemistry and biophysics. "I choose his lab after meeting a few professors in the department, and I thought that his work stood out the most."

According to Herrera, who hopes to either go to medical school or conduct research in the future, being in a lab has helped her focus more on schoolwork and stay connected



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Kyle Cole, one of the coordinators of the STEM Leaders program, teaches students about the factors that go into choosing a career in STEM.

around campus.

The STEM Leaders program has not only connected students with faculty, but has cultivated relationships between students involved in the program. Between the three workshops held each term, the fall orientation class required by all members of the program and the designation of being a STEM leader on campus, students naturally form a bond that is difficult to miss.

"Having peers that you can relate to is very important," said Kevin Ahern, one of the principal investigators on the grant. "The events and activities required by the program really help promote camaraderie amongst the group. Kyle Cole and Sophie (Pierszalowski) have done an excellent job of engaging the students."

According to Ahern, students can be found in Pierszalowski's

office nearly every afternoon.

"The students always come in, grab some candy and just hang out and talk about how their classes and research are going," Pierszalowski said. "They surprisingly didn't like chocolate, so I decided to change it up to Smarties and pretzels."

Pierszalowski's blackboard was covered in cartoons and various other drawings from the regular afternoon visits, with one picture depicting Sophie as Sam Sparks, the scientist and meteorologist from the film "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." From the food to the cartoons.

"We have a tremendous need for students to graduate in these disciplines," Ahern said. "Our program is an important piece of that puzzle, and we're proud to be a part of it."

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Men's basketball returns home

■ After tough trip to Copper State, OSU returns home looking to bounce back

By Josh Worden

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Oregon State returns to Gill Coliseum after losses to Arizona and Arizona State last week, but the key thing for the Beavers is exactly that: returning to Gill Coliseum, where OSU is still undefeated at 12-0.

In order to turn 12-0 into 13-0, however, the Beavers will need something to change offensively.

OSU (14-7, 5-4 Pac-12) is coming off a season-low scoring output in the 57-34 loss to No. 6 Arizona. WSU (10-11, 4-5) is last in the conference in scoring defense, allowing 76.1 points per game.

Head coach Wayne Tinkle insisted that placing the emphasis on scoring is not how the Beavers will be successful.

"Let's focus on the defensive end and rebounding, not put the focus on the offensive end," Tinkle said. "If (our players) just execute, they'll free their minds up. We've got some guys that know they've got to score to help us, and they're putting too much pressure on (themselves). Let's just get back to work and get back to doing what put us in position earlier."

Though the Beavers shot only 28.6 percent from the field against Arizona, the defense kept OSU in the game until partway through the second half. Both of Arizona's lowest scoring games this season have come against OSU.

"We don't have a ton of weapons offensively, and our execution hasn't been great," Tinkle said. "We told the guys way back in the summer: if we buy into defending, there's not a team on our schedule that we can't beat. They've really bought into that."

The Beavers used that formula well against WSU in the first contest back on Jan. 17. The Cougars shot 29.2 percent from the field and scored only 16 first half points in a 62-47 OSU win.

After that game, the Beavers beat UCLA and USC at home before the Arizona and ASU losses. The Arizona road trip was a sharp turn for the Beavers, who had won five of their last six games.

"It was a good measurement to see where we're at and how much work we still need to put in to be one of those elite teams," said sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier.

Duvivier was nominated for Pac-12 Player of the Week for his games against Arizona and ASU when he totaled 21 points on 9-for-17 shooting. In the first



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Sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier gets his hands up looking to steal a pass against a Mississippi Valley State player during the Beavers' 74-50 blow out in Gill Coliseum Dec. 3.

game against WSU, the 6-foot-2, 205-pound guard was active down in the key more than most games, even posting up on WSU guards multiple times.

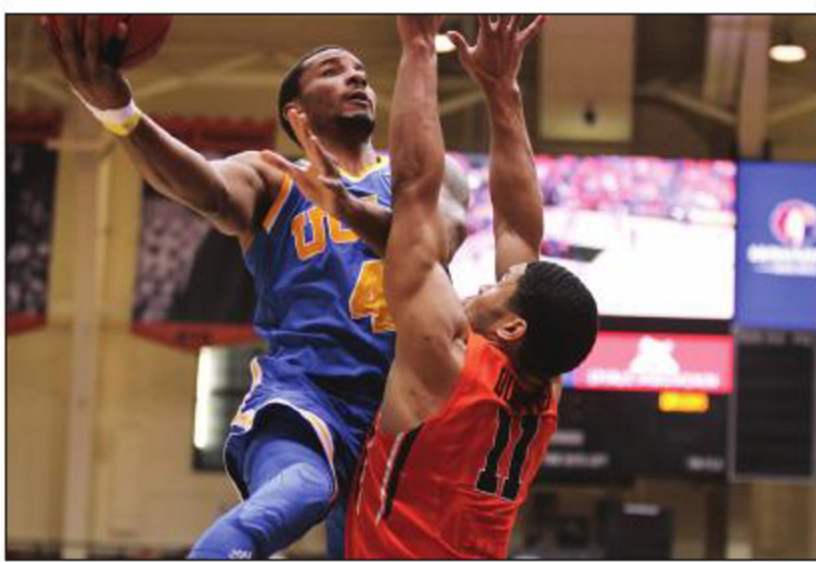
"We saw that I had the advantage over smaller guys," Duvivier said of that game. "We got a lot of plays to get me post ups and easy baskets around the rim."

His stat line wasn't phenomenal—six points on 3-for-11 shooting—but two of his baskets were right around the rim.

Senior guard DaVonte Lacy led WSU with 16 points, all in the second half, despite playing through a knee injury. OSU junior guard Langston Morris-Walker tallied a career-high 22 points and 11 rebounds. In the four games since the WSU matchup, he has posted 14 points and seven rebounds.

As a team, OSU dictated on both sides of the court and never let WSU settle into

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Men's basketball
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Junior guard Malcolm Duvivier goes up for the block against UCLA Bruins' senior guard Norman Powell in Gill Coliseum Jan. 22.

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Beavers continue to build on past

■ In its second trip to Seattle, women's track and field team continues to perform well indoors

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On Friday and Saturday, the Oregon State University women's track and field team participated in the UW Invitational in Seattle. And as the Beavers had done two weeks prior in the same city — during the Washington Preview — the team of athletes broke school records, and walked away with a plethora of top-10 finishes.

One of the Beavers who broke a school record was freshman sprinter Venessa D'Arpino. D'Arpino had set the school record for the 200-meter dash during the Washington Preview and managed to come back two weeks later and break her own record again. D'Arpino clocked a time of 25.03 during the invitational, which was good enough for ninth place on the day, and beat her former time by .25 seconds.

Junior jumper Michele Turney joined D'Arpino in breaking her former record

when she took part in the triple jump. Turney stamped down a mark of 38-6.25 which broke her former mark by almost two feet.

The 800-meter dash is where the Beavers really shined, as three athletes broke the former school record of 2:22.02 set back in 2006. Sophomore distance runner Morgan Anderson, who finished within the top-20, came home with a time of 2:15.88 seconds, which shattered the old mark by more than a handful of seconds. Junior middle distance runner MaCauley Wilson, and freshman distance runner Kala Kopecek, were the other two Oregon State athletes within the event to break the previous school record. Wilson came home with a time of 2:17.91, while Kopecek crossed the line at 2:21.29. The times earned them 32nd and 43rd on the day, respectively.

By the end of the two full days of competition, the Beavers managed to walk away with 18 career top-10 performances, giving them 32 in just two meets.

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Sophomore distance runner Holly Cavalluzzo competes during the Oregon Relays held in Eugene April 18, 2014.



Women's Pac-12 basketball rankings



By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

No. 7 Oregon State (20-1, 10-0 Pac-12)

The Beavers claimed the top spot in the conference a week ago, and they'll hold onto that spot for at least another week after they dominated USC 68-35, and defeated UCLA 82-64. The team's next games will be in Washington, where they'll play the Huskies and the Cougars, which the Beavers had trouble with when they played three weeks ago. It took second half rallies to defeat both UW and WSU, and both those games were at home whereas these next two games will be on the road.

No. 10 Arizona State (20-2, 9-1)

A loss to the Beavers a week ago ended a 14-game winning streak, but the Sun Devils turned around and notched victories against Colorado, 68-60 and Utah, 58-48 last weekend. They have the second-highest scoring margin in the conference at plus-15.1, which is second only to Oregon State's plus-20.9.

No. 12 Stanford (17-5, 9-1)

Stanford's losses have mostly come against top-tier teams. On the season, its losses have been to teams ranked 10, 11, 11 and 13, respectively. When it played then-No. 13 Arizona State on Jan. 19, the Sun Devils came out on top, 60-57. Stanford has a chance at revenge this Friday when it faces Arizona State for the second time, though now ASU is ranked No. 10.

California (16-5, 8-2)

The Golden Bears have won five consecutive games and remain near the top of the Pac-12 standings. Senior forward Reshanda Gray is third in the conference in scoring, 18.2 point per game, and she's eighth in the conference in rebounding, 7.4 per game. Cal is one of four teams with a winning conference record at this point in the season.

Washington (16-6, 5-5)

After California, there's a steep drop in the standings before reaching the fifth-best record, which is Washington at the moment. Sophomore guard Kelsey Plum is averaging 23.4 points per game to lead the conference, but in back-to-back losses to California and Stanford, she was limited to 12.5 points per game. The Huskies host the Beavers at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Oregon (10-11, 3-7)

They'd been compiling losses since conference play began, but last weekend may have been a turning point in the Ducks' season. After losing seven of their first eight Pac-12 matchups, the Ducks swept UCLA and

USC. In so doing, junior forward Jillian Alleyne was named one of the Players of the Week, and after posting 30 points and 25 rebounds against UCLA, that shouldn't be a surprise.

Washington State (13-8, 4-6)

The Cougars were beaten by Stanford and California over the weekend, although they were in position to beat Cal until the final buzzer. With 5:09 remaining, the Cougars held a 54-52 lead, but they were held scoreless for the next five minutes and lost 57-54. They host the Beavers at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

UCLA (8-13, 4-6)

The Bruins have a host of talented young players, including freshman point guard Jordyn Canada, who is averaging 11.1 points and 3.9 assists per game. In their most recent game, they lost by 18 points to Oregon State, but they stayed aggressive and played hard until the final buzzer. Regardless, they are still in the midst of a four-game losing streak.

USC (11-10, 3-7)

The Trojans have been in a free-fall over the last few weeks, as they've lost five consecutive games. Their 68-35 loss to Oregon State marked their lowest scoring total in the history of USC women's basketball. The reigning Pac-12 champions don't appear destined to repeat that feat.

Colorado (10-11, 3-7)

The Buffaloes have three conference victories this season, but they came against Utah, Utah again and then to Arizona. Together, those two teams are 2-18 against the Pac-12. When playing any other team in the conference, the Buffaloes are winless. They're allowing more points per game to opposing teams, 70.4, than any other team in the conference.

Utah (7-14, 1-9)

The Pac-12's third best defense in terms of points allowed — 58.9 per game — registered its first conference win of the season on Friday. Scoring has been an issue for Utah, which scores fewer points than any other team in the conference, with 55.8 per game.

Arizona (8-13, 1-9)

The Utes' first conference win came against the Wildcats, who fall to the bottom of the rankings as a result. It's been a rough few years for the Wildcats, who haven't won more than four conference games in a season since the 2010-11 season.

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Women's Pac-12 basketball rankings



By Brian Rathbone
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Arizona (20-2, 8-1 Pac-12)

Arizona is now the only elite team left in the Pac-12; and the rest of the Pac-12 has Oregon State to thank for waking up the Wildcats. Since the upset loss against OSU at Gill Coliseum last month, Arizona has gone on a tear, winning six straight games while beating its opponents on average by 19.8 points per game. It is going to be a light week for the Wildcats, as they will play one game this week against their rival, Arizona State, which they beat 73-49 earlier this season.

Utah (17-4, 7-2)

Utah can't afford to lose any more ground on Arizona — currently one game behind in the standings — and losing by 10 to UCLA on the road does not help, but bouncing back and holding USC to 39 points does. Maybe that unexpected loss to the Bruins will have the effect that the Beavers beating Arizona had; they just needed a wake-up call. The Utes have a very interesting schedule coming up. This week they play only Colorado, but then they host Stanford before traveling to the Oregon schools, all leading up to the February 28th rematch against No. 6 Arizona in Salt Lake City. The Utes can't afford to look that far ahead — I, on the other hand, can.

Stanford (16-6, 6-3)

Stanford is 13 points away — five point double-overtime loss to UCLA on the road, seven point loss to Arizona, and a one point loss at Washington State — from being undefeated in the conference. The Cardinal have relied on a pair of senior guards led by Pac-12 Player of the Year candidate Chasson Randle, who averages 20.8 points per game, while Anthony Brown has pitched in with 15.9 points and 7.1 rebounds per game. This team could be scary down the stretch and going into the conference tournament.

Oregon (15-7, 5-4)

Teams four through six in these rankings all could make claims for being in the fourth spot in the rankings; this week it's Oregon. Mainly because on its trip to Arizona it was able get a win at Arizona State and the Beavers could not. The same issue has plagued the Ducks most of the season: their lack of defense. While Oregon is one of the leaders in the nation in scoring, it is giving up an average of 71 points per game, good for 295th in the country. The Ducks will host the Washington schools this week, where they will try to avenge their losses from earlier in the season against the Huskies and Cougars.

Oregon State (14-7, 5-4)

The Beavers could not handle the heat of the desert as they got roasted by both Arizona State and Arizona to drop their conference record to 5-4. Against Arizona State, the usually stout defense faltered, surrendering 73 points — the most they have given up all season. Then in the rematch against Arizona it was the offense that went up in flames, as they could only manage to score 34 points — lowest total points scored this season — against the sixth ranked Wildcats. The Beavers return to Gill where they are undefeated; they will look to bounce back against Washington State and Washington.

UCLA (13-9, 5-4)

It was a good week for UCLA: Not only did it bounce back after getting swept by Oregon State and Oregon a week ago, but it swept Colorado and No. 11 Utah at home to give UCLA a winning record in conference play. UCLA is one of those bubble teams along with Oregon and Oregon State, and it has an opportunity this weekend to gain some ground in the standings when the Bruins travel to the Bay area to take on Stanford and Cal.

Arizona State (11-11, 3-6)

It was almost a great weekend for the Sun

Devils. They started off with a blowout win against Oregon State, then they tied the game against Oregon at the end of regulation with last second three pointer, courtesy of senior forward Shaquille McKissic, but came up short in overtime losing 68-67. After losing their first four conference game, Arizona State has been able to at least split its last three week matchups. This week it will only have one game — and it's a big one — against in-state rival No. 6 Arizona. Earlier in the season the Wildcats put a 24-point beat down on the Sun Devils. This time around the Wildcats will travel to Tempe to not only take on Arizona State, but also the student section's "Curtain of Distraction."

Washington State (10-11, 4-5)

It was a disastrous week turned great for the Cougars this weekend. First the bad: they gave Cal their first victory in six games on their home court: that's not good. Fortunately for the Cougars, they were able to bounce back, and knocked off Stanford — one of the top teams in the conference — ending their own four game losing streak, which is really good. So the question now is, which Cougar team is going to show up against Oregon State and Oregon on the road this week?

Colorado (11-10, 4-5)

Of all the teams with four or five conference wins, Colorado has the weakest resume. Its best win is against UCLA; its other wins have been a blowout win against Washington State and two victories against USC — including last week's triple overtime victory. As underwhelming as Colorado has been this season, part of me thinks it will sneak up on a couple of teams — especially in the Pac-12 Tournament — and finish the season strong. And that could happen this week when it will host No. 13 Utah in its only game of the week.

Washington (14-7, 3-6)

Tough times in Seattle right now: the Seahawks threw away their chance to repeat as Super Bowl champions, and now the Huskies — after starting the season 11-0 — have dropped seven of their last 10 games. But wait, it gets worse for the Huskies; 7-foot center Robert Upshaw has been kicked off the team for not following team rules. The team will miss his 10 points, 8 rebounds and 4.5 blocks per game. The Huskies are currently on a three game losing streak and will travel to Oregon to take on Oregon and Oregon State — which they swept when those teams visited Seattle.

Cal (13-9, 3-6)

Don't look now, but Cal has won two games in a row — on the road nonetheless — snapping their six game losing streak. Scoring points had been a difficult task for the Golden Bears during their six game slide; in those six games they only scored more than 60 points once. Against Washington State they scored 76 points, while they exploded for 90 points in their victory against Washington. Cal can make another big jump this weekend when it hosts USC and UCLA — that is, if they can find the same offense they had in Washington.

USC (9-12, 1-8)

USC finds itself in middle of a six-game losing streak after a heartbreaking triple-overtime loss against Colorado, and then suffering a 28-point loss to Utah during which it only managed 39 points. To end their losing woes, the Trojans will have to win on the road against Cal — coming off a two game winning streak — and Stanford, to which they only lost by two points when they faced off in early January.

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a rhythm. "We controlled the tempo," Tinkle said. "They're a team that really likes to get out and score a lot of points. They were just coming off scoring 108 (points) in the overtime game against Oregon. So we knew we had to control tempo and slow them down, and I think

that frustrated them a little bit." The Beavers beat WSU by 15 points in that game, but the Cougars have already exacted revenge this season on one other Pac-12 team. The Cougars opened their Pac-12 schedule with a 15-point loss to Stanford but then took an 89-88 win over the Cardinal in their most recent game. Meanwhile, OSU is trying to come back from the 18 and

23-point losses to ASU and Arizona, respectively. "This is a bounce back week, showing a lot of our character and how we're going to bounce back from two tough losses on the road," Duvivier said. "It's going to be a good measurement to see where we are with our mental toughness." Josh Worden, sports reporter
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Editorial

Responsibility for 'party dorms' falls on UHDS

We doubt that anyone is surprised by the impressive number of marijuana and noise violations Callahan Hall on the east side of campus has racked up.

Our Editorial Board consists of a wide variety of ages, and those who have spent more time at Oregon State University than others expressed that Callahan was known as a "party dorm" back in their days.

The residence halls have always had certain reputations associated with them, occasionally changing with the times depending on where titles go.

One of our editorial staff stayed in McNary Hall when it was the Honors College residence hall, and once the Honors College shifted to West Hall, the quietude and studiousness left with it, replaced with raucousness.

Wilson Hall used to be the engineering dorm and has been replaced with artists and social justice majors.

And Weatherford will always be known as that building that the non-business major peasants cannot access for fear that they will smudge the upholstery.

But Callahan appears to be prolific in its party quality.

Part of this is simply the fact that people like people with similar qualities.

The party people are more than content to go to the party hall.

The other part has been at the fault of University Housing and Dining Services.

MyUHDS used to have little student quotes next to descriptions of the dorm halls upon application, and the one next to Callahan described it as being akin to a loud, happy family.

Yeah, the Addams family.

This in itself is responsible for continuing to attract loud, noisy people to such a dorm, inviting them to bring their trouble-making ways. It's all well and good to try to attract similar people for a more cohesive and harmonic community.

But what benefit is it to a creating a stable learning environment when you are actively advertising or doing absolutely nothing to staunch the party reputation of a residence hall?

Other halls have consistent "themes" they want to perpetuate to enrich their communities in positive ways.

McNary's is "health and well-being" and Wilson's is "arts and social justice."

Callahan's is that they have an all-female wing on the fourth floor.

Great job on facilitating change there, UHDS, as well as doling out proper repercussions — or rather not.

If a student violates student conduct, they are shifted out the community and shuffled off to another dorm hall.

Moving the problem doesn't solve it and or help the person involved learn from their mistakes. It just keeps it circulating.

And the whole while the reputations of the party halls persist to bring in generation after generation of conduct violators.

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Pornography incident in library raises feminism questions

Dear Readers, I have had a number of inquiries regarding the young woman who decided to film herself in Oregon State University's Valley Library doing — well, you know what she was doing.

For those of you who have taken my class you know that I do my best not to pass judgment.

I believe everyone has the right to do whatever he or she wants sexually as long as it is consensual.

I would say that her behavior was consensual, since it didn't appear anyone accidentally stumbled upon her and was forced to see something they didn't want to see — which would make her behavior nonconsensual.

I do think it's important, though, to realize that her behavior takes place

in a context.

We live in a society that, for the most part, definitely looks down on those who participate in the porn industry — and to a certain extent, even those who simply watch it.

Clearly the reaction of the OSU administration was, "Please don't associate her behavior with our university."

So if you continue reading, know that these aren't necessarily my personal thoughts but a composite of

what might possibly be the thoughts of the majority in our society.

My guess is she's on cloud 9 right now, basking in the glory of her 15 minutes of fame.

But what if that's it?

What if she doesn't make it big in porn — I've heard a rumor that she wants to be a porn star. She's only 19 years old and, presumably, has her whole life ahead of her.

So what then?

What if she decides in the future to do something less involved in skin baring as a job or career?

This "incident" could always come back to haunt her.

Just Google Anthony Weiner. Although, I think that poor guy was destined for such behavior with that name.

Kathy Greaves



Ask Dr. Sex

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Being 19 comes with its benefits — and its detriments.

The teenager transitioning to adulthood is likely to experience what is called the Optimism Bias. This is when the individual is overly optimistic and severely underestimates the risks associated with many behaviors.

These include things like risk of pregnancy, risk of unprotected sex,

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Discovery Days plays key role in STEM recruitment

Over the past two days, students K-12 have had the rare opportunity of participating in a free event sponsored by the College of Science and Engineering, called Discovery Days — an outreach program which gives young students the chance to explore different fields of science through a multitude of interactive exhibits.

Now, for those of you who have read my previous articles on the STEM fields, you probably already know that I am absolutely ecstatic

about this program and would love to see more events like it in the future.

What makes this event truly great is not just the fact that it promotes student interaction and hands-on experience in STEM, but that it incorporates undergraduate volunteers who are currently enrolled in the

STEM fields — especially women.

I have wrote quite a bit about the need for greater participation in STEM, and it is programs such as Discovery Days that stand to provide the most influence amongst young children as they prepare for high school and secondary education.

Through interacting with college students and gaining a real glimpse into what the STEM fields have to offer, young students are much more likely to begin enrolling in high school courses which pertain to STEM, and as a result we are likely to see a rise in

the number of STEM degree-seeking students in incoming years.

By getting students interested in science and engineering at an early age, we may even see a correlated increase in Oregon's high school graduation rate — an issue our state clearly struggled with in 2013, as we ranked 49 out of 50 states with a graduation rate of 69 percent.

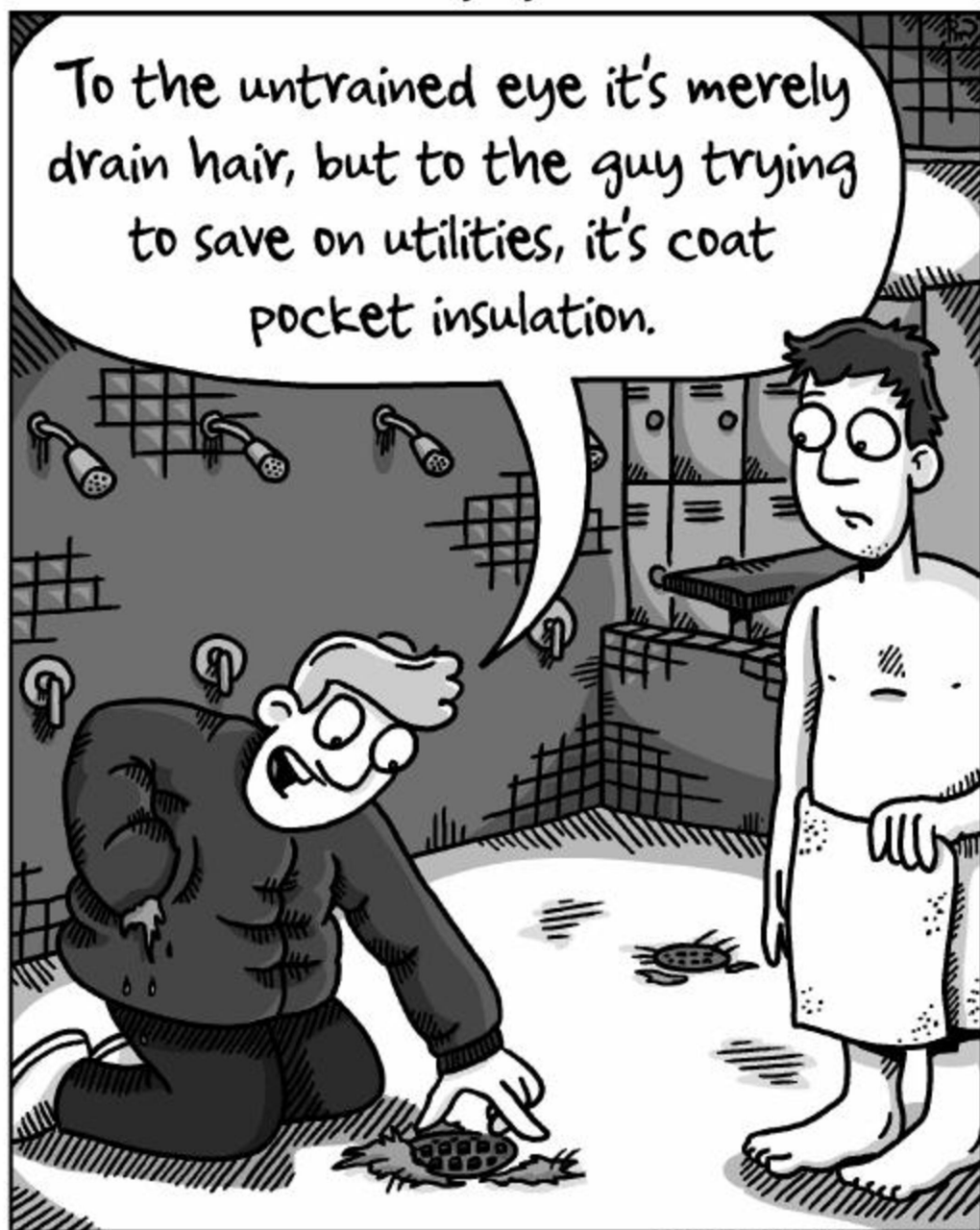
The only other state ranked below us was Idaho, which was apparently unable to produce its high school graduation rate.

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Cultivating Innovation

Scoops of joy: 'Ice Cream for Breakfast Day'

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. That's right, this Saturday is "Ice Cream for Breakfast Day," perhaps one of the greatest wacky holidays ever.

Any day, especially after all of those New Years resolutions diets, that you can justify eating ice cream for breakfast is a good day.

The holiday originated in the 1960s by Florence Rappaport in Rochester, N.Y. As a mother to six children, Rappaport declared the first Saturday of February as Ice Cream For Breakfast Day.

Since its inception, ICFBD has spread to more than seven countries and has become a tradition every year among ice cream enthusiasts — and basically everyone else.

So lets talk ice cream. How do you make it? It all starts with the cows and the milk.

Ice cream is made from a blend of dairy products (cream, condensed milk, butterfat), sugar, flavorings and additives.

Federal regulations stipulate that each package of ice cream must contain at least 10 percent butterfat.

Emulsifiers and stabilizers are used to prevent heat shock and the formation of ice crystals during the production process.

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Oregon could have a third major political party

By Hannah Hoffman
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — Oregon could soon become the only state in the country with three major political parties.

The Independent Party of Oregon announced Monday it now has enough members to meet the Oregon Secretary of State's criteria for a major party, alongside the Democratic and Republican parties of Oregon.

The party, whose mascot is an elk, now has 108,744 members. That is six people beyond the requirement (5 percent of eligible voters in most recent election), party Secretary Sal Peralta said.

It is up to the office of Secretary of State Kate Brown to verify all the members and make the official pronouncement that the Independent Party is, in fact, a major party.

If so, it would change elections in two ways, Peralta said.

First, it would allow the Independent Party to participate in the May primary election, which is run by the state. Currently, the party runs its own elections during the summer. In the future, it would enjoy the same service from the state that Republican and Democratic parties do, with official ballots sent to members.

Second, it would change how Independent Party candidates are nominated.

Oregon allows dual nominations, where a person can be officially nominated by a major party and any minor parties as well. The Independent Party currently nominates Democrats and Republicans, candidates who have also been nominated by their own parties.

In the future, the party would be only be allowed to nominate its own members. It will not be allowed to nominate anyone who belongs to any other party.

That goes against the party's mission, Peralta said, which was to open the election process to people who did not want to fit into just one box. He said it was meant to expand access to the political process and has never wanted to restrict nominations to only Independent Party members.

If the legislature doesn't change the members-only requirement in the future, the party plans to take the state to court as a violation of its First Amendment right to freedom of association, Peralta said.

If Oregon does go forward with three parties, it would be the only state in the country to do so.

Nationally, the idea of three major parties appears to be a popular one. A Sept. 2014 Gallup Poll found that 58 percent of United States adults supported having a third party. Just 35 percent said the two existing parties do an adequate job representing the American people.

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The most common additives are guar gum, extracted from the guar bush and carrageenan, derived from seaweed.

That's right — seaweed. Then there are the flavorings.

Ice cream flavors have come a long way since the basic vanilla, strawberry and chocolate.

By the 1970s, more than 400 different flavors of ice cream had been recorded.

They include an ever-expanding array of fruit purees and extracts, cocoa powder, nuts, cookie pieces and cookie dough.

Here in the Pacific Northwest, we are pretty proud of our ice cream.

From Umpqua to Tillamook to the Salt & Straw.

Umpqua Dairy produces Beaver Tracks, a combination of chocolate coated caramel footballs collided with chocolate fudge in a mild peanut butter flavored ice cream. That stuff is "dam" good.

Then there's Tillamook. Tillamook has been making ice cream for more than 65 years.

Today it makes 28 creamy, mouth-watering ice cream flavors.

In October 2014, when Vice President Joe Biden came to Portland, he treated Sen. Jeff Merkley to a scoop at The Salt & Straw.

According to the Associated Press, Biden asked for the flavor closest to chocolate chip, and wound up with a scoop of "chocolate wood block" as well as a second scoop of vanilla.

Merkley told him the shop had "the best ice cream in town", and Biden himself declared, "I'm an ice cream guy."

You can bet that on Saturday, Joe will have a scoop or two.

So grab a bowl this Saturday and have a Sundae.

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With our high school education system struggling to provide adequate schooling and maintain graduation rates similar to rest of the nation, it is evident that we need more programs such as Discovery Days to help motivate students to explore their curiosities and pursue that which intrigues them.

Furthermore, we not only need more programs similar to this one, but we need new programs that will promote interactive learning for students in every field of study — not just the STEM fields.

However, it is key that we include the volunteer participation of students in higher-level education.

If we do not, young students lose the ability to witness young adults currently involved in similar studies — a factor which can sometimes make or break a student's willingness to explore a field that may interest him or her.

It is for this reason that I would like to see more state-funding programs that promote interaction amongst youth and students involved in secondary education, especially programs that would provide students in high school with the opportunity to get involved in research at the college level.

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risk of riding a bike without a helmet, risk of driving a car without a seatbelt or driving recklessly, risk of being pulled over while driving drunk and in this instance risk of getting caught doing something illegal — like filming a porn in the library in public.

This is also referred to as the "It won't happen to me" syndrome.

For most humans, cognitive development isn't fully complete until the mid-20s.

Therefore, Optimism Bias is an example of lower-order critical thinking for many teenagers and young adults. So here she is at 19, clearly not thinking about the long-term effects of what she is doing — or maybe just not thinking anything bad could possibly come from this.

Ah, the naiveté of the young.

One of my first thoughts when I heard about this and watched the video — yes, I watched it — was, "I wonder how her parents feel right now?"

If she has brothers or sisters, grandparents or cousins, how do they feel?

Are they thinking, "Yeah, that's my little girl and I'm so proud"?

Probably not.

Granted, this reflects the more conservative view of pornography and that "good girls" don't do that, which again is the view of the majority.

An assumption embedded in this is that her parents don't approve, but maybe they are "in the biz" themselves.

From a feminist perspective, there are two ways to look at this.

When it comes to women in pornography — and even prostitution and exotic dancing (stripping) — the question is "Should she be doing this, is that 'appropriate' behavior?"

On the one hand, feminism is about not step-

ping in and rescuing women, but rather allowing them to make their own choices and respecting those choices.

So with that in mind, it should be OK for women to participate in the making of pornography.

If she is proud of her body, what is wrong with showing it off, and making bank in the process, right?

However, feminism is also about recognizing that girls grow up in a social context — a patriarchal context that only values them for their physical qualities, their appearance, and their bodies — not their minds.

When it comes to the sex industry in particular, women are way more likely to be viewed as sexual objects rather than sexual partners.

Therefore, is it really a choice?

Can you really separate her upbringing from that decision?

Does she consciously realize she has other

qualities that are worthy of respect and maybe she would be more respected if she focused on those intellectual qualities rather than her body?

I'll end with this: As I was reading articles about this issue to see if I had all of my facts straight, I came across an article in the Inquirer posted on Feb. 1, which said that one of the classes she did rather well in was my human sexuality class.

She did take it, although I am not at liberty to comment on the "doing well" part.

Normally, I am honored to be a part of my students' successes, but I think I'll pass on this one.

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