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TRACK TOWN



MIKE PERRAULT | PHOTOGRAPHER

University working to become the official Track Town USA

ANNA HELLAND | NEWS REPORTER

News media from MSNBC to the San Francisco Chronicle have used the term “Track Town USA” extensively since the 2008 Summer Olympic Track & Field Trials at Hayward Field. The city of Eugene attracted tourists with the slogan, and the track and field program splashed it on every surface. More than a year ago, the University began the process to federally trademark the phrase. “(The University is) trying to protect the brand that they and (the) track and field program have been using for quite a while,” said Matt Dyste, the University’s director of marketing and

brand management. The University began the application process well before the Olympic Trials, realizing the term could be used at any time by anyone else. “They wouldn’t want, oh let’s say, a town that has a motor racing track, to coin and use the term ‘Track Town’ for their sport,” Dyste said. Neil Young, a founder of Bowerman’s Pack, a student cheering section at track meets, said the University has “every right to trademark the term.” As a federal trademark, the phrases “Track Town” and “Track

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Surprise candidate,
need for quorum
postpones VP pick



IVAR VONG | PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrea Coles-Bjerre (left) and Nathan Tublitz are both running for University Senate Vice President. Tublitz didn’t announce his intention to run until the middle of Wednesday’s meeting.

University Senate
must wait until fall
to fill position

ALEX TOMCHAK SCOTT
NEWS REPORTER

The University Senate will go into next year without a vice president after one of its most outspoken members announced his intention to run. Biology professor Nathan Tublitz, a frequent critic of the University administration, announced his candidacy during the meeting, to the surprise of the Senate’s new president, math professor Peter Gilkey, and the only nominee on the table, assistant law professor Andrea Coles-Bjerre. When the Senate voted to elect a vice president, however, Senate leadership announced

that too few senators were present to make the decision — 25, one member below quorum in the 50-member Senate. Outgoing Senate President Paul van Donkelaar announced that the vote would be postponed to the first Senate meeting of fall term, despite Gilkey’s advice that it would be a bad idea. Under University Senate rules, the vice president serves for a year before taking the presidency at the end of his or her term. Gilkey and van Donkelaar had asked Coles-Bjerre to take the role. Van Donkelaar said other Senate members turned down requests. Van Donkelaar, presiding over the meeting, announced that Coles-Bjerre was the only candidate to Senate and the

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WEEKENDCALENDAR

MAY

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THURSDAY

CONCERT: UO Concert Choir, Women’s Choir, Repertoire Singers
Where: Beall Hall
When: 8 p.m.
Cost: \$5, \$7

GAME: Alpha Kappa Psi Video Game Tournament
Sponsored by Monster Energy Drink
Where: Lillis 245 and 255
When: 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Cost: Free

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FRIDAY

FILM: Local horror movies “Earth Day” and “Melvin” followed by a discussion
Where: Lawrence 177
When: 7 p.m.
Cost: Free



CONCERT: Eugene Contemporary Chamber Ensemble featuring new music compositions and UO dancers
Where: Music Building Room 190
When: 7:30 p.m., see other dates
Cost: Free

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SATURDAY

CULTURE: “African Cultural Night: Africa — The Next Chapter”
Where: EMU Ballroom
When: 6 to 9 p.m.
Cost: Free

CLUB: Dance Party with DJ Foodstamp
Where: The District; 21+ only
When: 10 p.m.
Cost: Free

Where: Music Building Room 190
When: 7:30 p.m., see other dates
Cost: Free

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SUNDAY

CULTURE: Third Annual Arabian Nights
Where: EMU Ballroom
When: 6 to 9 p.m.
Cost: Free

CONCERT: “40th Communi-Versary” for White Bird Clinic, Saturday Market, Oregon Country Fair, Growers Market and the Community Center for the Performing Arts
Where: WOW Hall
When: 12 to 8 p.m.
Cost: Free

CRIME

University student robbed by
suspects demanding ATM PIN

A University student was approached by two men near East 14th Avenue and Kincaid Street, who forced her to drive them to ATMs and give them the personal identification number to her bank account, Eugene police reported Wednesday afternoon. The incident, which police are calling a robbery, occurred around 3 a.m. Wednesday and public information specialist Jenna LaBounty said the incident lasted about an hour. Police received the call at about 4:15 a.m. and are now looking for the suspects involved. LaBounty said the woman noticed the men as she walked toward her car early Wednesday morning and the men approached her as she was getting in it, asking for a ride. En route to their destination, the woman stopped at a bank where she was forced to provide the men with her personal identification number, according to a police press release. The woman told police one of the

suspects stuck a hard object in her back, saying he had a gun. The men attempted to withdraw money at the bank ATM and then demanded the woman drive them to another location where they again attempted to withdraw money from an ATM. EPD cannot disclose how much, if any, money the suspects stole. The woman reported that the men eventually had her drop them off in South Eugene, where they fled from the car. The release described the suspects as between 18 and 21 years old. One suspect is said to be a white man with blond hair and possibly a round scar on his forehead, 5 feet 7 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall and between 170 and 180 pounds. He was wearing an orange zip-up hooded sweatshirt at the time of the incident. The other suspect is said to be a Native American man with black hair, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and between 150 and 170 pounds. He was last seen wearing a red and black jersey and a dark knit hat. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call EPD’s tip line at 682-8888. — EMILY E. SMITH

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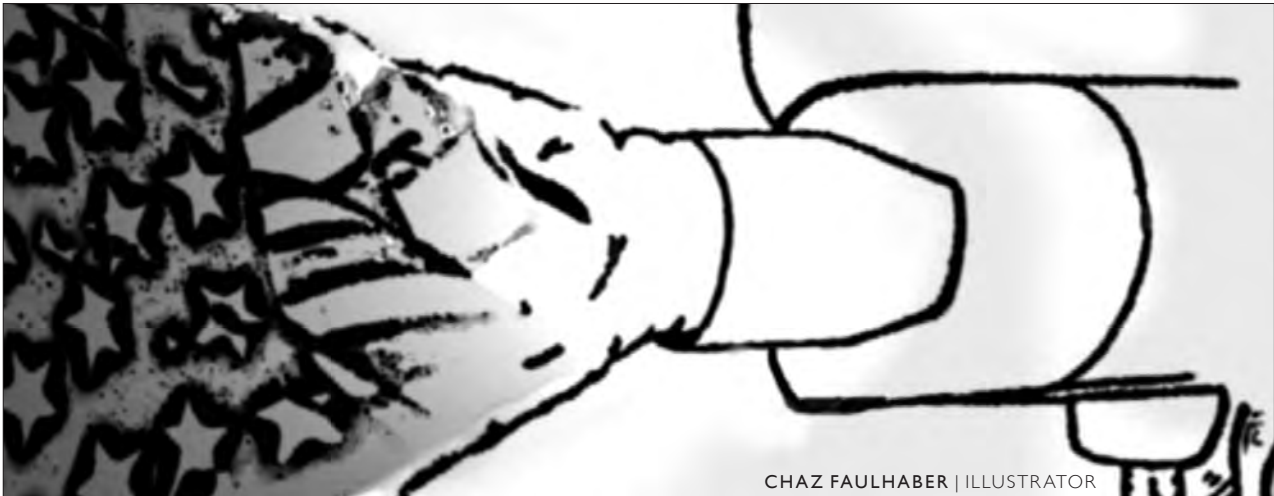
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IN MY OPINION | MATT PETRYNI



CHAZ FAULHABER | ILLUSTRATOR

DON'T CELEBRATE JUST YET

Like most environmentalists who are at least vaguely concerned about the discharge of artificial carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, I breathed a sigh of relief — perhaps elation — to hear the president went ahead with enacting California’s climate change plans. Last week, the Obama administration wrote into the Federal Register a number of increases in federally required fuel efficiency standards, facing a looming Congressional deadline.

The action resolves a growing dispute between various states and the federal government, a conflict where the states — ecotopian Oregon and Washington included — wanted to enact higher emissions standards on their own, leaving the federal government to follow suit whenever it got around to it. Automakers hesitantly signed onto the plan, citing its inevitability and the terrifying specter of a federalized country with 50 different sets of environmental rules for tailpipe emissions.

Additionally, it’s fair to say Obama and Congress have Detroit automakers, the traditional opposition of environmentalists, firmly by the balls. Without current federal help, all three of the producers would possibly cease to exist, selling off what they can of their failing operations to creditors and probably the Japanese in bankruptcy court. Try as one might, it’s hard to argue against big-government regulation while simultaneously grasping at a big-government straw for dear life. And so, the new fuel efficiency rules were announced with Detroit’s meager blessing.

This isn’t to say the rules are without objection, however, as conservative commentators, more than willing to give voice to a

silenced Detroit, quickly attacked the proposal to correct a rampant externality. The proposal adds, for the first time in federal regulation, a target reduction of tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions.

The first claim was that this would make cars more expensive, which it probably will in the short term. This is fairly easily dismissed on a number of grounds. First, and most importantly, any increased cost felt in your monthly car payments will likely be offset by the savings you get from burning less gasoline — a resource that, with the rest of the world industrializing and oil discoveries down to all but a trickle, will become increasingly scarce. Less important but still valid is the obvious factor that market innovation drives down costs fairly reliably, so even currently expensive technological improvements are unlikely to be costly in the future.

The next claim is that fuel-efficient cars are dangerous. At the very best, this assumption is inconclusive, given evidence from crash tests. At worst, it’s blatantly wrong: If everyone has lighter cars, everyone will be safer, and the market has been surprisingly effective at developing enhanced designs that both improve safety and cut emissions, and will continue to do so.

However, the best objections to this policy come not from the aforementioned blabbering of Rush Limbaugh wannabes, but from people in our own Pacific Northwestern backyard: the environmentalists.



SUSTAINABLY ENVIRONMENTAL

One clear problem is that lower gasoline costs will increase mileage driven — not in the sense that the National Review might suggest, that daily commuters will suddenly be inspired to joyride — but in the sense that better fuel economy and lowered demand for gas might make the cost of driving less prohibitive. It doesn’t matter if you increase fuel standards by 1/3 if you double the number of cars used, as the externality of CO2 pollution will still increase.

The biggest problem with increasing fuel efficiency is that it attempts to forcibly regulate into existence an end that could be achieved much more easily by pulling subsidies for highways, traffic patrols, oil companies and whatever else pays the way for cars, and redirecting that spending toward truly efficient efforts such as mass transit and energy conservation. People could successfully assert a right to keep the government’s hands off their gas guzzlers. An auto business could even argue it should be free to make whatever kind of cars it wants without regulation. But even granting those arguments — which I’m not — it’s still hard to say they’re entitled to a fancy and well-maintained freeway, especially at the preference of far more efficient, higher-speed infrastructure for getting around.

All that being said, raising the fuel efficiency requirement is something long overdue, and I clearly applaud it. The big fix, though, remains elusive. It might, in the end, look a little more like the Portland TriMet and a little less like a Phoenix, Ariz., full of Priuses (Prii?).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Evangelist exhibits courage in face of dissenting students

Jed Smock, better known as Brother Jed, has graced us with his presence on campus these last couple days. Brother Jed is an open-air preacher, or confrontational evangelist, who tours college campuses around the nation. He, unlike many evangelicals, uses openly antagonistic and often offensive rhetoric to garner attention to his cause of converting people to Christ. In my last four years on this campus, Brother Jed has, without fail, come around every spring to deliver his amusing sermons, attracting hundreds of antagonized and offended students to listen.

Now, I am not Christian. I was raised without a religion, and while I have strong spiritual beliefs about a God, I don’t submit myself to organized religions or the moral codes dictated by said religions. I don’t agree with much of what Brother Jed has to say. His general point is clear: We are declining into moral turpitude, and we should follow the way of Christ and repent from our sins before we are eternally damned. Most of my fellow students don’t agree with him either. And even if they do agree with his message, I’m sure they don’t agree with the harsh, hostile style that Brother Jed employs.

However, after watching Brother Jed deliver his sermons year after year, I have found a peculiar admiration and respect for him. He hasn’t converted me to Christianity in any sense, but he has garnered my respect for him. Think about it: Brother Jed tours college campuses, delivering his message, with hundreds upon thousands of students yelling and spitting at him. And Brother Jed delivers his sermons without missing a beat. He maintains his composure in the face of withering verbal assault. That takes insurmountable courage and discipline to do. And, deep down inside, I am sure that Brother Jed is devoting his life to this mission out of his love for us. He shows it in a strange way that is difficult to accept for most people, but I think he genuinely believes that he is doing a good by traveling to college campuses around the country and telling the college students about their sins. There is no other truly compelling explanation for the fervor that he exhibits in his cause, year in and year out.

So while Brother Jed may not have won me over to his beliefs or his cause, he has earned my respect and admiration. It really takes determination and a steeled resolve to be able to stand up in front hundreds of people, knowing that, without fail, he and his message will be rejected.

SEAN JIN
UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE

EDITORIAL

‘SEPARATE BUT EQUAL,’ BUT FOR HOW LONG?

Eleven days ago, on May 17, the United States saw the 55th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*. The decision, which struck down previous rulings that established separate public schools for black and white students saying such a practice denied black children equal educational opportunities, helped pave the way for the American civil rights movement.

Now, more than half a century later, the nation is in the middle of another civil rights movement: the fight to legalize same-sex marriage.

No, gays and lesbians in the United States are not relegated to the backs of buses or forced to drink from separate drinking fountains. But their struggle to be recognized as no different from their straight fellow Americans — to no longer be seen as second-class citizens — is no less important than that of black Americans in the 1950s and ’60s. Nor is it without its share of violence — after all, Matthew Shepard was robbed, tortured, tied to a fence and left to die only 11 years ago.

On Tuesday, the California Supreme Court ruled to uphold Proposition 8, the same-sex marriage ban that California voters approved last year, as a constitutionally acceptable exercise of voters’ free will. The marriages of the estimated 18,000 same-sex couples who were

wed last year will still be recognized.

The court said the measure should stand as an exercise of Californians’ sovereign right to amend their constitution. “It’s not the court’s job to decide if Prop. 8 was ‘wise or sound as a matter of policy,’ the majority found,” read a Tuesday Los Angeles Times article. According to the article, the court deemed the case as all about “the scope of the right of the people, under the provisions of the California Constitution, to change or alter the state Constitution itself through the initiative process.”

This right should certainly be upheld, as state constitutions, like the U.S. Constitution, are meant to be living, changing documents that adapt to best serve society as it, too, evolves and changes. But the provision of equal, federally granted rights to all citizens should not be able to be circumvented by popular vote.

Marriage should be legal for all or legal for none. The constitutional ban on same-sex marriage follows the exact same “separate but equal” philosophy the Supreme Court did away with back in the ’60s. Civil unions are not enough, and to suggest gays and lesbians should be satisfied with them is the same as suggesting that non-white people should have been happy to eat at their “own” restaurants and use their “own” restrooms, courtesy of Jim Crow.

We have all heard the argument that

marriage is a religious institution that should uphold traditional heterosexual values. Frankly, this argument today borders on comical. To say nothing of the institution’s sacredness — or success rate — the separation of church and state makes such logic moot. If marriage is to carry with it legal benefits, as regulated by state or federal legislation, it should be restricted from carrying any religious connotations.

If, however, marriage is to be a religious (namely Christian) institution, why isn’t it restricted to only those individuals (namely Christians) who share traditional religious values? If gays and lesbians are to be kept from marrying because homosexuality is against traditional Christian teachings, then all Jews, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Atheists — the list goes on — should logically be kept from it as well.

Fortunately, there are glimmers of hope to be found in Tuesday’s decision. Some see the recent Prop. 8 decision as good for same-sex marriage in the long run.

“The Court’s decision drives home that the future of gay rights lies at the ballot box and not in the courts,” writes The Yale Law Journal articles editor Aaron Zelinsky on The Huffington Post. “We should view the California Court not as opposing gay marriage, but rather as promoting public deliberation

and democratic action on the subject of equal rights.” Given the strong support of younger voters, Zelinsky argues, same-sex marriage will, perhaps soon, be approved in California by ballot initiative — perhaps quite soon.

It would be better if the existence of millions of Americans’ inalienable rights were not up for debate in the first place. This battle was fought with legislation, such as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, decades ago. But it’s true that same-sex marriage, and marriage in general, will stand on sounder footing when enacted by the people rather than judicially imposed.

If the recent decisions in Iowa, Vermont and Maine are any indication, the popular adoption of same-sex marriage nationwide is just around the bend. It just can’t come soon enough.

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CORRECTION

Because of a reporter’s error, an article in Tuesday’s Emerald (“Settling down after the shock”) misstated who Laura A. Fine was addressing in court. During Ian Van Ornum’s sentencing, Fine told Judge Jack Billings, not jurors, that her client was employed at Sundance Natural Foods. The Emerald regrets the error.

features

Dance crew's innovative style far from 'mechanical'



Work Dance Company incorporates multiple styles of dance into its productions to create its own unique style.

KATE CLARK | PHOTOGRAPHER

Embracing a 'don't care' attitude, 'A Mechanical Dancer' showcases individual transformations

MARIA BAUM
FEATURES REPORTER

Alternating colors and precise body movements create a journey through dance evolution unlike any other. Beginning as lifeless silver robots, bodies move in unison while displaying dully-colored costumes and neutral facial expressions. Slowly, mechanical conformity is replaced with spunky tunes and vibrant costumes to divulge unique style and personal desire for dance.

For choreographer Nathan Boozer and his company, dance is not only a performance, but a language. With ten highly motivated dancers and an empowering choreographer, Work Dance Company is ready to present "A Mechanical Dancer" as its very first solo performance.

This innovative composition incorporates props, masks, costumes and lighting — all transforming during the course of the show. The aesthetics of the constantly evolving stage contributes to the meaningful transformation of each dancer.

One act uses black and gray costumes to represent a dark subject, as "Poker Face" by musical artist Lady Gaga plays in the background. "Poker Face" says that people are hiding behind a façade. It is a very dark subject and is actually really creepy," Boozer said. The mood quickly transitions with an upbeat song by Missy Elliot called "Ching-A-Ling," as bright neon color begins to inundate the once dark and dull stage.

Boozer described one of the last scenes, which uses a lot of color to create a don't-care-what-anyone-thinks attitude. Morphing from duplicated robots into unique individual talents, each dancer exemplifies the journey of finding meaning and enthusiasm in dance.

"I have danced for 16 years and have always been a part of something unified," Zenaide Beckham, one of the performers, said. "Now I can finally break out and show my style. I have the stage to express my individual talent."

Anne Marie Cassani, also a performer, said that by the end of the show she transforms from a nameless robot into an energetic hip-hop dancer nicknamed A&M. "By the end we are all wearing flashy colors and we get to add our own personal style and really become individualized," Cassani said. "Sometimes dancing gives the message to be your own person and do your own thing."

In order to capture the essence and true meaning of this performance, Boozer and his dancers have been working tirelessly for nearly six months, three nights a week to perfect both the visual and technical aspects of the show. "Some people don't put their heart and soul into it every time," Boozer said. "Every time we step on that stage, whether the audience is five or 500, we put our entire being into it; it is our passion and what we live for."

Boozer's show was largely a reaction to the highly repetitive and political material that he has seen dance become. "I started to notice

SEE A MECHANICAL DANCER

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COST: \$15

performing in general becoming really political with nothing really new or exciting," Boozer said. "I saw dance becoming a part of the corporate world where we cut, copy and paste all the same dances. This performance is really all about being yourself and dancing because it is your everything and you want to do it."

"We are a new group bringing something fresh to the table," Cassani said. "We're a small crew but we are all super passionate about what we are doing and we are going to do whatever it takes to put on the best show."

Boozer also spoke very highly of his hand-picked dance crew; he said his dancers make his choreography worthwhile. "Being able to teach and help my dancers grow is why I do what I do," Boozer said. "This show is a personal diary to what I am feeling. To take what I have learned and share that with my dancers is an amazing feeling; I can't describe it."

Beckham said "A Mechanical Dancer" has much to offer to its audience. "There is a lot you can take away from our show," Beckham said. "We will remind you to be yourself, be your own person and have passion for whatever you want to do."

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For full consideration, applications are due no later than **5 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2009. AA/EOE/ADA**

TRANSPORTATION

LTD experiences minimal losses

Lane Transit District will suffer only mild budget cuts next year, thanks to stimulus money it received at the beginning of the year, the Lane Transit District Budget Committee announced with its approval of the 2009-10 fiscal year budget.

LTD will use the \$6.5 million in stimulus money to sustain construction projects and update its maintenance center, but it wasn't enough to continue spending money at the current levels.

"We didn't want to make any cuts, but we are relieved that we only had to make 2.5 percent

to 3 percent cuts, instead of 14 percent cuts like we were anticipating," LTD spokesperson Andy Vobora said.

LTD eliminated 14 positions, including a mechanic position, a customer service person, a human resources person and 11 bus operators. However, Vobora confirmed that only four people were laid off.

"We tried hard to cut positions through attrition, retirement and through furlough days," he said. "Most people were pleasantly surprised by how few cuts we had to make in staffing. We had kept them informed throughout the entire process of budget, so it wasn't like they didn't know cuts were coming."

Administrative employees

must accept a salary without a cost-of-living adjustment, while health insurance costs for employees are estimated to increase by 10 percent.

To help and encourage employees to retire, \$700,000 was infused into LTD's pension plan to address the growing insecurity in the investment market.

To guard against rising fuel prices, Vobora said LTD is purchasing and storing diesel and has already managed to buy a six-month supply.

"Last year when fuel got up close to \$4, it caused a \$1-million spike in our budget," he said. "All we are trying to do is prevent against it this year."

— LAUREN FOX

TRACK TOWN | Trademark to further strengthen Track Town connection with UO

FROM PAGE 1

Town U.S.A." could be used on clothing and to promote sports and educational events. The University would have exclusive rights to use the mark nationwide on or in connection with the goods or services listed in the registration it applied for.

While the trademark provides a sound protection to the University and city of Eugene, its meaning doesn't change to the avid student enthusiast.

Rene Sanchez, a sophomore English major and a member of Bowerman's Pack, also agrees with the University's desire to trademark the term.

"I have never seen another stadium on any campus in the United States that is as knowledgeable and passionate about

track and field," Sanchez said. "Eugene really is 'Track Town USA' for the simple fact that no other city has been willing to do as much for the sport as this town and university has."

During the 2008 Hayward Field renovations, a "Track Town USA" mural was erected behind the east grandstands. The sign stood over spectators and bystanders during the Trials, further connecting the phrase to the University.

For freshmen Matt Regan, the phrase also has great meaning.

"I've been coming to track meets at Hayward Field for over six years now and every meet I attend is always spectacular," Regan said. "Hayward Field has a distinct, unexplainable aura about it."

The registration will give the

University allowance to use the trademark in commerce, but also give it another level of protection.

"We wanted the University and the city of Eugene, while they are in the process of rebuilding the persona of the track program, (the) feel of protection for the brand that they are building around," Dyste said.

For students like Young, the trademark means more than a shield against others. "When you think back to the history of track and field in Eugene, with figures like Steve Prefontaine and Bill Bowerman, it lends itself to such a lofty title," Young said. "The passion that the community displays toward the team and its athletes is one-in-a-million."

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SENATE | Former Senate President Tublitz aims to address fiscal difficulties, faculty views

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meeting prepared to move into voting.

However, classified staff representative Carla McNelly moved to nominate Tublitz. The nomination brought a hush to the room, followed by a wave of murmurs.

Tublitz, who was the Senate's president for the 2001-02 year, said in a prepared statement that he wanted the position so he could deal with the fiscal difficulties facing the University.

He also said he was running to change perceptions about the University among faculty.

"Many of these people, many of them my friends, think that we are a large corporation run by a CEO and management team," Tublitz said.

Van Donkelaar said he had chosen Coles-Bjerre because of her experience as a bankruptcy lawyer. Speaking in favor of her candidacy, Coles-Bjerre also drew on her legal experience.

"I can't believe that there are problems at this university that are so intractable that they can't be solved through respectful dialogue," she said.

Coles-Bjerre, who called Tublitz's nomination "unexpected," did not prepare a speech for the occasion and senators said they would like the election postponed to give her a chance to do so.

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Investigators say Ashe had broken some windows and set fire to garbage cans inside.

Ashe has been lodged at the Douglas County Jail on charges of criminal mischief and attempted arson.

STATE

Senate approves anti-bullying policy

PORTLAND — A bill intended to reduce the amount of bullying in Oregon schools is headed to Gov. Ted Kulongoski for his signature.

The Oregon Senate on Wednesday followed the House's lead in approving a bill that requires school

districts to establish clear, uniform policies to combat bullying and to designate specific employees to investigate incidents.

House Bill 2599 also modifies the definition of bullying, streamlines the complaint process and encourages training for school employees.

Sen. Mark Hass says the action is needed because bullied children are more likely to suffer from anxiety, depression and drug abuse, and those problems sometimes linger into adulthood.

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TEAM STUNTS & GYMNASTICS

Starting over again



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Oregon head team stunts and gymnastics coach Felecia Mulkey has rebuilt a program before at Kennesaw State into a national title power and is trying again at UO. **Right:** The team is expected to add 30 members next year to its small current squad.

Felecia Mulkey hopes her past success translates to Oregon's new program

LUCAS CLARK | SPORTS REPORTER

For Felecia Mulkey, building a major sports program is something that is becoming all too familiar. The Villa Rica, Ga., native has been assigned the task of building Oregon's newest program: team stunts and gymnastics.

Mulkey began her coaching career at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta in May 1997 and found herself in a situation where some rebuilding was vital to have a successful program. After removing the male portion of the team and holding three tryouts, Mulkey compiled a squad of 18 inexperienced women, many of whom came from strong athletic backgrounds in sports like track, swimming, diving and softball, and a select few had gymnastics experience.

The Owls competed in the Peach Belt Athletic Conference at the time and finished the year in 12th place at the national

competition. They continued to improve over the next several seasons, and in 2002 — with only 12 members on the team — KSU finished second nationally. Mulkey's squad kept improving and took home their first national title in 2004, which was followed by a second national title in 2005.

After their back-to-back title runs, the Owls were moved up to Division I the following season. Behind Mulkey's guidance they continued to thrive, but after the 2008 season, a change was in order.

Kennesaw State no longer had sufficient funding to run a top-caliber program like the one she had built, which led Mulkey to look for other options. Mulkey met with Renee Baumgartner, Oregon senior associate athletics director, at the national championships last year and agreed to come across the country to build a new program — again.

Mulkey said an early step in her building process will be community education because the sport is so new to the region.

"I had to explain that the sport evolved from cheerleading, and that we chose to call it team stunts and gymnastics because we want to set ourselves apart from the cheerleaders, not in a bad way, just to separate it."

The distinction between team stunts and gymnastics and the cheerleading program has been an interesting topic, but once the first competition rolls around in winter the difference will be very clear.

"One set (of athletes) is more of your sideline, 'face of the University' type, whereas my girls are all former gymnasts," Mulkey explained.

The squad has been exceptionally undersized this spring with only seven women practicing, but Mulkey anticipates there being 30 to 36 women on the team by next year.

"Practice has been strange, but it has been a huge building year," said junior Tori Mayard. "I look at it as a training



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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Double-check to make sure your messages have been delivered to the correct people and are received in the spirit they were intended. Otherwise, small mix-ups have the potential to take up your time unnecessarily.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be listening to a long, involved story — oh, boy, is it hard to keep from interrupting. You prove your friendship and your character by being a good listener. Your undivided attention could actually heal someone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to read a book on social graces or go to charm school to figure out how to create rapport with others. You will naturally find subtle, unobtrusive ways to connect with those who interest you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life will ask you a tricky question. If you think long and hard about it, you'll probably come up with the wrong answer. Go with your gut. Your first instinct will be correct.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Do not be one of those people who say too much and ruin what would have been a favorable outcome. Whether you're doing a deal or trying to make a new friend, realize when to back off. Don't sell it when it's already sold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be a target for innocent flirting and shameless flattery. Oh, happy day! If you're overly modest or self-deprecating, you'll miss out on the fun. You deserve this attention so revel in it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You enjoy your work — well, maybe not all the time and certainly not every aspect of your job. And yet today you'll be keenly aware how the professional role you play satisfies a profound need in you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A goal you once thought was unreasonable is now seeming quite within your reach. You may have to break one of your bad habits in order to get there, but this is not as hard as it would have been last week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter how sincere an effort may be, it won't be effective unless you believe in it with your whole being. Stop trying. Trying is not doing. Just do it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your friendships need some love and attention. It's the extra bits of kindness that will make a difference. Your connections will take you to interesting places. First, you must grease the wheels, though.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You always feel that when you're helping others, you are making excellent use of your time. Check your mood, though. If it's less than sunny, the best use of your time is to give more to yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Young people make a difference in your day. You marvel at their innocence. Their lack of pretension is refreshing. Their raw emotional force will bring you back to your own honest feelings.

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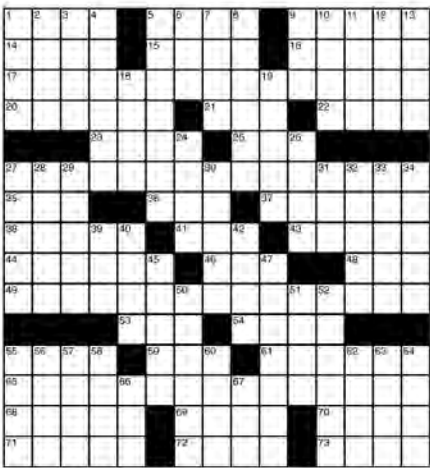
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- Across**
- 1 Starring role
- 5 Way to go
- 9 Certain sultan's subject
- 14 "There was a time..."
- 15 It's headed by a deputy asst. secy. of labor
- 16 They need their bearings
- 17 See 71-Across
- 20 Romance fiction or horror films, e.g.
- 21 Midcentury year
- 22 European tongue
- 23 Small change
- 25 Letters at sea
- 27 See 71-Across
- 35 Basic education, familiarly
- 36 House support?
- 37 Language that contains no adjectives
- 38 Redolence
- 41 Do colorful work
- 43 Coffee break time, maybe
- 44 Generic
- 46 "I'll take that as..."
- 48 E.T.S. offering
- 49 See 71-Across
- 53 "Yes, ___!"
- 54 Alternative to "roll the dice"
- 55 Band lineup
- 59 Microwave
- 61 Available
- 65 See 71-Across
- 68 Drill
- 69 Def Leppard hit
- "Pour Some Sugar ___"
- 70 Approved

- Down**
- 1 High-priced ticket option
- 2 Great-great-great-grandfather of Methuselah
- 3 Electrical letters
- 4 Scrawl graffiti on, e.g.
- 5 Strength
- 6 Word with mountain or fly
- 7 Not us
- 8 Indigent
- 9 Klutz
- 10 Inspiration
- 11 Decor finish?
- 12 Us, abroad
- 13 Bikini, e.g.
- 18 Culminating point
- 19 Merlin of football and TV
- 24 Pointy-___
- 26 Rebounds, e.g.
- 27 Swiss capital
- 28 Documentarian Morris
- 29 Queen's attendant
- 30 Like some pyramids
- 31 "___ got you?"
- 32 Having a bite
- 33 Almost 80 million people visit it yearly



Puzzle by Steve Dobbs

- 34 Former Colorado governor Roy
- 39 Dallas hoopster, briefly
- 40 Where the Iowa Straw Poll is done
- 42 Goals
- 45 "My Fair Lady" lady
- 47 Fought against
- 50 One of Isabella I's kingdoms
- 51 "The Mod Squad" role
- 52 Mainstay
- 55 1970s-'80s singer Andy
- 56 Songwriter
- 57 Urban sidewalk vendor's offering
- 58 Boatload
- 60 Pint-size
- 62 Golfer Isao ___
- 63 Financial writer
- 64 Attorneys' dregs.
- 66 Coastal filer
- 67 Great Brit., e.g., in years past

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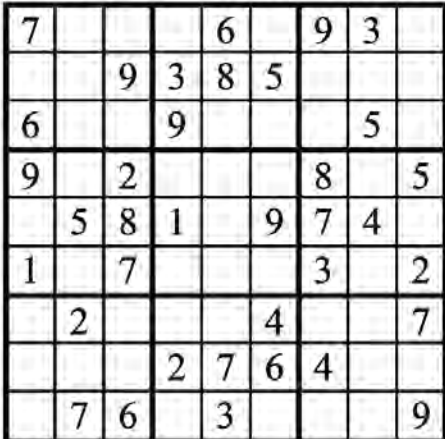
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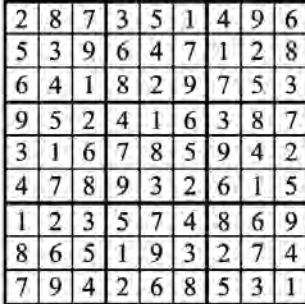
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Yesterday's Answer: Hunts

IN MY OPINION | ANDREW GREIF

ARENDSSEN DESERVED TO STAY

I haven't seen the job posting yet, but I can imagine the opening for the head softball coach at Oregon's listing will look something like this.

- Must be able to finish in top half of the eight-team Pacific-10 Conference softball schedule yearly. (Forget that four Pac-10 teams have won 20 of the 27 total NCAA championships in the sport's history.)

- Must be able to recruit to one of the worst stadiums in the Pac-10. (That would be Howe Field, where the dugouts block the seating area and lights were installed just in February.)

- Making the NCAA Tournament will be a yearly expectation. (Our old coach went to five tournaments in seven years, as many appearances as we had in the previous 28. Sorry, you'll have to do better.)

- Academics are important. Keep the Academic Progress Rate in good standing. (Like the 986 score softball received this year, which was in the 80th percentile nationally.)

- OK, we admit, it's not tangible, but try to help your student-athletes have the most enjoyable "student-athlete experience" possible. (That was one of the criteria athletic director Pat Kilkenny used in his review of former coach Kathy Arendsen.)

- And, er, uh, please meet these expectations despite your boss, Kilkenny, admitting your

program hasn't been given as much support as others at the school. ("There's no doubt our softball program doesn't have the same advantages of some of our other programs," Kilkenny told The Register-Guard.)

In other words, you officially have the hardest job in the entire athletic department.

They're not exactly fair demands of the newest softball coach, but then again, it doesn't look as if Arendsen was given a fair chance after guiding the team to more victories than any coach before her.

But to look at Arendsen only is to put on blinders to the entire strangeness surrounding two of Oregon's last three coaching changes. While Bev Smith's departure was deserved from women's basketball after going 123-121 in eight seasons, which included one NCAA Tournament appearance, the removal of Shannon Rouillard from the post of women's golf coach and multi-event coach Kelly Blair LaBounty last July during the Olympic Trials have given the appearance Oregon is making decisions while it tries to understand what it wants.

The firings, such as Blair LaBounty's during the Olympic

Trials last July when nearly all the media were looking elsewhere, and the subsequent decision to keep Rouillard in a new position inside the athletic department — she was handing out media credentials at the men's NCAA basketball tournament in March — brings about questions that Arendsen's firing doesn't answer, either.

The main being, why now? Rouillard being fired in the middle of the fall season made little sense. All Blair LaBounty did in her three seasons was help develop Pac-10 Conference champions Brianne Theisen and Ashton Eaton. The timing, only made Oregon look like they were trying to hide it.

Arendsen being tossed after the worst season in 25 years, a 16-34 record, seems to be justified, until you take into account the details around her sport and its place inside the athletic department. It would seem to me her accomplishments, already stated before, justified another chance after an awful year. More than half her team were freshmen or sophomore players, like Ernie Kent's basketball squad, and similarly they struggled. One will return next year with an excellent addition at assistant coach whose contract is worth more than \$400,000 and the promise of a sparkling new facility in Matthew Knight Arena.

Arendsen won't, after not being given the second chance she so deserved. Part of Kilkenny's criteria, he said, was that he expects Oregon

to finish in the top half of the Pac-10 Conference in every sport. He said his expectations for Arendsen this year, which included finishing in the top half, were "crystal clear" between the two, which means it was likely the last thing the pair talked about before her firing considering Arendsen told this newspaper the last time they talked was in February.

And don't forget that vague "student-athlete experience." If her players are graduating and making the NCAA Tournament more than not, what else can you expect Arendsen to provide for them?

Does it matter if Oregon finishes in the top half of the conference, however, if the team makes the NCAA Tournament and has a chance at a championship anyway? And isn't that, honestly, a little much to ask of a team that doesn't have the best facilities or tradition in an extremely talented conference, and where communication between coaches and administrators is strained, to say the least? Wouldn't you consider Arendsen's job performance pretty good, considering the circumstances?

Well, it's not good enough, apparently, to keep evolving Oregon's ambition as a first-class athletic department as a whole.

That standard, however, gets murkier with every passing season at Oregon.

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STUNTS | Season will not officially begin until winter, will compete against club teams

FROM PAGE 5

year for us and a year off to rest my limbs."

Mayard, who will primarily be at the base position for the Ducks, is one of the many women who followed coach Mulkey from KSU. Mayard participated on the Kennesaw State team her freshman and sophomore seasons, and was a base and flyer for Barbe High School in Louisiana. She was a part of four state and National Championship teams from 2001-04, and was named a high-school All-American.

"Her program brought me to Georgia, and it would not matter if it was in Egypt, I would still be there," Mayard said. "Now that I am a Duck, though, the staff, facilities and the people here could have attracted me. I love Oregon."

Mayard said there has been some difficulty in explaining just what the program will try to do,



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Felecia Mulkey watches as her athletes tumble during practice Wednesday at the Moshofsky Center.

but as practice has progressed it has gotten easier.

In all, five women will have made the trip from Kennesaw State to continue under Mulkey's direction, but she has also spread the word throughout Oregon as well as the rest of the country. The roster will feature four Oregon natives, including freshman walk-on Jordan Potter, who did the majority of her prep cheering in high school in Sutherlin, Ore.

"Before being introduced to the team I was already a student here at the University of Oregon," Potter said. "Which worked to my advantage because I was already here and I was able to join in from the ground level as a walk on."

She, like Mayard, has enjoyed most aspects of practicing with such a small group this year.

"With the small roster we have had a lot of time to work on improving our skills and we get more individualized attention from our coach, which has been beneficial," Potter said.

The 2009-10 season will officially begin for the Oregon team in winter. The women will compete mostly against club teams throughout the season, with two of their home meets being at McArthur Court.

"Almost every school has one of these teams, it's just at the club

level," Mulkey said. "When I say club, that's not a bad thing, it just means they're not running through the athletics department."

The University of Southern California, Arizona State University and Sacramento State all have thriving team stunts and gymnastics club programs on the West Coast, while the University of Louisville's club team is a collegiate powerhouse.

Many of the girls on the team expect they will have a successful season in their first year as an official program.

"With what coach Mulkey has done thus far within our sport, I expect great things to come for our first season," Potter said.

Mayard gave equal praise to her well-decorated coach.

"(Working with Mulkey) has been amazing. She is the reason I am the person I am today, mentally and physically tough," Mayard said. "She settles for nothing less than our best because she knows we can do it."

It will be interesting to see what Mulkey will be able to do once she has a full roster in place, now that her team is established at the University.

"The women that are a part of this are getting treated like athletes and are getting the respect they need," Mulkey said.

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TRACK & FIELD

Qualifying structure could be changed

Regional qualifying would have reduced role or be cut entirely

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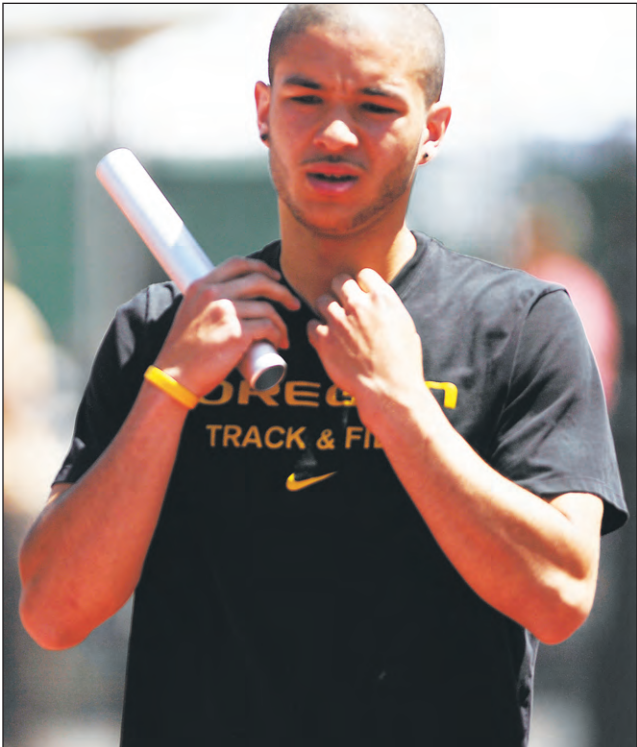
The Oregon track and field meet schedule for the outdoor season could look very different next year.

Director of Track and Field Vin Lananna has not yet reached an agreement to bring back the Oregon-UCLA dual meet, held this year and last year at Hayward Field. Now, under a possible NCAA mandate, the NCAA West Regional — held this weekend at Hayward Field — may no longer exist past this year.

Greg Walker, Oregon track and field sports information director, said the NCAA entertained proposals as early as fall 2008 to alter the qualification format for the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which will be June 10-13 in Fayetteville, Ark.

Currently, nationals qualifiers have to pass through one of four regionals: East, Midwest, Mid-west and West. (Heptathletes, decathletes and 10,000m runners are exempt from regional competition, moving straight from the conference level to nationals based on the nation's top performances.) Top-five finishers in regional events automatically qualify for nationals; athletes who fail to finish in the top five but hold a top-12 regional mark may be chosen to attend nationals as at-large competitors. (For relay teams, the top three automatically qualify; marks in the top 10 are placed in the at-large pool.)

Walker said new proposals may reduce the number



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Vernell Warren has a good shot at qualifying for nationals, but needs to finish in the top five at the West Regional this weekend to guarantee a berth.

of regionals from four to two — or eliminate them altogether. Conference championships would subsequently gain greater importance.

Lananna has been an outspoken critic of regional meets, but he clarified his stance before reporters on Tuesday.

"Whether the University of Oregon thinks it's a good idea or a bad idea, it is the way," he said. "You get into a situation in track and field where you don't like the heat that you're in, you don't like the time of day, the pole vaulters don't like the crosswinds, you don't want to run into a headwind, but everyone's got to line up and get it done. That's what

we've got to do this weekend.

"My concern for the regional meet has never been as a disadvantage to the University of Oregon or, really, any of the Pac-10 schools, schools that have a lot of athletes that are bubble athletes. This is a great way to get them to the NCAAAs. Any way I would be concerned with is the top-end kids, where we ask them week in and week out to go and compete and earn their spot. A particular distance or a particular time should validate their position in the NCAAAs."

One such 'bubble' athlete is Oregon jumper Vernell Warren, whose long jump of 24 feet, 11 inches during the Pac-10

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Championships has him ninth on the West regional marks list. Warren's best chance of making nationals is gunning for that coveted fifth-place spot or higher.

"I missed out last year (on attending regionals) by about half of an inch," the sophomore from Portland said. "I like how the regional's set up. It just comes down to whoever has it on any given day."

The regional meet has further significance for Oregon's seniors, as it will be their final event at Hayward Field as a collegian.

"I try not to think about that," said senior Lucy Cridland, the surprise Pac-10 runner-up in the discus throw. "It'll be hard. This is my home. It'll be really weird to leave it."

Cridland, ranked second in the regional behind Pac-10 champion Sarah Stevens of Arizona State, has never before been to nationals. Barring forces beyond her control, she should be able to attend for the first time, and receive one last round of applause from the Hayward faithful.

"This is actually a really cool opportunity heading into this weekend," Lananna said.

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MEN'S GOLF

Duck men move up two spots to 23rd

The No. 31 Oregon men's golf team moved into 23rd place at the 2009 NCAA Championships at the Inverness Golf Course in

Toledo, Ohio yesterday afternoon.

The Ducks finished the day at 5-over as a team, but they were unable to complete the last few holes as darkness fell. The Oregon men dealt with a weather delay in the morning, but were able

to recover once play started. The remaining few holes will be played this morning, followed by the third and final round before the elite-eight match play begins on Friday.

Freshman Daniel Mienicki led the way for the second straight round as he

broke even through 14 holes.

Fellow freshman Eugene Wong was 1-over, freshman Andrew Vizarro and sophomore Isaiah Telles were 2-over, and freshman Robbie Ziegler was 6-over.


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