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Double Trouble
Women's basketball suffers back-to-back losses to ranked Bay Area teams

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The Chinese New Year celebration features Beijing Opera-style dancing and singing. (Above) A genie and a human being fall in love. (Below) Characters perform an ancient love story, in which they exchange swords to demonstrate their love for one another.

Lighting up the Chinese night

■ Traditional Chinese food, decadent costumes featured at LaSells as Corvallis celebrates Year of the Rat

By Lauren Sigel
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Lions danced onstage at the LaSells Stewart Center Sunday night.

The lions were actually people in costumes taking part in China Night 2008, hosted by the Chinese Association of OSU.

Earlier in the day, the Cantonese Opera Troupe of the Hong Kong Baptist University Alumni Association gave a free, public performance of scenes from three traditional Cantonese operas, narrated in both Chinese and English.

Xinfeng Liu, president of the CAOSU and a graduate student in forestry, said China Night is an annual event that has been in place at OSU for at least five years.

"It's a great way to celebrate Chinese New Year with the Corvallis and OSU community, and we are always happy to explain the meaning of Chinese New Year to those who wish to know," Liu said.

One of the highlights of the night was an appearance by Corvallis Mayor Charles Tomlinson, who declared the day China Day in Corvallis.

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Campaign to stop violence against women

■ OSU takes part in global movement for ninth year to focus on women of Gulf Coast

By Melissa Petersen
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OSU is honoring the purpose of the V-Day campaign by coordinating a week full of activities for students and the community.

The week's activities aim to generate broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery, according to the V-Day campaign's official website.

The birth of the campaign dates back to 1998, with a sold out benefit performance of The Vagina Monologues at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom.

The benefit, orchestrated by Eve Ensler, the author of The Vagina Monologues, raised $250,000 for local New York City anti-violence groups.

OSU will host workshops, forums and speakers to discuss violence against women, all benefiting the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence and V-Day's 2008 Spotlight Campaign.

Today, Don McPherson, a former quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles, will be at the Memorial Union Room 208 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, an educational display titled "Until the Violence Stops" will be hosted at the MU Concourse from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. .

Also on Tuesday, the Women's Center will host a "vagigami" workshop from 4 to 5:30 p.m., where attendants can create their own origami vaginas.

On Wednesday from 12 to 3:30 p.m., the Women's Center and Peer Health Advocates will host Vag Bags, an event in Memorial Union Room 110. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their craft skills while learning the history of The Vagina Monologues.

The V-Week Film Festival will

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Annual marine science competition returns to OSU

■ Oregon high school students face test of knowledge on sciences in hopes of promoting science education statewide

By Craig Bidiman
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Focus. Breathe. Take a deep breath.

Grant High School student captain Veronica Goldsmith gave that advice to Kirben Smoody, a teammate.

Their school team prepared for the quarterfinal match-up against Hidden Valley High School in the 2008 Salmon Bowl, hosted by OSU's College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences.

The annual event, held on Saturday, featured 16 teams of Oregon high school students that were tested on their knowledge of marine sciences.

"The event is put on to promote marine education, team building and to get teams from Oregon together around a subject the all appreciate," said Abby Nickels, a College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Studies graduate student and event coordinator.

"We have a big group this year," Nickels said.

Nickels said the growing interest in the Salmon Bowl aided in the success of this year's production.

"We've been getting four to five new teams each year that haven't competed before," Nickels said. "That is very good news for us."

The competition was broken down into a tournament bracket. Teams of four duked it out in a head-to-head series of multiple choice and short answer questions. Each correct answer led to a follow-up bonus question.

Last year, teams from Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway Beach took first and second place. It was the school's second regional title in a row.

After their victory over Hidden Valley, the Grant High School A-team entered the semifinals to compete against the Neah-Kah-Nie B-team. The team of students from Benson High School entered the semifinals against the Neah-Kah-Nie A-team.

"The students are very self-motivated. They have worked very hard," said Linda Driscoll, Grant High School's coach. "I think they have banded together as a team very well through the great decisions they've made throughout the rounds."

Goldsmith attributed her team's success to an easy-going attitude.

"We don't take things too seriously," she

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ELECTION 2008: Caucuses and primary elections for Louisiana, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Washington

CURRENT DELEGATE TOTALS

Democrats 2,025 to win	1,148 Clinton	1,121 Obama	
Republicans 1,191 to win	723 McCain	217 Huckabee	

KANSAS

	pct.	del.
D – Barack Obama	74%	23
R – Mike Huckabee	60%	36

MAINE

	pct.	del.
D – Barack Obama	59%	15
R – Mitt Romney	52%	18

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

	pct.	del.
D – Barack Obama	92%	3
R – *Results Feb 23*		

LOUISIANA

	pct.	del.
D – Barack Obama	57%	33
R – Mike Huckabee	43%	0

NEBRASKA

	pct.	del.
D – Barack Obama	68%	16
R – *Results May 13*		

WASHINGTON

	pct.	del.
D – Barack Obama	68%	35
R – John McCain	26%	0

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Information from vote-smart.org and CNN.com