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THE LEGEND OF MASON COX

Cox embraces OSU basketball experience



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Mason Cox looked at his phone and saw the area code that was calling: 270. Western Kentucky.

He didn't answer. He thought it was a sales call.

Then a voicemail popped up. Cox decided to listen.

Good thing he did.

It was a message that caused his heart to skip a beat, a message that changed his life.

A message he still has on his phone three years later.

"Hey Mason, this is Coach Wade from men's basketball. I'm calling you about 10:15 on Friday morning, I got your number from the women's basketball office. Listen, we're kind of short on numbers right now, and Coach Ford wanted me to call you and see if you'd have an interest in being with the men's, practicing with us, being part of our program the rest of the year."

"When you get this message, please give me a call back. It's 10:15, we're going to practice today at noon. Give me a call..."

Cox called back Tommy Wade, Oklahoma State's director of player development. An hour and a half later, Cox was suited up for practice.

"From there, everything rolled together," Cox said. "It's been a heck of an experience."

'I didn't even know what a screen was'

Cox's rise from walk-on to role player is well-documented by this point.

He is 6 feet 10 inches but never played organized basketball growing up.

He was a goalie on his state-champion soccer team at Flower Mound Marcus High School — the same school that produced Cowboy stars Marcus Smart and Phil Forte.

After Cox started playing intramural ball at the Colvin Center, a friend hooked him up with a spot on the women's scout team. His job was to imitate Baylor All-American Brittney Griner.

After the Nov. 18, 2011, plane crash that killed coaches Kurt Budke and Miranda Serna, the program temporarily dissolved the women's scout team.

By December, the men's team was down to seven available players due to injuries and disciplinary issues. Coach Travis Ford needed bodies just to be able to practice.

"I remember him out there shooting around with the women's team and saying hey, 'Go find out who that is. We could use a big body right now,'" Ford said.

The first time Cox stepped on the floor with the OSU Cowboys, he had no idea what he was doing.

"I didn't even know what a screen was pretty much," Cox said.

But even in his first practice, Cox showed signs that maybe one day, with coaching, he wouldn't be

completely worthless.

Markel Brown and Brian Williams both tried to dunk on the new kid. Both failed and ended up on the floor.

"It's kind of true," Brown said with a laugh. "A little bit."

In his first two seasons, Cox played 13 minutes. His third year was on track to be more of the same.

Cox was among the last options off the bench. He actually sat behind the bench, where he once ate an entire large bag of Skittles during a game.

Over that time, Cox stuck with it, gradually getting more comfortable with basketball. It was a process, but slowly Cox became a capable player despite only attending about 65 percent of practices due to his schedule as a mechanical engineering major.

"I have to put education first, but I'm pretty damn dedicated to this basketball thing," Cox said.

Cox said before this season, he thought about giving up basketball to focus on the final seven courses he needed to graduate.

By that point, Cox was an invaluable member of the team due to his abilities as a scout player and his effect on team chemistry.

Ford wanted him to stay. All it took was a little convincing.

'A major asset'

Not even Jeanette, Mason's mother, thought he would ever play meaningful minutes.

"Oh, God no," she said. "There's no way."

But as OSU's roster became desperately thin during conference play in 2014, Mason suddenly got a chance to put three years' worth of improvement into



Mason Cox capped his career in Gallagher-Iba Arena with a dunk against Kansas State on March 3.

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real action.

Mason played six minutes in OSU's 87-68 loss to Texas in Austin. He came away with two points, three rebounds, two steals and a block.

Brown, an all-conference talent with NBA potential, said he begged Ford to give Mason more minutes.

"I told him I was going to talk to coach more about putting him in the

game," Brown said. "I feel like he can help us on the defensive end and getting offensive rebounds and defensive rebounds."

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Chuning and Gibson win SGA election



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When Matt Chuning arrived at the Student Union on Tuesday after the Student Government Association election results were announced, his friends tackled him. Chuning and his running mate, Charlie Gibson, were elected as the SGA president and vice president Tuesday, winning 50.9 percent of the vote.

"I'm in shock," Gibson said. "I'm extremely thankful to everyone that worked for us. They did more than I could have imagined and I've learned a lot through this process."

Gibson said she is glad Chuning won the presidency because she thinks he deserves it.

"I'm so blessed to be a part of Student Government Association here, and so blessed to be a Cowboy," Chuning said.

Chuning and Gibson agreed their supporters are who allowed them to win.

"I think we have a really passionate voter base," Chuning said.

Bethany Waters, civil and environmental engineer freshman, said she isn't involved in SGA, but she is happy to see her friends win.

"They are so deserving, and I couldn't think of anyone better for the job," Waters said.

Supporters of both candidate pairs roped in votes outside Edmon Low Library before the election ended at 5 p.m., setting up tables

as early as 8 that morning. Freshman Thomas Chapman said he spent most of the day trying to get people to vote for Chuning and Gibson.

"I feel confident in their ability to be in SGA," he said. "I just really wanted to help them out as best as I could."

Alison Slagell, who ran against Chuning for president, was disappointed but ready to move forward in SGA.

"It's just one of those things where it was really close," she said. "It came down to 58 votes, which is kind of disappointing. But all in all, I'm really proud of this election."

Slagell and her running mate, Clint Duncan, agreed before running they would continue to be involved in SGA, though Slagell said she isn't sure what that will mean yet. She will consider

increasing her involvement in Senate, she said.

Gibson said she respected Slagell and Duncan, and it seemed like voters did, too.

"Alison and Clint are both phenomenal, which is shown by how close the voting was," Gibson said.



Matt Chuning celebrates after learning he won the presidency.

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notes," Gibson said. The pair will begin interviewing for next semester's appointments after spring break, as well as "putting into action" the plans they talked about during the campaign, Chuning said.

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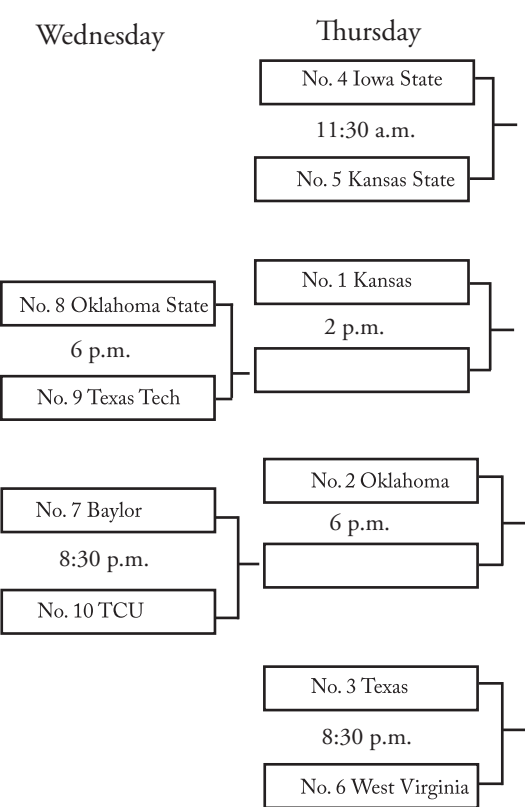


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Mason played three minutes as the first post off the bench the next game against Oklahoma. He has got a handful of other opportunities since, one of the most memorable being guarding Kansas' Joel Embiid, a potential No. 1 overall draft pick, in an upset of the No. 5 Jayhawks.

Ford called it the three best minutes anyone played. He was serious.

When Mason came off the court, he took a seat next to assistant coach Keiton Page.

"I go, If you would have told me four years ago I'd be D'ing up on a No. 1 draft pick, I'd have laughed my ass off," Cox said. "I'm sure I'll see him playing in the NBA in the near future and think, 'Yeah, I shut that guy down for 30 seconds or so in college.'"

Mason's next game might have been even more memorable. Along with stars Smart and Brown, OSU

honored Mason on Senior Night.

He capped his career in Gallagher-Iba Arena with a dunk near the end of the game in the Cowboys' win against Kansas State. It was the first basket he ever scored in GIA.

"That was exciting to see," Ford said. "You could see how excited the whole bench was. He's been an asset to our basketball team. A major asset. As a player, and as a person."

The proudest people in the building were Jeanette and her husband, Phil.

All in the family

Mason's parents travel to every game, whether it's driving or flying.

That's because OSU basketball has become a point of bonding for the family. Mason's older brother, Nolan, walked on to the team in 2008.

Oddly enough, Nolan also did not play basketball in high school. The Cox's had a hoop in the driveway, but it was seldom used.

"Mason always liked to play soccer, and just never really got into basketball," Jeanette said. "That's where his friends were, and he played select. He got into that, and just never got into basketball."

Jeanette said that's partly because both Mason and Nolan were late bloomers. Mason grew at least 8 inches over four years in high school.

Also like Mason, Nolan was part of the women's scout team. He decided to try out for the men's squad after a friend show him an ad for the tryout in The Daily O'Collegian.

"I said, you know what, I would rather get up at 6 a.m. one time in my life and prove to myself that I'm not good enough to play D-1 basketball than wonder for the rest of it," Nolan said. "I went and did it, tried out, walked on, and that was that."

Mason wears No. 53, the same as Nolan wore. Having shared the often difficult process of being a walk-on, Nolan is often there to give advice.

"It's not glamorous being a walk-on," Nolan said. "It's going to suck most days. But when it's senior night or in a blowout, your time will come to have a good time, and remember: this is something Coach Ford said, you can play basketball the rest of your life, but being a member of such a tight-knit group people is very rare."

Being the older brother, Mason was used to beating Mason in everything they played. That changed shortly after Mason started playing basketball.

The brothers played one-on-one back home and split two games. Nine months later, Mason and Nolan played in Gallagher-Iba Arena. For once, Mason was the winner.

"He was stronger, quicker,

in way better shape than me," Nolan said. "He didn't torch me, but he got me."

"Once Mason gets out of school and out of shape, we're going to play again."

Although basketball now provides a bit of rivalry, it is without a doubt a rallying point for the Cox family. Phil wears a hat signed by his boys to every game and makes sure to keep every news clipping. Even when Nolan told his parents not to come only to watch him sit, they didn't listen.

The family wouldn't have it any other way.

"That is one of the biggest reasons I love OSU basketball," Nolan said. "It's given my family a chance to get together once or twice a week, whether it be to go to a game or watch on TV. There is nobody that is prouder than my parents."

In Mason's case, there is more to be proud of than basketball.

'Anything is possible'

Gallagher-Iba Arena is where Mason's ascension to cult hero status began. It's also where he laid the ground work for the next chapter of his life.

At an OSU career fair in GIA, he arranged an interview with ExxonMobil. He got the job.

So while teammates such as Smart and Brown will be playing in the NBA, Mason will be working in a project management exploration department in Houston. A

solid first gig and a fitting reward for keeping a 3.3 GPA as an engineer who also plays basketball.

"As his mom, I think basketball is a great thing, but that's not going to carry you through your life, at least not for him," Jeanette said. "For him to get really good grades just means the world to us."

As crazy and special as the past three years have been for Cox, he said he hopes the future holds even more.

"I'm hoping it's not the best time in my life," Cox said. "As of right now, it is. I'll always be trying to beat it in the future."

At the very least, he set the bar high with his turbulent journey from nobody to somebody.

He said he made a lifetime's worth of friends and memories. He'll have a never-ending supply of stories to tell his children, and they'll likely all share one moral:

Don't wait for a voicemail to change your life.

"I'll probably start it off with that picture of me and Joel Embiid with Andrew Wiggins in the background and say 'Guys, look at this. Anything is possible,'" Cox said. "And if I have kids, they might be 7 feet tall by the time they're 16 years old."

"I might be telling them, 'Hey, actually start playing basketball. Believe me.'"

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Early deficit dooms Cowboys again



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Oklahoma State coach Josh Holliday sprinted out of the dugout, furious.

With one out and a runner on first base in the bottom of the ninth, OSU's Garrett Williams represented the tying run. Williams hit a ground ball to Wichita State second baseman Dayne Parker. Parker tossed the ball to shortstop Tanner Kirk to force out Andrew Rosa at second base, but Parker's toss pulled Kirk off the bag. Kirk never made contact with second base while he had the ball.

But the umpire called Rosa out.

Holliday argued and was ejected. A batter later,

the game was over, and the No. 16 Cowboys lost to the Shockers, 6-4, in their third-straight loss.

"We had a chance there at the end but came up a little short," Holliday said. "That's the nature of the game."

For the third time in four games, the Cowboys (11-5) allowed multiple runs in the first inning. OSU starter Mark Robinette struck out WSU's (10-4) Cody Bobbit to begin the game, but the ball got by catcher Gage Green, who was making his first start behind the plate this season. Bobbit reached safely and later scored the first of two Shocker runs.

In the third inning, the Shockers picked up four runs, including an unearned run from a hit that got by OSU right fielder Zach Fish, putting the Pokes behind, 6-0.

"We made a few mistakes that opened the door," Holliday said. "They're a good team. They took advantage

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of some of those mistakes early on and built up a pretty hefty lead." That was the last run WSU would score. Robinette was in command going forward, striking out eight batters over the course of his outing.

"I just tried to keep my same mindset," Robinette said. "I tried not get frustrated with myself or frus-

trated with anybody else. I just went out there and competed until the end."

The Cowboys' offense finally came to life in their half of the third. Green led the inning off with a single, then stole second and third before scoring on a wild pitch. Donnie Walton then singled in Tim Arakawa.

The Cowboys added a

run in the fifth and another in the ninth before the call at second.

"I think we made progress as a team today, even though we got the loss," Robinette said. "I think we're on the right track. I think we can get on a roll here soon."

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Oklahoma State's Gage Green started at catcher for the first time this season.

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Quidditch team seeks financing



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Oklahoma State University Quidditch is fundraising its way to the World Cup.

In February, the OSU Quidditch team traveled to Tulsa for the International Quidditch Association (IQA) Southwest Regionals. After defeating the No. 1 team, the University of Arkansas Razorbacks, OSU Quidditch earned its spot in the IQA World Cup. "They had never been defeated, and we beat them twice," said Amy Kimmel, junior vice president of OSU Quidditch. "We are their only defeats on record so far."

Kimmel said each region gets a varied number of bids to the World Cup depending on its competitiveness. The Southwest Region, which consists mainly of Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas teams, is considered one of the best regions. Dur-

ing regionals it gave out 11 World Cup bids, and OSU Quidditch was one of them.

The team went to the World Cup last year and didn't make it to bracket play but has high hopes for the upcoming cup.

"I'm very sure that our team is going to make it to at least one bracket game this year," said Jeremy Barton, freshman member of OSU Quidditch.

This year, the World Cup will take place in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on April 5 and 6. Because the team is self-financed, everything it does comes out of pocket.

"We get a little money from the Colvin because we're a club sport, but we don't get nearly as much as some club sports do," said Hayden Applebee, sophomore president of OSU Quidditch.

During games throughout the year, the team usually has to take turns and drive to the various locations. Because plane tickets to the World Cup were too expensive, they plan to rent vans for the 20-hour road trip.

Even with the driving, Kimmel said the trip will

cost the team about \$6,100. The team has been fundraising for the World Cup all semester due to its lack of financing. The three main fundraisers being done are a 50/50 raffle, ongoing bake sales and an Indigogo platform.

Applebee said the winner of the raffle will receive half of the profit made from the ticket sales. Raffle tickets can be bought from any member of the team. The next bake sale will be March 21. During the bake sale, the team will sell various Harry Potter-inspired sweets such as butter beer, chocolate frogs and decorated cupcakes.

"They are our biggest and most constant fundraiser," Kimmel said. "Everyone always wants food."

The last fundraiser the team is doing is an Indigogo platform, which can be found at indiegogo.com/projects/help-get-oklahoma-state-quidditch-to-world-cup-vii and is open until March 23.

"If you don't know what Indigogo is, it's basically a fundraising website where you set up perks," Kimmel said.



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OSU Quidditch players earned their way into the World Cup in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Donors can give as much or as little money as they want and receive perks such as candy bars, T-shirts, team jerseys, posters and more. The team's goal is to raise \$2,000 on Indigogo by the

deadline.

For information on all the OSU Quidditch fundraisers, visit the Oklahoma State University Quidditch Association Facebook page.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity for most teams, and this is our second year going," Applebee said. "That's what I'm most excited about."

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Stillwater to get new Hampton Inn location



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The City of Stillwater will welcome another Hampton Inn and Suites

location within the year.

The hotel will be located off Highway 51 on North Country Club Road, and construction is planned to begin within the next three months.

Anish Hotels Group, a hotel management and development company based in Tulsa, will be responsible for development and construction.

Joe Martin is the owner and operator of the current Hampton Inn and Suites at 717 E. Hall of Fame Ave.

The hotel was built in 2002, and Martin said his experience owning the hotel has been positive so far.

Martin said he believes AHG is drawn to Stillwater because of the market and recent local activity within the oil and gas industry.

"The Stillwater market has been a very positive market for some time," he said. "I think when you add the oil and gas activity that

has been occurring in this area, then it certainly adds to the lodging needs in this area."

Not only is the community receiving a new business, but it is also welcoming competition for currently established hotel owners.

"Competition is a very positive thing that keeps us all on our toes," Martin said.

Martin said during the past 10 years he has doubled the inventory and number of rooms at his hotel and he plans to continue upgrading his hotel for future success.

Cristy Morrison, executive director of the Stillwater Convention and Visitors Bureau, said though there is no need for another hotel in the long run, the city will be able to utilize the space the new hotel will offer.

"One of the single greatest challenges we have faced for quite some time has been the availability of usable and available meeting space in one location in which to host conventions and larger meetings," she said.

Lisa Navrkel, president

and CEO of Stillwater Chamber of Commerce, said the new hotel will generate \$1.162 million for the City of Stillwater annually.

"These new employees will generate local and state tax revenues," she said. "Hotels or visitors that stay in our hotels contribute to the hotel and motel sales tax, which is used in efforts to continue marketing Stillwater and bringing in economic dollars through visitors to our community."

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Women shouldn't be afraid to wear skirts

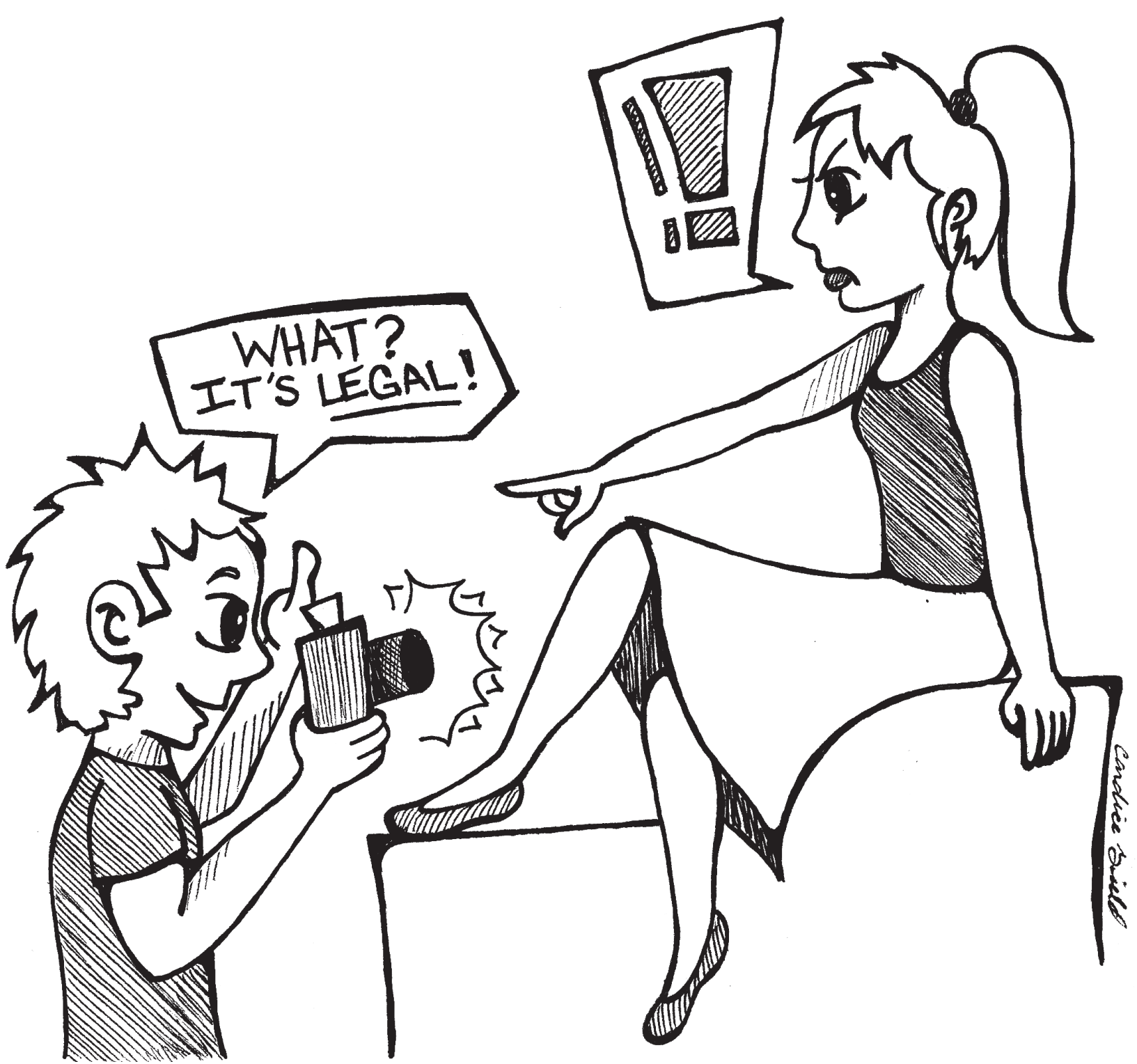


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Massachusetts' highest court ruled last week that secretly taking pictures underneath a person's clothing, known as "upskirting," is legal.

The court ruled the pictures were legal because the

photographed women were not nude or partially nude.

The argument the court makes is that the victim of the incident had exposed one or more of the private parts of the body at the time the photo was taken, therefore giving up his or her right to privacy.

This ruling is one of the most ridiculous judiciary measures I've heard of. Everyone deserves a reasonable expectation of privacy, no matter what undergarments he or she wears.

The ruling brings to mind the conservative values of the past, when actions like showing ankles, wearing pants and donning bathing suits could warrant disciplinary action.

While there is no specific right to privacy in the U.S. Constitution, the First and Fourth Amendments protect some privacy rights.

I'm sure the argument will be made, "These people should be more modest in public." This issue has nothing to do with modesty. No

matter if a woman chooses to be society's definition of "modest," she deserves to be protected from perverts with camera phones. Also, in the lawsuits involved in the ruling, the victims were not obscene, only partially unclothed. That is to say, these women were not wearing tights underneath their skirts.

Women (and men for that matter) should feel unafraid to wear skirts, dresses, kilts or any other garment without fear that

some creep will take a picture of her underwear (or lack thereof). People should be able to make style choices without worry that their skirt is a little short or his shorts are a bit baggy.

Society must stop blaming the victims.

No, she was not asking to have pictures taken of her underwear just because she was wearing a miniskirt. We have to stop policing women's bodies. If you are a conservative person, look away instead of glare and

bite your tongue instead of lash out.

If you are an individual who takes these pictures, shame on you. Remember that these women are someone's daughters, wives, sisters and mothers. No one deserves to be treated with disrespect. Surely you have heard the phrase, "treat others the way you would like to be treated."

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Putin ahead of West in waiting game



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Russian President Vladimir Putin has won. He has taken full control of Crimea, which he must control in order to cement Russia's hold over the Black Sea and its outlet to the Mediterranean. Putin has established that eastern Ukraine is fully within his protected zone.

Putin is now prepared to play a waiting game. He can wait out the next Ukrainian national elections, which he will manage in order to manipulate as he has in the past, while waiting for the West to lose interest. The fact is Putin isn't living in an alternate reality. Putin knows our ways better than we know ourselves.

When the costs get too high or the next news arrives without fresh pictures of armored Russian soldiers, we're on to the next issue, seeking out a fresh cause to aid and put our "big brother"

charm over. Putin recognizes that the United States and our global interests could be as badly damaged as Russia's by a major confrontation. There are enormous stakes for both sides that have more than likely played a role in Putin's actions.

Putin recognizes he has become an important international partner of a multitude of initiatives designed to restore peace and order in some major regions of the world. In talks with Iran over its nuclear goals, Russia has played a significant role. Putin let it be known that he was no supporter of a nuclearized Iran and has suggested it might be a smart path to destroy his own chemical weapons.

As expected, there are reasons closer to home as to why Putin might want to transform a head on confrontation into a waiting game. Patience, in the long run, could prove the most viable asset. The question is whether the U.S. and the West can wait out this ticking clock.

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Students should have say in block tuition



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As many have heard, the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents has approved block tuition to be implemented in the 2014-15 school year.

This policy passed extremely quickly considering the impact that it will have on students.

Although the block-tuition plan has been approved, tuition rates have yet to be set, as they will be discussed and approved in June.

As it stands, students taking 12 to 18 credit hours will be charged a flat 15-hour fee.

The university stated students will largely benefit from

the change. Students will be encouraged to graduate in the "four-year plan," enter into the workforce quicker and reduce student debt.

Those who take 16 to 18 hours will definitely benefit financially, and those who take 12 to 14 will pay more per class.

This financial push to take at least 15 hours will most certainly encourage students to finish in four years, but many students cannot afford this jump in cost.

Many students who work full time can only afford and/or have time to take 12 to 14 hours.

The extra three-hour requirement may cause many to take nine to 11 hours, which will, in turn, slow down the graduation rate for some.

Other than financial and time-management factors, student activity plays a huge role in campus life.

If more credit hours are encouraged, campus involvement may decrease. Those who feel the pressure to complete more

hours may be deterred from activity in student government, clubs or other organizations.

At the same time, with a push for more hours, students may be able to add on minors to their degree.

Across the nation, many small private schools and a few larger public universities use the block tuition program.

Our lovely neighbors down in Norman adopted the block tuition rate and have used it this current school year.

Many other schools in the Big 12 also use the block tuition plan.

If the goal is to keep up with similar universities, then this change may be a good one.

But this rapid decision to implement block-tuition is a bit unsettling.

As the proposal quickly passed through SGA and the Board of Regents, student discussion has largely been left out.

Discussion will most certainly be common as the proposal has now passed, but it may be

too late. In a recent poll on ocolly.com, students overwhelmingly voted against the block tuition (72 percent against as of March 10).

Perhaps more time needs to be taken to examine this issue and to let student feedback be heard.

Despite the negative attention, the block-tuition program's positives may outweigh its downfalls.

Simply put, many students will benefit from the change.

Students may pay less per class, and have less student debt after college. However, the change will hurt many students.

So, it is extremely important that student feedback be heard in the coming weeks and months.

Depending on the response, the Board of Regents should reflect what the majority of students want, while still considering the minority.

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Hypnotist makes trip to OSU



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Josh McVicar, left, acts out a sleeping gun fight with a hypnotized student.



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From twerking to making people guests on the Jerry Springer Show, McVicar the Trickster had students under his spell.

Tuesday night, Josh McVicar hypnotized 25 volunteers in the Student Union Theater and showed students the power of the human mind.

McVicar, a certified hypnotherapist, has been a comedy magician for 15 years and travels the country with his act. McVicar opened by telling people that while magic isn't real, what he does isn't magic.

"I started doing it because I wanted to learn more about it, honestly," McVicar said. "I was already a comedy magician, but a lot of people were moonlighting as hypnotists, so I decided to pick up a couple books and learn."

"It was fun in high school because instead of having movie day when subs would come in because instead of movie day I would just hypnotize the class."

McVicar has been a hypnotist for 10 years and has used his training not

only for comedy, but to help people. McVicar said the biggest misconception about hypnotism is that it gives control over a person.

"It's not control, it's suggestion," McVicar said. "Your conscious is always there, it's just in the background. Your conscious is your safety net and because of that you can't make someone do something they wouldn't already be willing to do."

McVicar said he has to be careful during his act because there can be adverse effects during hypnotism.

"I used to do an act where I would tell people that they had just smelled the worst smell in their

entire life," McVicar said. "Now I tell them that they won't get sick or have any adverse effects as well because three or four times when they woke up they had nose bleeds."

Katherine Karlish, a biology senior, was the first volunteer noticeably hypnotized and ended up being the star of the show. Karlish showed everyone her twerking skills, the best way to get out of a ticket and even made it rain on the crowd after winning the lottery.

At one point during the show, McVicar had volunteers pick someone in the audience to be their pet.

Volunteers were told to give them a nickname, which would be the only

way they could remember them for the next 12 hours. Karlish quickly ran to a girl in the front row, gave her a hug and named her "Beans."

Karlish was so happy about her new pet she was moved to tears at one point.

Afterward, Karlish had difficulty piecing the show together.

"I don't remember much of the show," Karlish said. "He had good energy though ... I think. I honestly don't remember."

Although Karlish didn't remember twerking or making it rain, she was ecstatic to run into her old friend "Beans."

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McVicar hypnotizes a student into thinking he is giving birth.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Deer guy
- Dian Fossey subjects
- Walking tall
- Snoop (around)
- Son of Leah and Jacob
- One unlikely to bring home the bacon?
- Work on galleys
- Works by Raphael and Michelangelo, e.g.
- Signed agreement mailed by someone in prison?
- "... kissed thee — killed thee": Othello
- NYC-based insurance co.
- Backs a fashion venture?
- Eyelid inflammations
- Dogwood, e.g.
- Sock part
- Pottery oven
- Drag through the mud
- Gardener's bagful
- Rescuer of Odysseus
- Irene of "Fame"
- Gainesville is about halfway between it and Jacksonville
- Authorize two bros' get-together?
- "Double Fantasy" artist
- Measurement named for a body part
- Songwriter's dream?
- Rites of passage
- Heathrow postings: Abbr.
- Point a finger at
- Dark purple
- Charlie Brown cry
- Title role for Michael or Jude
- New newts
- "Off with you!"

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By Pam Amick Klawitter

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Two percent alternative
- Skipped
- C-rational successor
- Throws here and there
- Fails to understand
- Funk
- Musical scale sequence
- Produce a change in
- Scary Wild West circles?
- Meet, as needs
- Norwegian saint
- "Won't do it"
- Plenty, in slang
- Bonneville Salt Flats site
- Peacekeeping acronym
- Name on a Canadian pump
- Mgmt. degree

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OSU impostors scam

Arizona business



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The university has not lost any money related to what seems to be a scam taking place across the United States, she said. "OSU has been contacted by close to 50 suppliers/vendors from across the country who have been sent fraudulent P.O.'s by email claiming to be Oklahoma State University placing an order with their company," Hulsey-Greene said. All inquiries have been reported to the OSU police department and documentation has been filed through the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center. Hulsey-Greene said it's important for everyone who receives an order from OSU to verify it with the purchasing department. Businesses should also look at the emails because any university or college will have ".edu" at the end of its email address or website. "That is one distinction businesses should look for when they receive an order from a college or university," she said. The investigation is ongoing and OSU is assisting Arizona in the investigation. Purchasing.okstate.edu has further information about the scam and ways for a business to make sure it is actually doing business with OSU.

The owner shipped them the equipment to OSU in January. Twenty days later, the owner still had not been paid and FedEx told him the equipment had been delivered to a Florida address. The owner tried to reach the individuals and none of the phone numbers worked. Including shipping, the victim has lost \$51,000. A Flagstaff police officer told the owner to contact OSU. The university informed him that the order is deceptive and the university knew of at least one other business that had been scammed in a similar way. Carrie Hulsey-Greene, public information officer and associate director of communications, said the university's purchasing department and fiscal and administrative compliance office is aware of the issue.

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Stillwater Public Schools facing cuts



Superintendent Ann Caine listens during Tuesday's meeting. Stillwater Public Schools is facing a \$1.8 million budget cut.



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A funding shortage that will call for a \$1.8 million budget drop will require staff cuts and restructuring in Stillwater Public Schools. The plan to cut costs includes omitting about 40 teaching positions and a modified block schedule for Stillwater High School. The new block schedule would save the district about

\$300,000 by making more efficient use of existing staff and reducing the need of at least six teaching positions, said Superintendent Ann Caine. Stillwater Board of Education members expressed concern with the pending cuts in a meeting on March 11. The board surveyed 900 school staff and administrators looking for suggestions on solutions to the budget

shortage, said board member John Price. "Times are tough," he said. "In 2009, we had \$1.3 million more in our budget. There's tough decisions to be made." Some parents present at the board meeting were concerned with how the new block schedule would affect their children. Rae Tree, a parent in attendance, said she was worried about her son's schedule.

"I have a son that's a freshman, and it will affect him," she said. "So, I'm concerned about the block schedule. I'm concerned about how it will affect the choices and options that he might have." The board will vote on proposed budget alterations on March 24 at 6 p.m. in a special meeting at Stillwater High School.

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Daily Horoscope

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Today's Birthday (03/12/14). Mars enters Aries today (until 4/20), providing an energy boost to launch your next year. It comes in handy, with all this creativity propagating. Play with passion projects, revise routines for efficiency at home and work, and enjoy young people. Summer gets romantic, and a career leap in August occupies your energy. Relax regularly. Keep love in focus.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 5 -- A surge of power and energy accompanies Mars in Aries (until 4/20). Don't steamroll anyone with your feisty enthusiasm. Today and tomorrow seem lucky and playful. Keep it respectful, and play full out. Push your favorite game forward.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Attend to domestic projects today and tomorrow, with a surge of creative energy. Keep it manageable. Mars moves into Aries today (until 4/20), providing a power boost. Don't get sidetracked by an attractive distraction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Graceful communications serve you well today and tomorrow. Ignore a rude remark. Keep track of all expenditures, and stick to your budget. Friends help move the ball forward, with extra energy (now that Mars is in Aries).

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- The most expensive choice isn't always the most beautiful. Today and tomorrow business booms, especially with Mars in Aries (until 4/20), for added oomph. It gets profitable and exciting. Work interferes with romantic fantasies.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're strong and creative today and tomorrow. Pay your way, and ask for what you want. Tempers could get short. Don't let it crimp your style. With Mars in Aries (until 4/20), blast ahead with new energy.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Today and tomorrow favor thinking and communication over big action, although Mars enters Aries today for a power-boost (until April 20). Compromise and plan the course. Listen to what your team says. Take a philosophical view.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Fun with friends could either distract from work, or conversely, benefit it. Your team inspires today and tomorrow. Your superpowers seem charged up, now that Mars is in Aries (until 4/20). Use them to clean a mess.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Consider new opportunities today and tomorrow. You're attracting the attention of an important person. Take direction, and use it. Practice makes perfect. With Mars in Aries, extra energy abounds. A rise in status becomes available.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Plan for the future and schedule actions (including travel) over the next two days. Check your agenda. Clarify the request. Get lost in your studies. Wash everything in sight. There's a trickle of cash.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Mars moves into Aries, powering and energizing your next month. Join forces to get the funding you seek. Diplomacy's useful here. Stay out of somebody else's argument. Wheeling and dealing may be required. Discuss shared finances.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Let others help today and tomorrow, especially with a new assignment. Compromise with your partner. Choose romance over righteousness. Be respectful, even as you jump into action with Mars in Aries (until 4/20). Don't overpower. Collaborate.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Dive into work with a month-long energy burst, as Mars enters Aries. Everything moves forward with more velocity... try not to run anyone over. Sort through feelings as they arise. Follow a female's lead.