



Campus Parking Modified

NICKI SILVA | THE SUMMER BAROMETER

The Samaritan Athletic Medicine Center takes the place of what used to be an Oregon State parking lot.

■ Transportation Services tweaks on-campus parking zones, takes advantage of under-used lots

By Rachel Suchan
THE SUMMER BAROMETER

The zonal parking system put into place on campus last year will remain largely the same for the 2015-2016 school year, with minor changes including the addition of new lots.

A few of these slight changes include switching the northernmost A1 lot to an A2, switching an eastern B3 lot to a BR resident lot, and other various tweaks.

"In response to demand that we tracked all throughout last year on a weekly basis, we made changes to zones in about a dozen places on campus," said Associate Director of Transportation

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Meredith Williams
Associate director of Transportation Services

Services Meredith Williams.

The system, which sectioned off the campus parking lots into 'zones' with varying permit prices, was intended to balance out the availability of parking spaces across campus and to utilize less-frequented parking lots.

"By changing the price we have created incentive for people to use the less utilized parking spaces," Williams said.

Data collected by Oregon State's transportation services confirm the system's progress, with congestion in the campus core dropping from 90-100 percent use to around 60 percent.

Upcoming parking zone changes were based on extensive data collected throughout the year on a weekly basis by Oregon State's Transportation Services.

"There was a lot of data to review to make those decisions," Williams said.

Included in these changes, residents will no longer be required to move their vehicles or vacate resident parking lots on game days in fear of being towed.

"For the first time in years there won't be any resident lots for donor lots this year," Williams said.

In addition to these small changes, Oregon State will feature two brand new lots in the 2015-2016 school year.

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Parking zone boundaries reconsidered

■ City council considers property owners' request, expansion of Residential Parking District C

By Rachel Suchan
THE SUMMER BAROMETER

Parking zones could be expanded and a 2-hour time limit could be implemented, if the city council approves a new plan on Monday.

Last Tuesday the Corvallis Urban Services Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting in which residents formally requested an expansion of Residential Parking District C.

"The meeting resulted in a vote two-to-one recommending the council to approve the recommended changes," said Urban Service Committee member Penny York.

The parking district currently spans from 7th Street west to 9th Street and from Monroe Avenue south to Jefferson Avenue.

The expansion requested would extend the district south of Jefferson to Washington Avenue, more than doubling the size of the current district and transforming the current no-limit residential parking to a 2-hour time limit parking zone.

Property owners neighboring the district initiated the expansion request last April by submitting a petition after voters rejected a larger citywide parking district expansion plan in November.

ASOSU Executive Director of Community Programs, Jonathan Goatcher, who regularly works with the City Council and all of their boards on anything that might involve the OSU community, attended Tuesday's meeting.

"We are representing the students and would like to help in any way we can, with the student body and with the city council," Goatcher said.

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Drought research data predicts less rainfall in future

■ Oregon experiences drought, forecasted to have drier climate, higher risk for fire

By Calvy Yue
THE SUMMER BAROMETER

The state of Oregon has been commonly known for its rainy weather, but this pattern is beginning to change.

Numerous studies have shown that precipitation has been steadily decreasing over the past few decades. Recently, some parts of Oregon have even begun to experience water shortages.

Kathie Dello, the deputy director of the Oregon Climate Service and associate director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, says that the origin of drought started two years ago, when Oregon experienced a relative dry winter with low snowpack.

"This winter was really remarkable, and it was warmer than usual," Dello said. "But this year, it started to stress the water supplies; we don't get the big storms we normally get."

Dello said that this drought is essentially the same one that started

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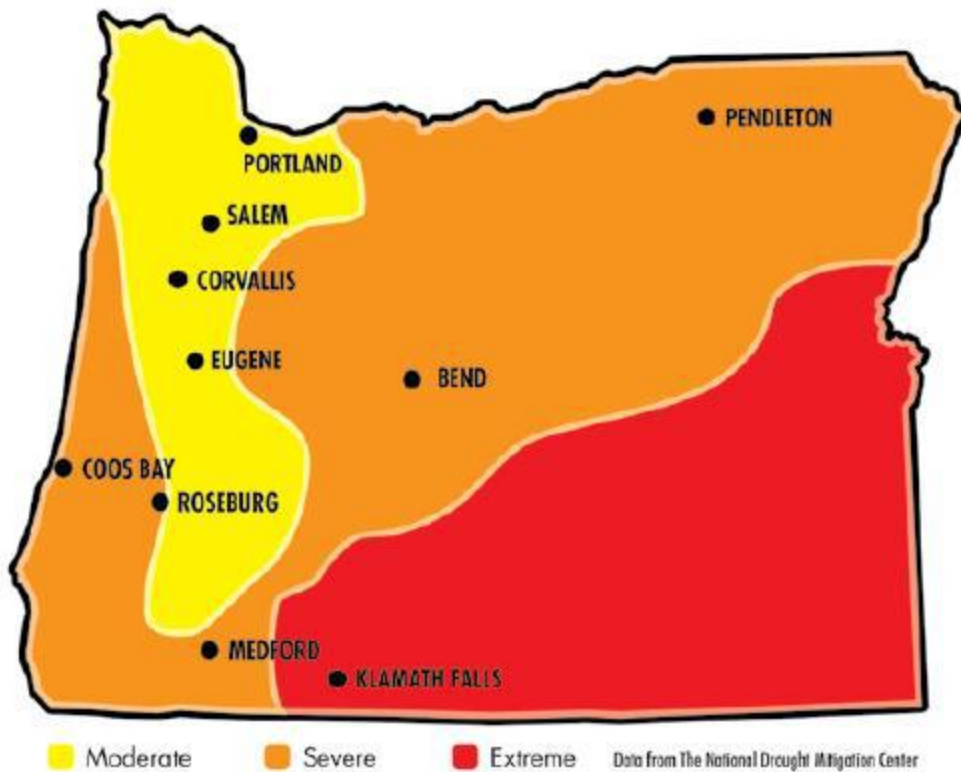
Kathie Dello
Deputy director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute

to exhaust California's water supplies four years ago. It extends through Oregon and up to Washington.

"In 1977, there was a fairly big drought, and in 1992," Dello said. "But this is the biggest drought that we have seen in decades."

Beverly Law, a professor in the Oregon State Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, said that the Pacific Northwest has experienced increased average winter temperature and greater variability in precipitation in cool seasons in

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Oregon legislature sends free community college bill to Gov. Brown

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Community college in Oregon could soon cost an in-state student only \$50.

The Oregon Senate passed Senate Bill 81, the Oregon Promise tuition waiver program, which, if signed by Gov. Kate Brown, will provide Oregon students with free community college.

According to a press release from the Office of the Senate Majority of the Oregon State Legislature, "the grant amount provided to the student will be calculated after factoring in any available aid or grants the student receives, and after subtracting \$50 to be paid by the student. The remaining unmet

tuition cost to the student could be waived, covered under an Oregon Promise grant."

Only one other state, Tennessee, currently offers the same policy.

The bill currently awaits signature in the Governor's Office.

According to the bill, students are eligible for the Promise Grant if they are enrolled in courses offered at a community college in Oregon that are required for the completion of a year of classes to transfer to another university or college, an associate degree or a program in career and technical education. The student must also be a resident of this state for at

least 12 months prior to enrolling in classes.

Students must also have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better in high school or have an equivalent demonstration of academics.

Oregon State's tuition will likely remain unchanged due to this legislation, but that doesn't mean dual-enrolled students won't be affected.

Billing for the OSU Degree Partnership Program, which allows for students to take classes at both a community college and OSU, is done separately by each school the student is enrolled in.

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Makers of Steel Wally create a business to fight sex trafficking

By Francesca Fontana

THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — Steel Wally grew from a combination of practical need and altruism, with the altruism coming first.

It began with a decision by local entrepreneurs Jake Ray and Mike Surber to raise money for the fight to end sex trafficking.

"(We were) blown away by how much happens here in the Pacific Northwest," the pair said. The question was, "What can we actually do to make a difference?"

They had previous experience selling things online through a successful fitness supplement business they had started and later turned over to their former partner.

So online retail seemed like an obvious route for fund raising, they said. The only question was what should they sell.

Their first conversation about wallets came about 11 months ago, they said, prompted by the demise of Surber's wallet. They joked about a wallet of steel that would never end up in a landfill.

That joke quickly became more serious, however; two months later, they had created a prototype of the Steel Wally.

Now, after six revisions, they have

a final product — a slim wallet with rounded edges, consisting of two thin pieces of stainless steel held together by a band of military-grade elastic. On the bands are canvas tabs that come in six different colors.

"The minimal, sleek design is kind of sexy," Surber said. The wallet fits up to 15 cards comfortably, Surber and Ray said, but they recommend keeping 10 or fewer. Cash can be tucked into the elastic band holding the wallet together.

Ray and Surber said they initially chose steel because it was both thin and unlikely to end up in a landfill. It's not good for people to sit on a bulky wallet, Ray said of the thinness, adding that the Steel Wally can comfortably fit into a front pocket.

But steel also helps protect customers against a high-tech form of pickpocketing, RFID scanners that passers by can use to steal credit and debit card information without the card's owner even realizing it.

Ray and Surber turned to the crowdfunding platform Kickstarter for initial funding.

They needed \$5,400 to order at least 200 Steel Wallys — the minimum order their manufacturers required — in order to start production. The minimalist design keeps manufacturing costs low, they said.

They set their goal on the crowd-

funding website at \$5,000 on June 15, figuring they could come up with the remaining \$400. To their surprise, they reached their goal in 11.5 hours.

While they expected to meet their goal, Ray said, "We didn't expect five grand in less than 12 hours."

By yesterday evening, with 13 hours to go before the end of the campaign, they had raised \$12,435 in pledges.

Once they begin sales, they will donate 30 percent of their profits to The Wayne Foundation, a nonprofit organization that advocates for victims of sex trafficking, Ray and Surber said.

They factored this substantial donation into their business plan, they said, because they planned to be a for-purpose company from the beginning. They have kept their overhead costs low by making deals with manufacturers and shipping out of their garage with an eye to this goal, Surber said.

While there are a number of steel wallets currently available to consumers via Amazon and other outlets, Ray said other wallets he has seen are "old-school" bifold styles or have screws and hinges that Steel Wally's simple design does not have.

"None of their wallets look like ours do," Ray said.

The original Steel Wally, with burnished stainless steel, will sell for \$29, while powder-coated wallets like the black edition and an Oregon edition

green and yellow will be \$39.

As native Oregonians, Ray and Surber said, they also are invested in supporting the local economy so they chose to produce the Steel Wally entirely in Oregon.

A Eugene firm, Standley Manufacturing, is manufacturing the steel and another Eugene company, Altech Finishes does the powder coating. The elastic bands are crafted by local seamstress Montana Baggett, using elastic supplied by Eugene-based Strapworks. Engraving is done by Salem Laser Engraving and Portland Laser Engraving.

Ray and Surber said they will soon be selling the Steel Wally online and in various retail stores. The instant access selling online offers makes it easier to reach people, they said.

"We're big believers in the online marketplace," Ray said. "We're children of the Internet."

The two said they are receiving interest from investors but are "taking it slow" and have not yet accepted any offers.

"We wanna do this right and still be generous," Ray said. "We want to make sure we create a sustainable company, are profitable and give continuously to a good cause."

"We've made something very simple that can go a long way," they said.

State warns lagoon algae could be toxic

THE PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — State health officials said Thursday that blue-green algae growing in the Ross Island Lagoon on the Willamette River could be dangerous and people should avoid the lagoon water.

The health advisory includes the area of the river near the Holgate Slough. Ross Island is about a mile south of downtown Portland.

Water monitoring has confirmed the presence of blue-green algae in the lagoon, and toxin analysis is being performed to confirm the presence or absence of toxins. Until toxin testing can be completed and

data received, the Oregon Health Authority is issuing the advisory based on visible scum and the bright green layers of cells that are visible in the water column. Once toxin data are received, the advisory will be updated or lifted based on the results.

Exposure to toxins can produce numbness, tingling and dizziness that can lead to difficulty breathing or heart problems, and require immediate medical attention. People who experience symptoms such as weakness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, cramps and fainting should also receive medical attention if they persist or worsen.

County deputies make 6 felony drug arrests, issue over 200 citations during most recent Oregon Country Fair's run

THE REGISTER-GUARD

VENETA — Lane County Sheriff's deputies made six felony drug arrests and seven misdemeanor arrests in the area of the Oregon Country Fair over the fair's three-day run that ended Sunday.

Because of a grant provided by the Oregon Department of Transportation and Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, deputies were able to log 103 hours of overtime patrols during the fair's run, the sheriff's office said in a statement today. The grant's focus was directed at aggressive driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants.

The felony drug arrests involved possession and/or delivery of MDMA, meth-

amphetamine, psilocybin mushrooms and marijuana. The misdemeanor arrests involved charges of disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault and unlawful possession of a firearm.

Deputies said they made four DUII arrests — two for marijuana, two for alcohol — and responded to two non-injury vehicle crashes.

Deputies also issued 207 citations, including 50 for not wearing a seat belt, 26 for speeding and 17 for driving with no license or a suspended license.

Deputies said they responded to three drug overdose calls in surrounding campgrounds where individuals were transported via ambulance to local hospitals.

Eugene's Ninkasi Brewing expands their reach down to Texas

By Ilene Aleshire

THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — Eugene-based Ninkasi Brewing is expanding its reach again, entering the Texas market in September.

Ninkasi will make its debut in the Lone Star State in the Dallas-Fort Worth area on Sept. 14, through a partnership with Dallas-based Andrews, the brewery announced today.

"North Texas is a rapidly expanding market with a huge population and an ever-growing thirst for craft beer," Ninkasi CEO Nikos Ridge said in a prepared statement. "Entering into a growing craft beer market with a team that fuels that growth is an exciting prospect; we feel fortunate to have the opportunity to be working with a craft-focused and innovative partner."

With the addition of Texas, Ninkasi will be distributing in 10 states and two Canadian provinces.

In addition, Ninkasi does "blast" distributions to

several other areas, such as New York, Florida and Washington, D.C., sending out trucks several times a year, brewery spokeswoman Ali AAsum said.

Ninkasi's selection of its latest market was based on its partnership with Andrews, which has a strong distribution network in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and also claims values that align closely with Ninkasi's, AAsum said.

Andrews cites integrity as its core value, saying it is "at the center of everything we do, because we believe it is the most essential characteristic of a successful business partnership."

Both companies also say they place a high value on giving back to their communities; Ninkasi said it will expand its Beer is Love donation program for nonprofit groups to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Ninkasi hasn't ruled out expanding its beer distribution to the rest of Texas, AAsum said today but added, "It's a big state; we'd probably need some people on the ground...we're testing out Dallas, and seeing how

it goes from there."

Ninkasi also hasn't ruled out expanding to additional regions, including Washington, D.C., where the sporadic distributions of Ninkasi have been well-received, AAsum said.

Ninkasi was founded in 2006 by Ridge, whose background is in finance, and Jamie Floyd, whose background is in brewing. It has expanded rapidly, even during the recent recession, and is now the 36th largest craft brewery in the United States.

The expansion into Texas is its second this year, following its entry into Utah in February.

Ninkasi completed a \$24 million physical expansion last year at its home base in the Whiteaker area of Eugene.

That expansion increased Ninkasi's brewing capacity by more than 40 percent initially, to 160,000 barrels, with the potential to grow to 250,000 barrels over the next 10 to 15 years.

Gov. Brown signs bills to support families into law

By **Joce Johnson**
THE STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown signed into law on Monday four bills filed under "Fair Shot" legislation that focus on working, low-income families by addressing police profiling, giving people with convictions a better chance in obtaining jobs, requiring paid sick leave and providing retirement security.

"Today we celebrate the passage of four bills that will strengthen the economic security of working families," Brown said.

The package of bills was put together by Fair Shot For All, a network of organizations and nonprofits whose mission is to help Oregonians succeed by closing opportunity gaps and promoting equity.

Three of the four bills signed by Brown received sharp scrutiny from Republican lawmakers, who said the legislation will have negative impacts on Oregon employers and businesses.

Kara Walker, spokeswoman for the House Republican Caucus, said the bills were pushed forward by interest groups and unions, not the business community.

"What kind of a 'fair shot' are we giving to local employers who won't be able to afford these expensive government mandates? If Gov. Brown and Oregon Democrats were truly interested in giving Oregonians a 'fair shot,' then they would partner with our businesses and communities, not legislate against them," Walker said in a statement Monday.

"Oregonians are underemployed and earning less than our neighbors. If we continue to side with unions and other special interest groups, we will further alienate industries that provide good, stable jobs for our communities."

SB 454, which requires employers to implement paid sick time for employees with some exceptions, passed the Oregon House of Representatives June 12

with 33 votes in favor and 24 against.

The mandatory 40 hours of annual paid sick leave per employee will go into effect at the start of 2016 for businesses and companies that employ at least 10 people.

The House Republican office called the legislation "flawed" in a press release after the session ended, as it is expected to eventually cost employers \$914 million. They also said it will have a disproportionate impact on natural resource and agricultural industries.

Testimony submitted to the Joint Subcommittee on Human Services by the Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office, said that one in six workers nationally reported having been fired for taking time off work to care for a sick family member or their own illness.

The fear of job loss has a greater impact on minority populations, including half of Hispanic workers and three out of four African-American

workers, the group said.

The Ban the Box law, or HB 3025, makes it illegal to inquire or consider an applicant's conviction history on an application form or before an interview before a conditional offer of employment. It passed the House June 16 with 34 votes.

Amendments made to the bill in May said the law does not apply to law enforcement agencies, in the criminal justice system. Marion County Sheriff Jason Myers offered testimony in favor of these amendments, asserting that a law enforcement exemption ensures that candidates that cannot be certified to be officers in Oregon are not taken through preliminary hiring steps.

It will go into effect January 2016.

House Republicans voiced opposition to the bill because no exemption was given to employers who protect children or the elderly, including day care centers and nursing homes.

With HB 2002, law enforcement agencies will adopt policies that aim to stop profiling by requiring law enforcement agencies to provide profiling complaints to the Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee, which will then forward copies to the agency that employs the officer that is the subject of the complaint.

The bill passed the Senate with 28 votes in favor and one against. Law enforcement agencies are directed to adopt the written policies and procedures by Jan. 1, 2016.

Speaker of the House Tina Kotek said in her testimony that the bill is about strengthening public trust between law enforcement and different communities.

Kevin Campbell, executive director of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, said in testimony submitted to the House Judiciary Committee that public confidence in policing is critical to its effectiveness.

In a bill aimed at enhancing retirement security, the Oregon Retirement Savings Board will create a payroll deduction retirement plan for Oregon employees to start contributing to two years from now.

HB 2960 passed the Senate with 17 votes in favor on June

16. It went into effect upon passage.

Republicans who opposed the bill said it did nothing to raise incomes across the state while placing an expensive mandate on Oregonians.

Jason Brandt, Chief Executive Officer of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, said in testimony to the House Committee on Business and Labor that the bill in its original form struck serious concern that there had not been enough preparation for a state-sponsored retirement plan.

Brandt suggested amendments that included obtaining advice from the U.S. Department of Labor indicating that the State of Oregon and participating employers will not face liabilities under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. These amendments were reflected in the final language of HB 2960.

Fair Shot also fought to raise the minimum wage, but the bill, SB 610, failed. It would've increased Oregon's minimum wage in installments until it reached \$15 per hour in 2018. Brown said Monday there is more work to be done in passing legislation that will impact Oregon's working families.

"We'll continue to fight for a living wage for all workers," Brown said.

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the past century.

"The Pacific Northwest is expected to experience warmer, wetter winters and hotter, drier summers. 'Megadroughts' will become common across the West by the end of the century," Law said. "So, we need to adapt and plan wisely."

Currently 22 counties in Oregon have declared a drought emergency. The decrease in water reserves have started to impact irrigation, municipalities and fish, among other things.

The Paradise Fire in Olympic National Park, which usually receives an annual average of 150 inches of rain, has burned over 1600 acres of vegetation, showing that the West is becoming so dry that even rainforests are not immune.

Sophomore Brett Kilbride said that he was surprised to learn that there was a drought in the state.

"I have heard that droughts are happening in California right now, but never in Oregon," said Kilbride, a business major.

Tao Chen, a junior in computer science, says that he is planning to conserve water.

"I have not lived in a place with any level of drought," Chen said. "I will be more

considerate every time I shower, or use any water of any kind now."

There are many ways that students and those who are interested in finding a solution can contribute to this research effort.

Phillip Mote, the director of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, is tracking the relationship that climate change and a warm "blob" of water in the Pacific Ocean has on the drought in the western region of the United States. Using software that compares the past with present weather, the program will run thousands of scenarios that will hopefully give more insight as to the drought's origin. The program only runs when the computer is idle, meaning that it won't interfere with work.

Mote is hoping to get results back quickly, hopefully within the next few months.

Dello said that this year is looking like the future.

"(We should) use this as practice and help us to prepare, because it's going to keep happening," Dello said.

Law recommends following county burning restrictions under the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and to watch California and their plans for minimizing drought

and heat impacts.

The OSU Extension web site provides some general guidelines for watering wisely, such as switching to garden plants that are more drought and heat tolerant.

Law also advises that residents of Oregon do their part

by using less.

"About 25% of Oregonians get their water from wells, so conservation of well water in neighborhoods is particularly important," Law said. "Be a good neighbor."

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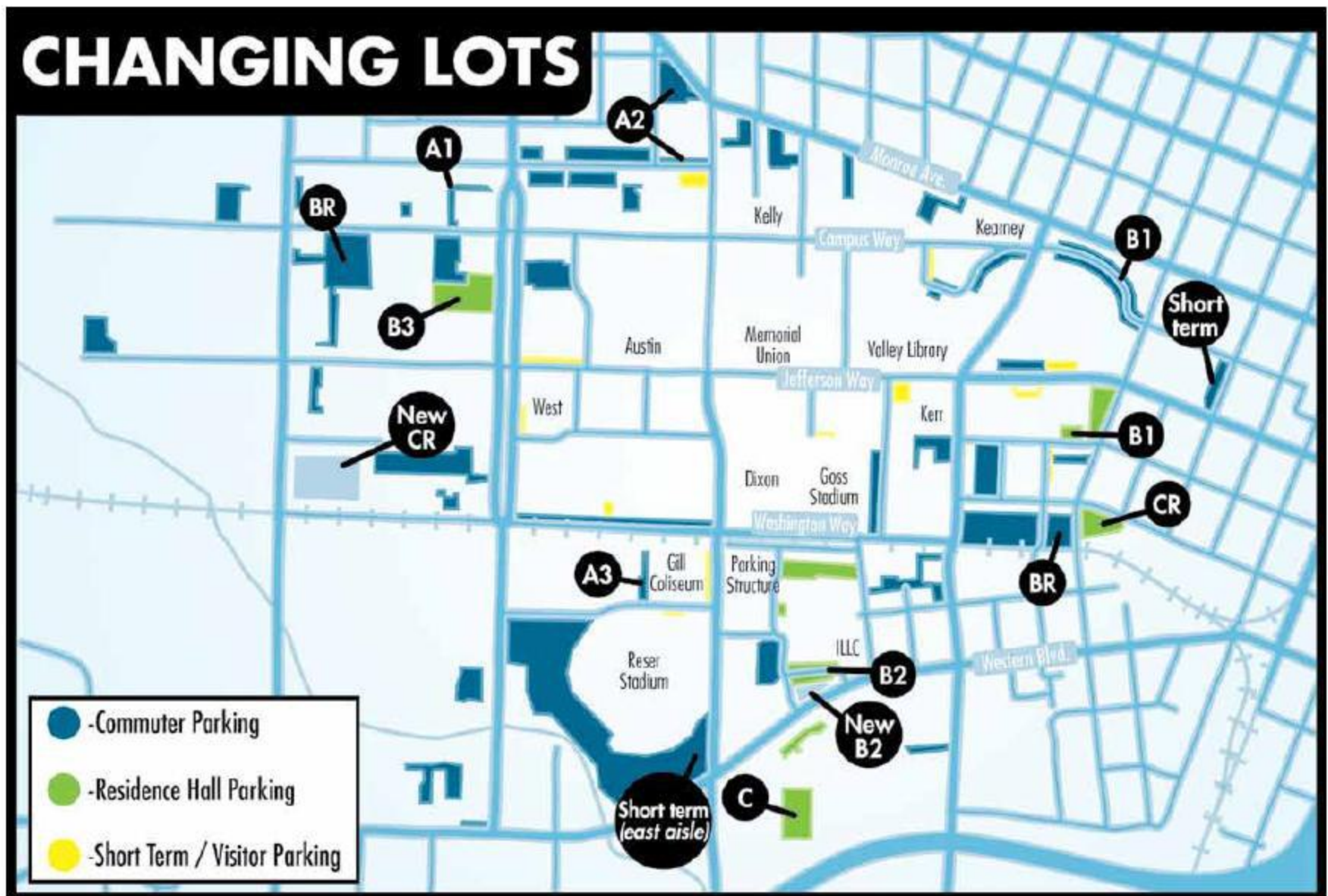
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Permit Calendar

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 Current commuter zone permit holders can purchase a renewal permit for their current zone (for example, if you already had a B2 permit, you can renew your B2 permit)

Monday, May 11th
 Current commuter zone permit holders can purchase a permit from a different zone at the same price point (for example, if you already had an A2 permit, you could buy an A1 or A3)

Monday, May 18th
 Current commuter zone permit holders can purchase a permit in any available zone

Monday, Aug 24th
 Current BR and CR resident hall permit holders can purchase a permit in available zones

Tuesday, Sept 1st
 Anyone, including non-permit holders, can purchase parking permits in available zones

Wednesday, Sept 30th
 The last day that 2014-2015 parking permits are valid

Thursday, October 1st
 2015-2016 permits become valid

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one on the southeast end of campus off Western Boulevard and the other on the west side of campus near 35th Street and Washington Way.

"They should be starting construction any day now," Williams said.

The new lots will include a CR lot and a B2 lot, together providing an additional 140 parking spaces.

These additional lots will help to make up for the spaces lost due to the construction of the Johnson Hall engineering building on the north end of campus and the Samaritan Athletic Medicine Center west of Reser Stadium.

Parking permit prices will remain the same for the 2015-2016 school year, at \$495 for an A permit, \$330 for a B permit and \$95 for a C permit.

Other campus transportation changes include the shuttle routes, which have added a few additional stops including one on Orchard Avenue. This stop was made as a cooperative stop with the city, as it is on a city street.

Along with these parking changes, Oregon State hired Mark Zandonella as the new Parking Services Manager.

There will also be some major changes to the metered parking on campus with the launch of Passport Parking in October. This program will allow parkers to pay for their meters using their cell phones, enabling students to add additional time to their meters from any location on campus.

More information on this new meter technology is slated to come early Fall.

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Goatcher explained that even though a parking district reformation was voted against in November, there is a process by which districts might be expanded individually, and that the property owners of the area began this process by submitting their petition.

"There are clearly concerns on both sides," Goatcher said. "That was one of the top complaints last year—concerns with the parking."

The committee meeting allowed for citizens to express their desires and concerns to committee members.

"We received testimony both for and against the expansion" York said.

The voted recommendation sends the issue to a council meeting to be held Monday, July 20, where council members will discuss the expansion and may take action.

"I expect that we will again receive public testimony on the issue," York said. "It is likely that we will take action—it might be approving the expansion, it might be asking for additional information."

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A different game

■ After spending four years as a player for the Corvallis Knights, Dane Lund spends his fifth year coaching former team

By **Brian Rathbone**
THE SUMMER BAROMETER

As the Corvallis Knights walked off the field victorious, defeating the Klamath Falls Gems 10-2 Monday evening, the players stayed to hang out in front of the fence of the dugout as Goss Stadium was overtaken by several dozen children. The children ran the base paths, got souvenirs signed and posed for pictures with the players. — a common occurrence after a Knights game.

As the commotion settled down and children and players started to exit the field, Dane Lund emerged from the dugout and was immediately approached by a fan to sign a mini wooden bat. Lund is used to the routine; this is his fifth summer giving out his autograph as a member of the Knights.

Although the confines of Goss Stadium and the routine are familiar, this summer has put Lund in a new role. He is now an assistant coach for the Knights, after spending four seasons playing summer ball in Corvallis.

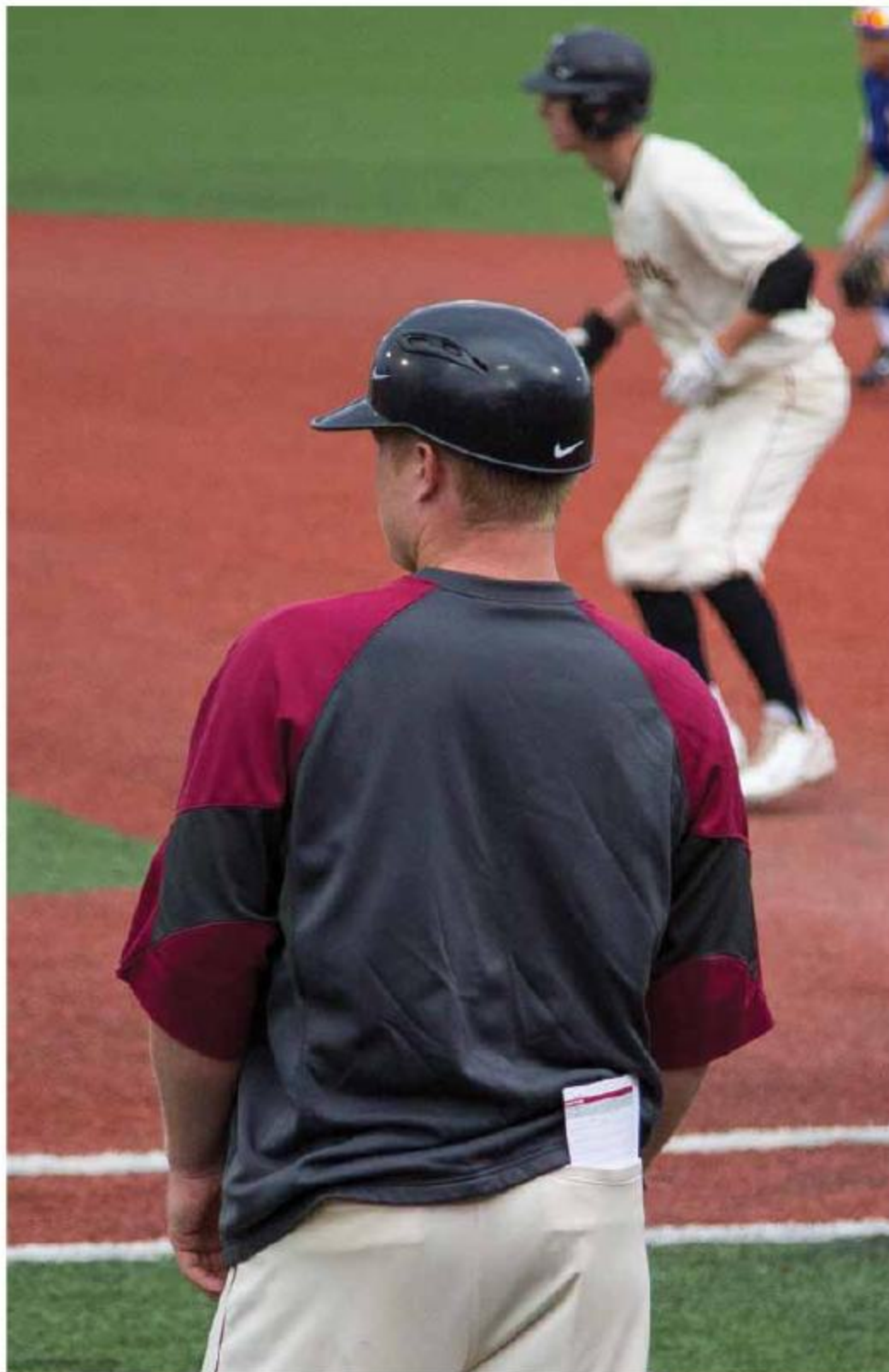
"I would always get asked, and I have always wanted to come, I didn't want to go anywhere else" Lund said.

Corvallis has been a home for Lund during the summers, the Knights serving essentially as his college team. While most college ball players are assigned to different summer ball teams before returning to their respective colleges for the school year. Lund was the opposite. He went through three different schools and a year of being ineligible over five years, but the Knights were a place that Lund found solidarity.

The appreciation and the stability that the Corvallis Knights gave their new first-base coach played opposite to an unstable college baseball career.

Lund hails from the coastal town of Astoria, a city best known for the movie "The Goonies" and for being the hometown of current Cleveland Brown and former OSU All-American defensive back Jordan Poyer.

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Corvallis Knights assistant coach Dan Lund, a former Knights player, watches the action from the first base box against the Kitsap Bluejackets July 9, 2015.



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Former Oregon State outfielder Michael Conforto reaches base against UNLV in the 2013 regional round of the NCAA tournament.

Conforto shines in Futures Game

■ Former Oregon State All-American Michael Conforto participated in annual Futures Game during all-star week

By **Brian Rathbone**
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Former Oregon State outfielder and current New York Mets prospect Michael Conforto started for the U.S. team in Sunday's Futures Game, which the U.S. defeated the World team 10-1 at The Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati.

"It's been a heck of an experience, I had so much fun out there today," Conforto said in an interview with Jon Morosi of FOX Sports following the game. "I wouldn't trade it for anything, this is something I will remember for a long time, I have just had a blast."

Getting the start in left field, Conforto went 2-2 at the plate, with two singles and scored one of the team's 10 runs. Conforto, known more for his bat, showcased his arm as he gunned down a runner at the plate in the third inning.

The All-Star Future Game annual matchup between the all 30 major league team's minor league systems, then divided into national (USA) and international team (World). Every team has a minor league prospect on one of

the teams to showcase their talents during the mid-summer classic.

The inaugural game was played prior to the 1999 All-Star game at Fenway Park, the US team has gotten the better of the World, holding a 10-6 record which includes six straight wins. Five Futures Game most valuable players have gone on to become all-stars at the major league level: Alfonso Soriano (World, 1999), Jose Reyes (World, 2002), Grady Sizemore (USA, 2003), Aaron Hill (USA, 2004) and Billy Butler (World, 2006).

Conforto had an illustrious career with the Beavers, being named Pac-12 Freshman of the Year, followed by Pac-12 Player of the Year his sophomore and junior seasons in which he was also named to several All-American teams while leading the Beavers to back-to-back Pac-12 championships and a trip to the College World Series in 2012. He finished his career at Oregon State with a slash line of .340/.463/.557 (AVG/OBP/SLG) along with 31 home runs and 179 RBIs in his career.

After being drafted with the tenth overall pick by the New York Mets in the 2013 MLB draft, Conforto signed giving up his final year of eligibility. Since making the leap,

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Previewing the season: the non-conference

■ The first of a four-part series previewing the Oregon State football schedule starting with non-league

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Weber State

Game time: Friday, Sept 4 at 5 p.m.

Head Coach: Jay Hill, 2-10 (entering second season)

2014 record: 2-10 (2-6 Big Sky)

Offensive Player to Watch: WR Cam Livingston

Junior Cam Livingston was a big play receiver last season for the Wildcats averaging 15 yards a reception as a sophomore. As the no. 2 receiver, Livingston caught 57 passes for 856 yards but was only able to find the end zone one time. He has made steady improvement in his two seasons playing at Weber State, after having a freshman year where he had 26 catches for 344 yards and four scores.

Defensive Player to Watch: LB Emmett Tela

Despite missing the final four games of the season, Tela earned honorable mention All-Big Sky as a true freshman. Even while missing time, Tela finished second on the team with 79 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, and 2.5 sacks. A healthy and older Tela could improve a defense that gave up over 30 points per game.

Oregon State connection:

There are several current Oregon State coaches that have coached at other schools in Utah. Andersen alone has coached at the University of Utah, Southern Utah and Utah State. Defensive line coach Chad Kauha'aha'a and quarterbacks coach Kevin McGiven have both coached previously at Weber State.

How Oregon State matches up:

Since 2011 Oregon State has lost twice to FCS teams at Reser Stadium, losing to Sacramento State in 2011 and Eastern Washington in 2013. Even though Oregon State is in the process of a rebuilding year as they go through a coaching overhaul, an FCS opponent should be a non-issue for the Pac-12 team. Should the team be able to execute under the new staff, the Beavers will be in good position to get the first win in the Andersen era.

Michigan

Game time: Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9 a.m.

Head Coach: Jim Harbaugh (first season)

2014 record: 5-7 (3-5 Big Ten)

Offensive Player to Watch: QB Jack Rudock

Michigan finds themselves in a similar situation as Oregon State, a new coaching staff and still no idea who the starting quarterback will be. What makes Michigan unique from OSU is that they will not be forced to start a freshman quarterback. Enter former Iowa quarterback Jack Rudock, a two-year starter at Iowa threw for 34 touchdowns and 4,819 yards, in 2013, he was second in the Big Ten in completion percentage (61.7 percent). Jim Harbaugh had a reputation of recruiting smart quarterbacks while at Stanford (Andrew Luck and Kevin Hogan) and Rudock could fit that bill.

Defensive Player to Watch: SS Jabrill Peppers

When Peppers committed and enrolled at Michigan, he was the highest rated recruit to select Michigan. Considered a top-five recruit coming out of high school, the hype surrounding Peppers was at an all-time high. But a knee injury in his first college game, limited him in the Wolverines next two games before the coaching staff decided to shut him down the rest of the season. The expectations of having an immediate impact was put on hold, now he has recovered and has emerged as a leader of the defense under the new coaching staff.

Oregon State Connection: TE coach Jay Harbaugh

Another coach sprouts from the Harbaugh coaching tree. An assistant coach for his father, Jay has spent the past two years as part of the Baltimore Raven coaching staff with his uncle John Harbaugh. Prior to that, he spent three years as an undergrad assistant at Oregon State under Mike Riley, where he also earned his degree in sociology.

How Oregon State matches up:

Playing in front of a packed Reser Stadium is one thing, playing in front of 115,000 plus at Michigan Stadium is another. The first road experience for whomever is the starting quarterback will be in the "Big House" against a team who is also going through a coaching transition. While both teams are going through a rebuild, Michigan as terms of talent are in a better spot. Twice in past 4 years the Wolverines have brought in top-10 recruiting classes according to rivals.com. This will be a big win if Oregon State can steal a victory at Michigan.

San Jose State

Game time: Saturday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.

Head Coach: Ron Caragher, 9-15 (entering third season)

2014 record: 3-9 (2-6 Mountain West)

Offensive Player to Watch: RB Tyler Ervin

Ervin did a little bit of everything for a low scoring Spartan offense. During the 2014 season opposing defenses held SJSU to 19.3 points per game. Last season Ervin scored six of the team's 28 total touchdowns, five by the ground and one through the air, while gaining 148.4 all-purpose yards per game. The fifth-year senior is also a threat in the return game tying the career record for most

Defensive Player to Watch: LB Christian Tago

Tago is the leading returning tackling for Spartan defense that gave up 29.4 points per game last season. As a sophomore the linebacker racked up 96 tackles and five tackles for loss while earning honorable mention All-Mountain West. After a strong sophomore campaign, Tago finds himself on the Rotary Lombardi Award watch list, given annually to the best lineman (offense or defense) or linebacker.

Oregon State connection: CB Cleveland Wallace III

Wallace III was originally committed to Mike Riley's 2012 class. But after former defensive back coach Keith Heyward left for the same position at Washington, Wallace then flipped his commitment from the Beavers to the Huskies on national signing day. Wallace transferred to SJSU following the 2013 season and was a second-team All-Mountain West selection in 2014.

How Oregon State matches up:

Coming off the match-up against Michigan in the "Big House". Some of the biggest question marks heading into the season for OSU is whether the offense can score enough points and if the defense can make the transition from a 4-3 to a 3-4. Last season San Jose struggled to score on opponents and had just as much trouble stopping them. This game could paint a picture to how the season will go for the Beavers.

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Assistant coach Dane Lund congratulates one of his players after he reaches first base against the Kitsap BlueJackets July 9.

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When his high school career ended Division-I programs did not come calling for his services, forcing him to take the junior college route. After two successful seasons at Mt. Hood Community College just outside of Portland, he transferred to San Jose State where he played a season for the Spartans before deciding to return to the beaver state to play for team he grew up wanting to play for.

Due to NCAA transfer regulations, Lund had to sit out an entire season, unable to practice or play in games before he could lace up the cleats for Pat Casey and the two-time national champions, Oregon State.

Finally being able to play for the Beavers, Lund carved out a spot as the backup catcher and worked his way into the starting lineup during weekend series. When Lund was in the game, he made an impact on the team whether it was at the plate where he hit .310 on the year or behind the plate where he caught Drew Rasmussen's perfect game.

But as the Beaver season ended in Dallas in the regional round of the NCAA tournament, so did the playing career of Lund.

Lund was not ready step

away from the game entirely, and was offered an assistant coaching job shortly after his eligibility ran out at Oregon State. Once again, Lund found himself in a familiar setting for the summer.

Through the ups and the downs, there was one constant through all the turmoil. Spending his summers playing ball for the Corvallis Knights and head coach Brooke Knight provided the stability that Lund never got from playing for a college team.

"I was telling the guys, 'it's been more stable than any university I've ever been at,' I love it here," Lund said.

Less than two months ago, Lund was getting the start at catcher for OSU against VCU in the postseason. Instead of wearing catcher's gear, he wears a plastic hat at his position as the first base coach.

The transition from learning to teaching and playing to coaching was not an easy transition in the early parts of the season for Lund.

"It was a tough transition," he said. "You still come to the yard every day at the same but you aren't doing anything anymore, you are throwing BP instead of hitting."

"Not being able to play, just watching the game and not being able to play, seeing things from the other side, that was hard for the first bit, it's

not so hard anymore."

The change has taken some getting used to by some of the Knight players. Former OSU teammate Christian Donahue has felt odd about Lund's new coaching role.

"It's still taking me a little bit to get used to that," Donahue said. "It's actually cool that he is my coach, it's nice to have a coach you know very well. He is really good, he is transitioning really well. It still has me confused though."

Having players he's known has given him a sense of comfort, knowing how hard he can push a player like Donahue and Jackson Soto.

"I know what they are about and I played with them," Lund said. "I feel like I can give those guys a little, the respect level was already there between us."

Already graduated from Oregon State with a degree in communications, Lund is using this first season as a measure to decide if it is a career he is interested in pursuing.

"That's what I have pictured myself doing that past year," Lund said. "I was going to use summer ball as a chance to see if I really like it. I really enjoy it, so hopefully something opens up."

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Conforto has quickly risen through the Mets farm system.

His name is being tossed around as a player on the verge of making the jump from Double-A straight to the majors, skipping Triple-A altogether. Through 37 games as member of the Binghamton Mets - Double-A affiliate of the New York Mets - Conforto owns a .312/.394/.475 slashline with 10 doubles, three home runs and 21 RBIs.

Kevin Davidoff, columnist for the New York Post, wrote a column making a claim that the Mets and their struggling offense should turn

to Conforto to bring a stark to their offense.

"Somebody asked me the other day if I've seen anybody that's impressed me," a scout said, on the condition of anonymity. "He was the name that popped up into my head. He's probably more advanced than any hitter I've seen in the minor leagues this year. He makes a lot of solid contact. He drives the ball."

"He's been a professional hitter," Binghamton manager Pedro Lopez said. "He's able to go out there and lay off some tough pitches, and then whenever he gets a good pitch to hit, he puts a good swing on it. I think that's what's made him successful to this point."

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New level of "hell" with Samberg



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Subtle is not what Andy Samberg does. The lovable star of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (and formerly "Saturday Night Live") is best when he is most ridiculous. With "7 Days In Hell" Samberg is at the top of his game and most absurd as the pompous and flamboyant Aaron Williams. Think of John McEnroe combined with Flea combined with that kid that comes to your house and has no filter around your parents.

The mockumentary takes on the style of the ESPN "30 for 30" documentary series, recalling the events of a seven day Wimbledon in 2001 that is more insanity than actual tennis.

It features Charles Poole (Kit Harrington) as a young English tennis star, who has the weight of a nation – as well as the vulgarity speaking Queen – to reclaim the Wimbledon title for Britain. The dim-witted Poole is facing Williams, the former tennis star and adopted brother of Serena and Venus, and is returning to the game 6 years after a crushing loss – in which he also killed a ball boy with a serve.

There are plenty of familiar faces that are part of the deadpan retrospective documentary. Serena Williams as the sincere sister, David Copperfield as himself, Will Forte as a tennis historian, Jon Hamm as the somber narrator and many more.

Samberg is definitely the brightest part of the movie, although he definitely has the most to work with.

It is not that Harrington is bad, but he's in a role that pretty much any actor would be fine in. The meek Poole is an idiot – the only adjective he uses is "indubitably" – trapped in a world he doesn't necessarily want to be in. Even he acknowledges his mother (Mary Steenburgen) is living through his accomplishments.

You should be aware though, that director Jake Szymanski makes full use of being on HBO. There are mid-match sexual encounters, an animated orgy and athletic underwear that are very revealing. Those looking for a more sophisticated brand of humor should look elsewhere. The sophomoric

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humor is fantastic as is.

Not only is the premise ludicrous, some of the individual gags are off the wall too. One particular instance is when the film takes about a two-minute sidebar to go into the history and impact of a former Swedish courtroom sketch artist that influenced courtrooms sketching in the country for generations to come. It is as funny as it is crazy, however.

If you've ever seen some of the "30 for 30" films, then you will really appreciate the style that the movie is duplicating. The whole production feels like it could be an ESPN film, except for the whole Williams getting hit by a truck, shattering his arm, then switching hands to continue the match aspect.

One of the reasons that "7 Days In Hell" works is because it is only 42 minutes. I'm not saying that it is bad and that you're glad it's short, but sometimes films of this style can be way too long and really run the joke into the ground.

Most "Saturday Night Live" sketches that are made into movies tend to run into this problem – somehow they made a feature length movie out of the "MacGruber" skit.

You don't have to worry about that here, as the relatively short runtime is packed with absurd Samberg stunts, tongue-in-cheek humor and some situations that will surely make you laugh out loud.

I don't want to spoil the ending, but I'll just say that it was fitting, and wrapped up the film perfectly.

"7 Days In Hell" may be overly silly and too whacky for some people, but if you appreciate comedy at its basic form, it works to perfection at what it intends to do.

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Finding a selling point for season two: "True Detective"

Probably the most difficult thing to do watching this season of "True Detective" is to try and put last season out of your mind. You want more Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson – I know I do.

But that's not going to happen, so you've got put that in the past, maybe with some philosophical Rust Cohle speech about what the past actually is, man, and be open to the new.

Unfortunately, this has been difficult so far because through the first half of the second season, there hasn't been enough to fully escape the shadow of the first season.

Creator and writer Nic Pizzolatto brings this installment to the west coast and the town of Vinci, California, a fictional industrial town outside Los Angeles. Although the Internet did their best to suggest who should be this season's buddy cops, Pizzolatto didn't follow the same mold, and we are now following three main detectives.

There's Ani Bezzerides (Rachel McAdams), a detective outside of Vinci with a shady past.

There's patrol officer turned investigator Paul Woodrugh (Taylor Kitsch), an ex-military man with a shady past.

And there's Ray Velcoro (Colin Farrell), an alcoholic detective with a shady past.

Obviously I'm oversimplifying things, but not too extremely. Really every single character in the show is constantly subtly referring to their history, and how they're trying to forget about it even though

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it's clearly having an effect on them.

(SPOILERS AHEAD)

Sunday's episode got the plot rolling a little bit more, but for the most part it has been unclear and confusing about what is actually going on, and what anybody's end game actually is.

Frank Semyon (Vince Vaughn) has basically spent three episodes going around town and getting stakes in different businesses, all while attempting to be tough. Everything about this storyline is the weakest part of the show, from the plot to the acting it just hasn't found much intrigue yet.

As far as the actual detectives go, they finally got a lead on Caspere's murderer, and the last shootout scene definitely the most compelling action that's been provided so far. Although it was hard to get past the apparent infinite amount of bullets that everybody had, and became a grisly massacre to close the episode.

I'm not sure where this leaves the story, but I suspect the coming episodes are going to start dealing more with the corruption going on in the Vinci police department.

As far as characters go, this week's episode we finally got a little deeper into Paul's time in the military, and learn that he was a part of some possible war crimes in his time, and

also was in/still kind of is in a gay relationship with somebody in his military crew.

This gives a little insight as to why he has so much bottled anger. He's a man trapped in a role where he's supposed to be a macho police officer, ex-military tough guy, but he's forced to be closeted with his sexuality.

I was conflicted after the second episode when Velcoro was possibly dead. On one hand, he is the most intriguing and entertaining character, so I wanted him to make it. On the other, I feel like pretending to have him die is a cheap trick that is trying too hard to shock the audience. Of course, Velcoro isn't dead, so at least the best character continues on.

What has been the most successful part of the show so far has been the tone and cinematography. You really get a good sense of the gritty town that Vinci is. It is dirty, dry and brown. The constant cityscape shots do an excellent job conveying this feeling again and again.

However, a show should not have to stand on tone. If "True Detective" wants to pick up in the second half of the season it's got to give a clearer plot and more from the characters.

Right now it is just scratching the surface of a bunch of different parts of the story, when it needs to be delving deeper into the more interesting ones.

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