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## Revival, round two



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Senior forward Daniel Gomis cheers on his team from the bench on Wednesday against Loyola Marymount. Gomis has yet to appear in a game in 2015.

## Gomis wants one last chance to play after yet another injury

By Josh Worden  
Senior Beat Reporter

Daniel Gomis had already been through more injuries than most people could handle: two leg surgeries, a shoulder issue and a broken nose, to name a few. Last year, though, he finally found hope as a junior in his most healthy season at OSU.

A "revival," he called it. It seemed like a climactic rise in an injury-ridden career, with a strong junior season heightening hopes for his last year.

Then came Oct. 26, just 10 days before the exhibition opener of Gomis' senior season, when history repeated itself. While diving for a loose ball in practice, Gomis was inadvertently kicked and he broke a bone in his left hand.

His reaction? Laughter. What he called the injury? A blessing.

"I was just sitting there laughing when I found out it happened," Gomis said. "It's unbelievable when you think about it. Diving for a loose ball and getting kicked, and your hand is broken. But I take that as a blessing. Just try to make the most of it."

If injuries are blessings, Gomis should be the most grateful person on the planet. Shortly before arriving at OSU, he broke his leg in his native Senegal in 2011 and had a metal rod inserted. He redshirted his first year and was able to practice after a lengthy rehab process, but another leg injury required the metal rod to be removed. He made his debut in 2013 but was not 100 percent healthy. Then, a shoulder injury made him miss time early last season and he broke his nose Feb. 21.

Gomis is now close to returning from the hand injury, but the Senegalese forward unsurprisingly

has spent a large chunk of his career in anguish both physically and mentally.

"I got to the point where I didn't know if I was ever going to be full strength, come back and play the way I used to," he said of the leg injuries. "I was out for two years. It really took a toll on my head. Mentally I wasn't there -- I was thinking, 'I don't know if I can do this anymore.'"

"His body just failed him," added senior forward Jarmal Reid. "If I had some of the injuries he had, I know I would have called it a wrap after last year."

Gomis had such a tremendous turnaround last season that it helped alleviate his questions about leaving OSU. The 6-foot-10 forward already graduated last spring and considered playing professional

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## Safe, solid support

## Group advocates for women of color on campus

Lauren Sluss  
News Contributor

Working to provide a safe space to discuss intersecting identities and oppression, the Women of Color Support group at Oregon State University looks to do this through dialogue and activism.

"It's a space to unpack the things we carry of women as color students at OSU, whether it is having to do with family and missing home, struggles in our community or dealing with microaggressions," said member of the Women of Color Coalition and graduate student Megan Spencer.

Spencer, along with Counseling and Psychological Services psychologist Shaznin Daruwalla, founded the support group this fall term hoping to reach out to women of color on campus.

The support group provides women of color a safe space to discuss what it is like to work, study and live as a woman of color on campus and the Corvallis community.

According to Spencer and Counseling and Psychological Services psychologist Shaznin Daruwalla, there is a need on campus for this support group. Resources from the Women of Color Coalition, CAPS and the Women's Center were pooled together to establish the support group.

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## Harmonious history of Joan Didion

## OSU professor Tracy Daugherty discusses new biography of famous author

By Riley Youngman  
News Contributor

Nearly 200 people gathered in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center Wednesday night to listen to Oregon State University Professor emeritus Tracy Daugherty discuss "The Last Love Song," a biography telling the story of Joan Didion, one of America's most prominent authors, according to Daugherty.

Daugherty, clad in a chocolate colored jacket, light blue shirt, a floral tie and his tousled gray hair parted down the middle was joined on stage by Keith Scribner, an author and professor in the School of Writing, Literature and Film in OSU's College of Liberal Arts.

"The Last Love Song," is Daugherty's latest work. Chronicling the life of Didion, one of the

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Tracy Daugherty's new biography about American journal Joan Didion "The Last Love Song" was ranked number 11 on the New York Times' best-seller list.



# News

## Police Beat

Dec. 1 - Dec. 2

Compiled from the Corvallis Police Department

All those arrested for crimes are considered innocent until proven guilty.

### Tuesday, Dec. 1:

#### Rape 3rd Degree

An officer was contacted by the Department of Human Services regarding potential sexual assault and rape.

The suspect confessed to having sex and conducting sexual acts with a boy who was less than 16 years of age.

The suspect was arrested for rape III, sexual abuse III and contributing

to the sexual delinquency of a minor.

#### Disorderly Conduct

Three officers were responding to a potential trespassing where a man was trying to kick down the back door of the apartment he shares with his girlfriend.

The neighbors were woken by the noise and gave their perspective of the incident to the police.

The suspect is being

charged for disorderly conduct II.

### Wednesday, Dec. 2:

#### Trespassing

A man was reportedly banging on the door of a residential home demanding to be let in. He then shattered the kitchen window attempting to gain entry.

Before the police arrived, the suspect left the scene on foot.

The suspect was later found intoxicated and was treated for his injuries that were presumably from shattering the window.

He reportedly practiced his right to remain silent when confronted by police.

#### Burglary

A man reported that several items had gone missing from his home late in the evening after his roommate had invited

people over to their place.

The man who reported the potential burglary said he spoke with his friend to tell the involved parties. His friend said that all the other involved parties denied that they ever stole anything while they were at the party.

The man who reported the potential burglary said he believed that the home was locked during the time of the suspected theft.

# Marvels of Memorial Union marketplace

## MU hosts 35th annual holiday vendor event before finals week

By Chloe Stewart  
News Contributor

Local artisans, specialty foods and live performances by local musicians fill the Memorial Union Ballroom beginning Friday Dec. 4 for the 35th annual holiday market.

According to Susan Bourque, Craft Center manager and holiday marketplace coordinator, the event seeks to bring OSU and neighboring communities together for a fun and festive experience.

"We do it because it highlights community arts and crafts, and the Craft Center is all about that," Bourque said.

Bourque has been coordinating the annual

holiday marketplace for approximately 11 years. Over the course of her time working on the event, and even before then, she has been pleased with the growth and change that she has seen and hopes to continue with the legacy.

Kacy Kesecker, Craft Center marketing coordinator, is also excited to be working on the holiday marketplace.

"For me, it's a nice break from dead week and finals," Kesecker said.

Some of the artisans in the holiday marketplace have been part of the tradition for many years. The artisans in attendance this year hail from all around the Pacific Northwest--including some from OSU--and will be bringing products including pottery, cheese, soap, holiday cookies and small planters.

According to Bourque, she and her team try to keep students' budgets in mind when selecting artisans as well.

"You know when you find the perfect gift for someone and you just get so excited, we want people to be able to do that here," Kesecker said.

This year, one of the artisans in attendance this is a glass artist Marcia Shapiro. Before retirement, Shapiro's career focused on geography and computing. Now, she spends time working with the Sierra Club and making glass artwork.

"There's a kind of engineering aspect to this work and I enjoy that about as much as the art," Shapiro said.

Shapiro first started working with glass approximately 12 years ago. After admiring some art in a friend's home, she was encouraged to try glass work at the OSU craft center.

"It's just a lot of fun," Shapiro said. "It's an outlet for creativity, you get to meet people with similar interests."

Bourque and her team hope that those in

“It's an outlet for creativity, you get to meet people with similar interests.”  
Marcia Shapiro  
Glass Artist

attendance will be able to support local businesses, find a break from stressful studies and maybe even find inspiration to try their hand at some crafts as well.

"It's a fun annual event and a lot of people look forward to it," Bourque said. "It's a community event. Just stop down and check it out."

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Bertie Stringer and Marshall Dunham selling their homemade honey wax candles at the 2014 holiday marketplace event in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

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# Today's Crossword Puzzle

### Across

- 1 "The Jungle Book" villain
- 10 Character in the comic

### "Mutts"

- 15 Stubborn
- 16 Howe'er

### 17 Mutton dish

- 18 Title from the Arabic for "master"

### 19 Litter call

- 20 Orchestra sect.
- 21 Electric guitar effect
- 22 Christmas \_\_\_
- 23 Mate's affirmative
- 24 2013 Spike Jonze film
- 25 Arctic coast explorer
- 26 "Revolutionary Road" author Richard
- 28 "... high hope for \_\_\_ heaven": Shak.
- 30 Mill. awards
- 31 Part of many a date
- 33 Cheapen
- 35 Diagonally \_\_\_ or what each of four pairs of puzzle answers form?
- 38 To date
- 39 Virtuous
- 41 Cry of discomfort
- 44 Romantic evening highlight, perhaps
- 46 Shore up, as an embankment
- 48 Mill. branch
- 49 Present
- 50 Munch on
- 52 Former Abbey Road Studios owner
- 53 Gradual revelation
- 55 Center
- 56 Record
- 57 Ice cream thickeners
- 58 Peggy Lee specialty
- 61 Alabama River city

### 62 Chestnut

- 63 C.S. Lewis hero
- 64 "Looney Tunes" lisper

### Down

- 1 Half of a cartoon duo
- 2 "Yoo-hoo!"
- 3 1944 Pacific battle site
- 4 Univ. peer leaders
- 5 Command level: Abbr.
- 6 \_\_\_-face
- 7 Winter warmer
- 8 Violinist who taught Heifetz
- 9 State north of Victoria: Abbr.
- 10 Electromagnetic wave generator
- 11 Norse royal name
- 12 Leftovers
- 13 President before Sarkozy
- 14 Friend of Calvin
- 21 Nuke
- 23 "A chain ... strong ... weakest link"
- 24 Rail rider
- 27 French spa
- 29 Kind of vegetarian
- 30 Caterpillar rival
- 32 Linguistic root
- 34 Derisive sound
- 36 "Yikes!"
- 37 Disentangle

### Thursday's Puzzle solved

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# Bon voyage, Beavers

Students bid campus farewell for winter break!

By Chloe Stewart

News Contributor

Finals week will come to an end next Friday, and with the end of the term just around the corner, many students have already made their plans for how they will be spending their three weeks off from school.

Abi Chadwick, a sophomore animal science major, is one of those students.

"I'm going to go home to Portland to spend time with my family and friends from high school who don't go to OSU," Chadwick said.

According to the OSU Office of Institutional Research's Fall 2015 Enrollment Summary, a majority of currently enrolled OSU students—approximately 61%—were Oregon residents before coming to campus. According to Chadwick, living in Oregon makes going home for school breaks easier for her.

"It's less travel time and it's less of a financial burden," Chadwick said. "My family places a lot of emphasis on spending time together around the holidays."

But for the remaining students, those who come from out of state or another country, returning home for school breaks isn't always an option.

Ayat Albusner, an international student from Saudi Arabia studying Academic English, is one of these students. In the past, Albusner has used her school breaks to spend time with friends and even travel. When asked what she and her fellow international student friends do during school breaks, Albusner indicated that it varies for each student and each break.

"Some of us will travel to another city or another state, some will stay on campus or visit family," Albusner said. "Maybe go to Portland, eat together, something fun."

Additionally, INTO OSU will be hosting a number of activities at the International Living Learning Center and elsewhere in the community for international students on



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campus during the holidays.

The opportunities will range from festive activities like tree decorating and visiting the Eugene holiday market to less formal events like attending OSU basketball games.

Students who stay during the break can also still receive services from OSU University Housing & Dining Services.

According to Brian Stroup, the Associate Director of UHDS, all residence halls and dining halls will remain open to UHDS contract holders over the break. On holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas,

special menu options are offered to the remaining residents.

"We have upwards of 400 students stay over the winter break and the reasons vary from student to student," Stroup said in an email.

According to Steve Clark, Vice President of University Relations and Marketing, OSU and the community try to provide students who can't go home with opportunities during the holidays.

"We're just trying to be mindful of the students who are here during the holidays," Clark said.

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## Support

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According to Spencer, being a student in general comes with many challenges, and additional marginalization may have additional effects.

"It's important to have a space where you can voice what that's like, and also be with other people who can understand that and relate," Spencer said.

Offering a safe space and support is not all the Women of Color Support Group has accomplished. They are also working toward promoting activism on campus.

"We like to think of the idea of disrupting patriarchy — this notion of getting women together and promoting activism," Daruwalla said. "If that is just being in a space with folks who can hear your story and can support you, there is a powerful connection in feeling less isolated. That is what keeps bringing me back to this space — feeling this connection."

One of the methods through which the group is promoting activism is through debunking common stigmas and misconceptions which often surround groups such as the Women of Color Support Group, according to Spencer.

"A lot of times there is this idea that we have to always be really strong or constantly enduring things," Spencer said. "It's an important space to unpack some of those things, and talk about struggles."

Spencer and Daruwalla hope to achieve activism through other methods than conversation as well in the near future.

"We're promoting the notion of healing, not just through talking, but maybe through other non-verbal methods. I'm hoping that we can have some art and use that time to do whatever it is you like to do, but together," Daruwalla said. "There's activism in that as well."

Daruwalla and Spencer are looking to promote activism outside of their space within the Women's Center and expand into campus and the Corvallis community. They plan on having the support group go into a restaurant downtown or paint murals.

The Women's Center hosts not only the Women of Color Support Group, according to Women's Center Leadership liaison Amelia Allee, but other services for students as well.

"The Women's Center is one of the cultural resource centers and supports all students regardless of gender identity," Allee said. "The center provides aid in several different forms—legal, food and rental. We also have couches for students to lounge on, computers and printers for them to use and often times tutoring to help students with academics."

The Women's Center hosts several different events throughout the year, and works alongside the Women of Color Support group to promote activism and social justice throughout campus and the Corvallis community.

"We hosted the Halloween Beaver Bash and the community dialogue the second week of this term to address the sexual assaults on and around the Corvallis community," Allee said. "We will be putting on Women's History Month dinner in March and a slew of other events with the other cultural centers. We work to address social justice issues in the community."

According to Spencer, there are some really important conversations that need to happen on this campus.

They have been beginning to happen through some brave student activism and student voices about how students of color, and women of color in particular, experience this campus," Spencer said. "We want to further these conversations."

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**Get Involved:** The group meets every Wednesday from 2:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Women's Center. Students are encouraged to continue the conversation of social justice by visiting the Women's Center.

## Book

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premiere American authors of the twentieth century, Daugherty talked about the process of writing the biography, and discussed Didion herself. Audiences young and old sat attentively while Scribner engaged in conversation with Daugherty on stage.

"Why Joan Didion?" Scribner said. "Why did you choose her as the subject for your third biography?"

Daugherty said Joan Didion was a natural choice and that her work in nonfiction and his desire to write about an author of that genre matched up well.

According to Daugherty, Didion is highly regarded as a master author whose work influenced many and is a prominent part of American history. Her style and voice, as well as the fact she was a woman touching on topics that were previously considered taboo, set her apart from other authors, Daugherty said.

"She wrote our history, and she wrote it to music," Daugherty said. "To understand her words though, you have to understand her music."

The conversation continued for nearly forty minutes and covered a wide array of topics relating to Didion and Daugherty's experience writing the biography.

Daugherty touched upon sources and the process of gathering information for the book. Didion herself had refused to work with Daugherty, so his information came from friends, colleagues and others who had worked with her throughout the years. According to Daugherty, his best source was Didion's first serious boyfriend, although he took over three years to track down and interview.

Didion's refusal to cooperate did not upset Daugherty though. He had even expected this would be the case from the beginning.

"Authorized biographies have their disadvantages: If Didion was looking over my shoulder she'd have wanted me to write the book her way which is something I

certainly did not want," Daugherty said.

At the end of the conversation, the audience was invited to participate in a question and answer session with Daugherty.

Scribner related one question revolving around Didion's involvement with politics and her writings on the state of America and the government to current events.

"With America's gun fascination and myths surrounding that, I wonder what Didion would have to say," Scribner said.

As Daugherty pointed out several times during the night, his biography examined the inspiration and events surrounding Didion and her work.

Daugherty's closing lines summarized his admiration for, and interest in Didion.

"With what is going on in our culture now, we could use some Joan Didion," Daugherty said. "I miss her, I miss her perspective."

Daugherty ended the evening with a book signing.

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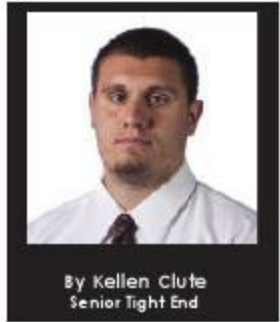
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# Sports

## Bittersweet ending for seniors



By Kellen Clute  
Senior Tight End

Last Friday's 52-42 Civil War loss marked the end of the 2015 campaign for the Oregon State Beavers. For almost 110 players it marked the end of a lot of hard work and pain, and weeks of grueling practice, meeting and workout schedules. However, for the 13 seniors on the roster, it boasted a lot more than that. The game would mark the end of their college careers, and for many, their football careers.

This is normal, I mean there are thousands of college football seniors around the country who either have played, or will be playing, their last college game very soon. I would argue however that none had a stranger situation than those at OSU.

At the beginning of the year it was announced that Oregon State had found its new coach after Mike Riley decided to leave for Nebraska. Gary Anderson stepped in and immediately laid down his plan, which put a big emphasis on the current seniors leading the way and "laying the foundation" for the future. A good message? Absolutely. As easy as it sounds? Not in the slightest.

Here is where my admiration comes in for these 13 young men. Imagine walking into your place of business one day to find out that your current boss who you respect is leaving for another company. You know everything will be fine because the management has the company's best interest in mind and will make a good hire. You know that no matter what happens, this year will be your last. When the new hire is announced you look the replacement up, find out good things and get excited about the future of your company. But that is just it, you get excited about the future, the one you won't be a part of.

Fast forward six months, your company is entering a new quarter and is surrounded by a lot of excitement due to the new management. Now you know and agree with the new staff, the rules and system they implemented are agreeable and will be successful. However, you don't find success in this quarter, in fact your company has one of its worst quarters in recent history. Throughout this struggle the employees and stockholders stay positive because they see the direction the company is heading. Then on your company's last day of the quarter they see record profits, the company performs the best it has all quarter and everyone is beyond happy. They see the potential, and the success will surely shoot the company into positive profits from here on out.

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# OSU's finest flag football team

## Sig Ep claims the All-U flag football championship

By Garrett Martin  
Sports Contributor

Sig Ep defeated team Dump 'Em Out Wednesday night 27-21 in the All-University flag football championship game at Student Legacy Park. The victory was Sig Ep's first All-University flag football championship.

"It feels great," said Sig Ep wide receiver Rhett Ybarra. "Especially for the seniors. Going out on top is pretty special."

It was cold, rainy and windy. Everything one would expect from December football under the lights in Corvallis.

"The rain is always tricky," said Dump 'Em Out wide receiver Brett Bryant. "We had a couple of drops on offense from guys who are usually sure handed. It (also) makes pulling flags a little more tough."

Wednesday's championship was the Sig Ep A-Team's only real challenge of their playoff run. The champs had back to back shutouts in the first two rounds and a blowout win in the Greek League championship and came into the All-U championship averaging over 37 points per game.

Dump 'Em Out had a tougher road to the title game. The Intramural league champions clawed their way to the All-U championship. They won most of their games by only one score and averaged 20 points per game.

Despite the loss, Bryant is happy with the outcome of his team's season.

"I'd say it went pretty well," Bryant said. "We were able to make it to the All-University championship. You can't really be upset about that."

Both teams started the game off strong scoring most of their points in the first half but it was Sig Ep who made some huge defensive stops down the stretch to clinch the



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Senior civil engineering major Mike Zupan of Sig Ep makes a pass Tuesday during the greek men's flag football championship. Sig Ep won the All-U Championship 26-20 against Dump 'Em Out.

All-U title.

The game started with heavy dose of offense. Sig Ep scored on their first play from scrimmage and never looked back. They reached the end zone on every drive in the first half.

Dump 'Em Out was right behind them matching Sig Ep's scoring up until the last possession before half-time. They were unable to get on the scoreboard before time expired, resulting in a 20-14 Sig Ep lead going into the half.

The second half was a completely different story. Tensions were rising along with the level of physicality. Both teams saw the game change from

an offensive showcase to a defensive battle.

Dump 'Em Out received the ball to start the second half and quickly turned the ball over deep in their own territory. Sig Ep took advantage of the miscue and scored to make the game 27-14.

"We like to think we have a pretty solid defense," Ybarra said. "As long as our offense takes advantage of the opportunities given, we'll have a good chance to win."

Dump 'Em Out wouldn't go away easy though, getting a quick touchdown on the following drive and coming up with a vital defensive stop late

in the game.

Dump 'Em Out had the ball trailing 27-21 with two minutes left. A touchdown and extra point would give them the title.

The Sig Ep defense batted down four Dump 'Em Out Hail Mary passes in the end zone, and forced a turnover on downs as time expired becoming the 2015 All-University flag football champions.

"We've won three out of the last four Greek championships," Ybarra said. "But this is the first time winning the All-University championship, so that makes this year stand out."

On Twitter: @Game#Marlin40

# Heavy rain doesn't stop the competition

## Sig Ep and Dump 'Em Out win the Open and Greek IM Championships

By Max Braly  
Sports Contributor

The rain on Tuesday night was as relentless as Sig Ep's defense against Varsity House in the 2015 Intramural Football Greek Championship.

Varsity House, started the game on offense and one play into the game they found themselves defending. Sig Ep, intercepted Varsity House quarterback Austin Green's first throw and returned it deep into Varsity House's red zone. Sig Ep took advantage of the short field and scored two plays later when quarterback Michael Zupan connected with Morgan Folz.

Sig Ep would score another touchdown before Varsity House could get on the board. Varsity House finally scored when Green tossed a touchdown pass to wide receiver Austin Altringer — the first points Sig Ep had allowed during the playoffs.

By halftime Sig Ep lead 21-6. During the regular season Varsity House had held opponents under six points in four of their games. The 21 points allowed in the first half came as a surprise.

"There were a few times that our secondary got beat, but I think we couldn't have asked anymore of any of the guys that night. We all played hard," said Altringer a senior in digital communication arts.

The second half open similarly to the first half, Varsity House did their best Sig Ep impression by picking off Zupan's throw on the second play. Good field position was not wasted and Varsity House scored on a Green throw to Austin Morey, cutting Sig Ep's lead to nine.

Green was under pressure for most of the game, making it difficult for their offense to get in rhythm. They would only score one more touchdown.

During the regular season, Sig Ep had only lost one game. This happened to be their only regular season loss in the last four years. Rhett Ybarra, senior studying apparel design, said that loss was a turning point

in the season. Before that, the guys weren't focused or invested. The practices became more structured, and the squad became a better team.

"There are a lot of seniors on this team, and it'd be special to send them out on top," Ybarra said of his team's motivation to win.

By the end of the game the score was 40-18 in favor of Sig Ep.

Current Varsity House resident and IM fan, Trygve Borchers, a senior studying business, was disappointed with the loss but enjoyed the competition.

"It was great to cheer on fellow members of our house and watch a great game of IM football, even though it was raining," he said.

### Men's Open: Weota Vs. Dump 'em Out

It was the tale of two halves in the Men's Open League Championship. Dump 'em Out was first on the scoreboard on quarterback Michael Takamori's touchdown pass. Weota responded with their own touchdown, but failed on the extra point.

After an exchange of touchdowns, Dump 'em Out

scored a touchdown on a short field setup by an interception. The score going to halftime was 20-19 in favor of Dump 'em Out.

Both teams defense picked up in the second half and neither team scored. At the end of the game Takamori had a chance to score, but elected to take a knee on the one yard line with only 20 seconds left to play, sealing the victory.

When Dump 'em Out team captain, Bret Bryant, senior in new media communications with a business minor, thought of players that could compete for a championship at the town favorite Peacock Bar and Grill, everyone was considered. But the team was narrowed down to roommates, coworkers, fraternity brothers and friends — all were athletes.

"You're athletic and you're athletic, we are all going to be athletic," Bryant said of how he choose the team.

ryant's vision of a more athletic team prevailed. Dump 'em Out defeated Weota 20-19.

Max\_Braly



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Senior civil engineering major Mike Zupan makes a pass Tuesday during the Greek men's flag football championship.



# The Daniel Gomis Breakdown

A comprehensive list of Gomis' injuries

**Feb. 21, 2015 - Broken nose:**  
Suffered in first half against Colorado, played rest of game and wore a protective mask for remaining games.

**Oct. 25, 2015 - Broken hand:**  
Suffered diving for a loose ball in practice.

**Nov. 1, 2014 - Shoulder:**  
Reported to miss a month of games, returned two weeks later

**June 2011 - Broken leg:**  
Suffered in pickup game in Senegal, had metal rod inserted.

**Nov. 2012 - Reinjured leg:**  
Had surgery to remove metal rod on Nov. 29



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Senior forward Daniel Gomis dives on the floor for a loose ball against USC on Jan. 24. Gomis has not appeared this season due to injury.

## Gomis

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ball after his junior year, in part to provide financial aid to his family back in Senegal. But, a conversation with head coach Wayne Tinkle after the season helped solidify Gomis' commitment to building OSU's program and establishing deeper relationships with teammates.

"After last season, I had a really good talk with coach Tinkle. I basically told him that I had one of my better years and I had so much fun," Gomis said. "So I ended up making the decision of coming back for one more season."

"The big thing with Daniel is he's a great ambassador for the student-athlete we want to have," added Tinkle. "He's so positive, gets his classwork done at a high level and represents us well in the community. That's what we want the Oregon State men's basketball team to consist of is guys like that."

There is no shortage of examples of the impact Gomis has made in his four-plus years at OSU.

When walk-on Brian Boswell joined the team last year, Gomis helped the 6-foot-8 forward with defensive transitions and post positioning. Freshman guard Kendal Manuel, who spent part of his childhood in Mozambique and is out this season with a broken leg, can look to Gomis to see his transition from Africa and his return from injury. Reid, who also was sidelined early this year with an injury, needed a boost from Gomis two years ago when his playing time dipped as a sophomore.

"I got down on myself. He was always there, uplifting me, especially in practice telling me to keep going and keep my head up," Reid said. "He's probably one of the best teammates I've had ever."

Maybe the player who Gomis has influenced the most is junior center Cheikh N'Diaye, who grew up 40 miles from Gomis in Dakar, Senegal and is two years younger than Gomis. N'Diaye says he wouldn't be in Corvallis if it wasn't for Gomis.

As a junior in high school, N'Diaye heard about a Senegalese athlete at OSU who wasn't playing because of injury. When N'Diaye visited Corvallis, Gomis hosted the 7-footer and the two talked about the basketball program, aca-

“He is probably the best teammate I have ever had.”  
Jarmal Reid  
Senior forward

demics and everything else. N'Diaye loved the trip so much, he decided to make it his only college visit.

"We're brothers," N'Diaye said of the relationship. "I decided to join Oregon State because of him so I'd have somebody from back home that I can learn from."

When Gomis was undecided about returning to OSU for his senior year, N'Diaye was one of the friends he looked to most for advice. N'Diaye didn't want to pressure Gomis into staying, but his ultimate decision was a relief for N'Diaye.

"I told him, 'It's on you to decide. Whatever you do is probably for the best,'" N'Diaye said. "And he ended up staying and I'm glad. I didn't want to force him to stay or go."

For all of the encouragement Gomis has doled out to teammates, he receives a wealth of praise in return. It's rare for Gomis' name to come up without a story of a player who needed a kind word or advice from someone with experience of a similar affliction. Maybe that's why Gomis had to endure his injuries; "everything happens for a reason," after all, were his telling words after he broke his hand. Soon, Gomis will again extend his impact onto the court, especially with one year of eligibility left and an OSU team looking to make a postseason run. Gomis, who was nominated Wednesday for the National Association of Basketball Coaches Good Works Team, is also tenth in OSU history with 72 career blocks.

"He means a lot to us, just with his leadership," Tinkle said. "He's just one of the best kids I've ever had in any of our teams."

"I will remember this program for real," Gomis said. "This is my family. I wake up and see these guys every day. The only thing I can do is be positive with them, try to help them in any aspect I can. I know when I'm down, they will be there to pick me up."

"I'm so thankful to be here and playing basketball, because there are people out there who would do kill themselves to be here. Sometimes I'm still able to play. I can't really complain. I just have to be thankful and think of the people who are going through tougher things than me."

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# THE BLOCK

## Clute

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Everyone is happy.

This is the situation the Oregon State 2015 seniors were put into. Their boss left, their new boss demanded they lay the foundation for the rebirth of this program. They went through one of the worst seasons in recent history. Then just like that the flip switches.

The last game of the year the team erupts for the best performance of the season and shows themselves, their fans and everyone watching that this OSU program will do big things in the future. Except now for the sad ending, none of these seniors will have any tangible experience with the success. They shouldered the most responsibility, suffered loss after loss only to pass the

torch right when this thing seemed bright. Sure they will watch and experience from afar the future success of the beavers, but they won't have a piece of the pie when things get sweet.

So I write this to the seniors, to the 13 young men who shouldered the burden for an entire program while it figured out its direction. For the 13 young men who will

receive no credit for the future season's success even though they might have been the biggest reason for it. So to them I tip my hat and offer a job well done, it's been one hell of a ride.

On Twitter @K\_Clute82

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# Attention OSU students: Beware of thieves over break

By Lt. Cord Wood, CPD  
Jonathan Goatcher, ASOSU  
and Jonathan Stoll,  
Corvallis Community Relations

Many students will be packing up and leaving Corvallis over the next several days to spend their Winter break at home with family and friends. Criminals are well aware of this, too. They've marked their calendars for when students go home so they can steal their stuff. They come to our community and specifically target students, stealing from their cars and homes.

During the winter break 2014-15, Corvallis Police investigated 38 residential burglaries. \$61,000 of property was reported stolen during residential burglaries while students were on break. 65% of those incidents had no forced entry, meaning a door or

windows were left unlocked. During the same time, Corvallis Police investigated 46 thefts from vehicles, in which \$26,000 worth of items were reported stolen.

Corvallis Police Officers and Oregon State Police Troopers will patrol neighborhoods and help prevent criminal behavior. Police will find and arrest some, but you can help prevent these crimes before they happen. Don't be a target. Here are ways to protect you and your household:

- Coordinate with your roommates to ensure all doors and windows are locked before leaving for the break.
- Don't load up your car with stuff and leave it on the street overnight before you leave.
- Bikes are always targets of theft; bring them inside.
- Leaving a light on inside, as well as

a porch light, are great ways to deter burglars.

- Prevent window shopping: close curtains or blinds to protect your personal belongings
- Light up your living room: connect an auto-timer plug to an interior lamp
- Lock it up: plan with your roommates about locking doors, windows, and garage before leaving town.
- Prevent a mountain of mail on your doorstep as thieves often target these homes. Use the free hold mail service: [holdmail.usps.com/holdmail](http://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail)
- Don't trust the garden gnome: burglars know all the hiding spots, keep your key to yourself
- Make sure your landlord can contact you. If you are the victim of a crime someone may need to reach you.

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# Horoscope

**Today's Birthday (12/04/15).** Persistence for personal goals reaps abundant harvest this year. After 3/8, a new home phase begins. A team effort changes direction after 3/23. Evolve into social expansion after 9/9. Your crew needs you but so does family, especially after 9/16. Express your love.  
*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 an 8 — Look closely at the numbers. Find sweet deals, with Venus in Scorpio for the next month. Increase your assets. Budget for holiday expenditures, and get creative to keep it. Travel could get complicated. Can you connect virtually?

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 9 — There's more work than one person can handle alone. Get creative today and tomorrow to manage it — there's no time for fussing. Collaboration is key this next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Love grows with shared commitment.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Today is an 8 — Play music to maintain harmony and embrace the rhythm. An intense professional phase

begins, with more fun (and profits) over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Practice your game, especially today and tomorrow. Find the romance.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — Get busy at home today and tomorrow. Decorate and beautify. Create delicious aromas. Keep secrets and whip up surprises. This month reveals sensual pleasures, with Venus in Scorpio. Love and recreation combine for sizzle. Savor each other.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Make your home into a cozy love nest this month. Domestic pleasures especially satisfy, with Venus in Scorpio. Try new recipes. Research, network and share over the next two days. Create works of beauty and exquisite flavor.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 9 — Learn voraciously for about four weeks, with Venus in Scorpio. Study with passion. Research, write and share your discoveries. The next two days can get especially lucrative. Keep deadlines, and provide satisfying results. Tap new revenues.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is an 8 — Take charge. You have extra energy and confidence today and

tomorrow. With Venus in Scorpio over the next month, enjoy an especially lucrative phase. Track cash flow to increase it. Make bold promises and keep them.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Savor peace and quiet today and tomorrow. Productivity behind closed doors completes a project. With Venus entering your sign for the next month, your personal charms flower. Refine your image or style. Beautify your brand. Pamper yourself.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 6 — Enjoy parties and gatherings today and tomorrow. Teamwork goes far. Pass along what you're learning. Expect inner growth over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Nurture your spirit with comforting rituals and peaceful reverie.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Focus on professional priorities today and tomorrow. Do your best, and a status rise is possible. For the next month, with Venus in Scorpio, you play especially well with others. Your popularity is growing. Create beautiful works together.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 6 — New career opportunities appear over the next month, with Venus in Scorpio. Take on more responsibility. Personal effort gets results. Travels and research have your attention today and tomorrow. Investigate further before investing heavily. Plan your itinerary carefully.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is a 7 — Expand your territory. Balance travels with career developments over the next month with Venus in Scorpio. Extra focus on financial management today and tomorrow supports your professional plans. Chart your course for increased fun and profits.

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## Calendar

### FRIDAY, Dec. 4:

Event:  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE)  
Location: MU 216  
A funding mechanism on campus for recognized student organizations. Our Allocation Meeting is opened to the public

### MONDAY, Dec. 7:

Meeting:  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Death Café Corvallis  
Location: 2nd Street Beanyer, 600 2nd St., Corvallis, OR, 97333  
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### FRIDAY, Dec. 11:

Meeting:  
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Kwanza Celebration 2015  
Location: 706 North Killingsworth Street, MAHB 104, Portland, Oregon 97212

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### WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23:

Event  
10 a.m. CoastWatch  
Location: Anywhere along the Oregon Coast  
Upcoming King Tide Photographers Needed  
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### SATURDAY, Jan. 30:

Event  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Write to Publish  
Location: Smith Memorial Student Hall, Portland State University  
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## Forum

YEAS  
NAYS +

**NAY** to the same rhetoric against mass shootings popping up over and over again. Gun regulations may not work how we want, nor will we have an easy answer in regards to other societal factors involved with this mess. Know what works even less, though? Doing absolutely nothing over and over again.

On some brighter notes ...

**YEA** to continued community and university acknowledgements in regards to the "Speak Out OSU" event earlier this month.

**NAY** to continued acts of racism and cultural misunderstanding. It's 2015. We should collectively know better by now.

**YEA** to the recent release of our sister publications Beaver's Digest and Prism Arts and Literary Magazine. Lots of solid work went into each issue this term.

**NAY** to finals, final projects and other obligations that clustered up during Week 10. At least we're at the end.

**YEA** to the upcoming winter break.

**YEA** to the approaching holiday season and opportunities to buy gifts for our loved ones.

**NAY** to potential paycheck sacrifices for people we barely know.

**YEA** to Michael Keaton's reaction to the 2000 NBA slam dunk contest.

**YEA** for Vincanity – never forget.

**NAY** to Oregon State's loss at the Civil War against the ducks.

**YEA** to an amazing performance from the team during the second half.

**YEA** to revisiting the roast duck recipe in anticipation of next year's results.

**NAY** to ridiculous amounts of rain. We get it, it's Oregon – but that doesn't mean the weather needs to make up for lost time.

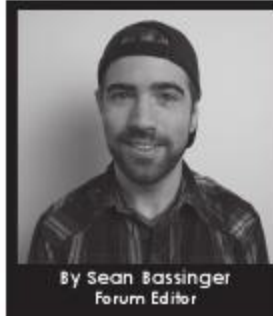
**YEA** for more sunshine than we expected this fall.

See you in 2016.

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## Do something.

## Mass shootings cannot continue



By Sean Bassinger  
Forum Editor

Here we go again. Fourteen dead and several others wounded in San Bernardino, Calif.

Three dead, several injured and others held hostage at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Conversations continue on whether or not the problem revolves around gun control,

mental health or terrorism.

Soon we'll know more about the shooters and their motives. You know, the usual.

We're seriously back here in such a small amount of time?

More than a month ago, I wrote a column about the Umpqua Community College shooting and how we had to put the humanity back into these occurrences. No more statistics, no more rhetoric.

And I'm not talking about just giving "our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by this tragic event."

As the harsh New York Daily News front page puts it, "God isn't fixing this."

Once again, we seem to be left with nothing more than the same "which way should this argument go" lip service and the following new statistic for shock value: there

have been around 355 mass shootings – that's four or more people struck by bullets in an incident – this year. Yes, we've had more shootings than calendar years.

Don't just share your acknowledgements on social media and call it "progress."

We need to do something. Anything.

Tell your legislature that we need to take corrective actions, not just talk about this.

Do some research on how other nations have dealt with similar catastrophes (specifically Australia).

Don't just list off "mental health solution" as a talking point, but look into ways to help the cause in your own community.

This needs to end now. No more excuses.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Examining white privilege, identity

We, the faculty and staff of Examining White Identity in a Multicultural World retreat, are writing to demonstrate our support for the students of color at OSU, including those who shared their stories at the Speak Out event on Nov. 16, and for all of our colleagues of color. In hearing your courageous words, and witnessing the further instances of racism in response to those words, we realize that there is so much more work to be done on campus. We recognize that we need to be better partners and to do more to make effective change. We want an Oregon State University that is safe, just, and welcoming for all. We are failing as a community when students, faculty, and staff have a limited understanding of race and, regardless of intentions, our impact on others.

To our fellow white students and colleagues: It is normal to want to distance ourselves from descriptions of racism that seem contradictory to our own experiences and perceptions. Whether embedded in systems, institutions, culture, or individual actions, racism is often invisible to us as white people. And it can be difficult, confusing, and frustrating to hear that we may be contributing to problems that do not reflect our values or that seem beyond our control. But we must push through that discomfort. The violence, daily microaggressions, and

institutionalized racism that people of color experience in our community are unacceptable. Equally unacceptable is when the stories that people of color have shared are met with denial, minimization, hate speech, and other behaviors that exemplify the very culture and climate that have been described. Since we all want a better OSU, we, as white people, must be engaged in resolving these issues.

We encourage all of our fellow white students and colleagues to listen to OSU's students, faculty, and staff of color. We encourage you to seek out the many resources available at OSU to learn about white privilege and social change. If you would like to talk with any of us about these issues, we would love to connect with you. This is a vital and ongoing conversation that affects our entire community. We commit ourselves to doing better, and we invite you to take this opportunity to do better, too.

*Examining White Identity in a Multicultural World retreat faculty and staff:*

Becky Evans, Courtney Garcia, Alex Matiash, Willie Morgan, Raphelle Rhoads, Michele Ribeiro, James Van Dyke, Rachael Weber, Melissa Yamamoto

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