

# Making restrooms a safe space

*#I'llGoWithYou working towards making gendered spaces safe for different identities*

By Lauren Sluss  
News Reporter

Responding to anti-transgender legislation, the #I'llGoWithYou button campaign offers solidarity and assistance to people within the Oregon State University community who are transgender or gender non-conforming, and serves to provide security in gendered spaces.

The handmade #I'llGoWithYou buttons, located in all seven cultural centers, are available for students to wear. The buttons indicate that students wearing them are able and willing to accompany transgender or gender non-conforming students into gendered spaces, according to Student Success Peer Facilitator PJ Harris.

"The #I'llGoWithYou campaign is essentially like a buddy system for strangers," Harris said. "If someone is walking around with the button displayed on their backpack, a person who does not feel safe in gendered spaces, such as bathrooms, locker rooms or even talking with a professor,

can walk up to someone with a button and ask them to come with them."

The campaign is working towards allowing transgender and gender-nonconforming people to feel safe in gendered spaces, according to Pride Center Leadership Liaison Malik Ensley.

"The fact that bathrooms are super gendered into men and women makes it very hard for transgender people to feel comfortable," Ensley said. "The #I'llGoWithYou buttons are a way for people to wear something that lets people know that they could be a safe person to help them out with something."

Along with providing transgender and gender non-conforming people with the security to go into gendered spaces, the campaign is working towards minimizing altercations and discrimination in gendered bathrooms, according to Pride Center Leadership Liaison Tara Crockett.

"Restrooms are now and have always been a huge source of insecurity and violence for

trans people, particularly for non-binary folks," Crockett said. "Trans women can often, but not always, go into women's restrooms and trans men can sometimes go into men's restrooms, but non-binary folks don't have any restrooms where they feel they can be accepted and comfortable and affirmed in their gender identity."

The campaign stemmed from the #I'llRideWithYou campaign in Australia, providing people in religious clothing who did not feel safe riding public transportation a sense of security. The organizers of #I'llGoWithYou applied the same concept for transgender and gender non-conforming people, and the idea to implement the campaign reached OSU early this year, according to Harris.

"I got the idea to bring this here in fall term, but I wasn't very confident about it because we still had some problems that needed to be worked out," Harris said. "Winter term, we gained one of our very valuable employees, Sierra Lantz. When (Lantz) came here, I brought



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Students can wear the #I'llGoWithYou buttons to designate themselves as willing and able to provide a sense of safety for gender-nonconforming people.

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Pride Center Leadership Liaison

the campaign up again, and they were on board, and they gave me the kick in the pants I needed to get it started."

Along with the buttons, students who choose to join the campaign are given a detailed informational sheet outlining the responsibilities wearing the button entails. The creators of the OSU #I'llGoWithYou campaign made intentional changes to the national informational sheet attached with the button in order to best suit OSU campus.

One of the guidelines includes not speaking unless spoken to, which can help make #I'llGoWithYou buddies feel more comfortable, according to Harris.

"Being quiet and unnoticeable in places like restrooms has often been a survival method for transgender and gender non-conforming people," Harris said. "Also, a lot of people just don't like to be talked to when they are in the restroom. The idea is that you only discuss what needs to be said, and you let your buddy take the lead."

One element of the campaign

stressed by the informational sheet is the #I'llGoWithYou campaign does not condone threats, harassment or assaults.

"Your button does not put you above the law," Harris said. "The goal is not for you to stand up and fight for your buddy, the goal is to get in and get out safely without an altercation."

The campaign also encourages participating students who are not able to accompany someone at a certain time to remove the button, according to Harris.

"If you really have to get to a midterm or you don't have the emotional capacity that day to deal with that, you take the button away," Harris said. "That serves both to avoid people getting let down, and it also maintains integrity and reliability with the campaign."

Even if the campaign itself is not utilized, the display of the buttons around campus will work towards dismantling trans-phobic ideas, according to Crockett.

"Just seeing that button around campus and around the community adds a lot of

support and reassurance for the trans community here, just so they know that they have that resource," Crockett said.

Along with providing transgender and gender nonconforming students a sense of security, the campaign is also aimed towards people who are uncomfortable with the campaign, according to Harris.

"We want them to see it, we want them to know what it means and feel uncomfortable, and recognize that this community is trying to change to no longer support those trans-phobic ideas," Harris said.

Students are able to find more information about the OSU #I'llGoWithYou campaign inside the Pride Center, or the national campaign on its website.

"Right now is a really great time to get your voice out there and be heard," Harris said. "Because the Pride Center can only reach so far, having something that walks around campus is a great way to get trans-representation out there."

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# THE BLOCK

## Calendar

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**Discussion**  
 12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association  
 Location: Talisman Room; Memorial Union 105  
 Discussion Topic: The Importance of the Global Education of Women

**WEDNESDAY, May 11**  
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**THURSDAY, May 12**  
**Discussion**  
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 Location: Talisman Room; Memorial Union 105  
 Discussion Topic: The Nature of a Global Commonwealth

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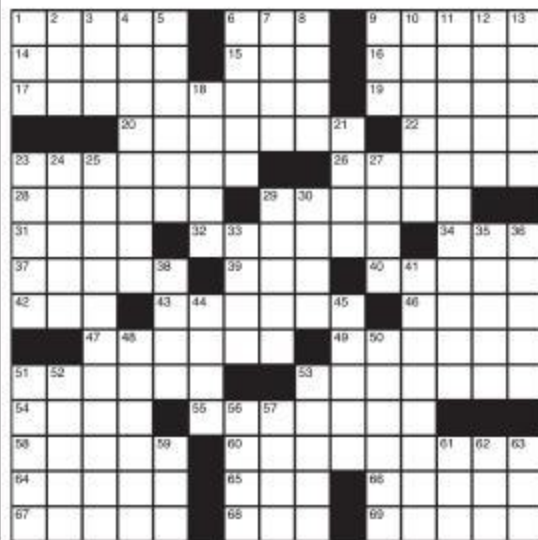
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  - 9 Runs out
  - 14 Eponym of a United Kingdom poetry prize
  - 15 Schooner filler
  - 16 Walking the dog, e.g.
  - 17 "Lost it
  - 19 Storage place
  - 20 Play set
  - 22 Nonpro?
  - 23 Man's best friend, e.g.
  - 25 Fiona, after Shrek's kiss
  - 28 Cut deeply
  - 29 "Blues on the Bayou" musician
  - 31 Spanish pronoun
  - 32 Overindulgent outings
  - 34 Stranded messenger
  - 37 Handle
  - 39 Mr. Potato Head piece
  - 40 Front-wheel alignment
  - 42 Unduly
  - 43 Possesses with pride
  - 46 Deflect, with "off"
  - 47 Passes out
  - 49 "The Girls Next Door"



- 23 Get rid of
- 24 Retro diet, to put it mildly
- 25 "Cottage site in the Beatles' "When I'm Sixty-Four"
- 27 Kernel
- 29 Leadership
- 30 Hall of Fame pitcher
- 33 Organic fuel
- 35 Bay Area pro
- 36 Court rival of Pete
- 38 Village Voice award
- 41 Risqué ... and what each answer to a starred clue contains?
- 44 Law school newbie
- 45 Drew back
- 48 Lack of get-up-and-go
- 50 Hold rapt
- 51 Puts forward
- 52 Animal that's been a Japanese Natural Monument since 1931
- 53 Quick on the uptake
- 56 Humorous Bombeck
- 57 Sewer's concern
- 59 Play
- 61 Natural resource
- 62 L.A. school
- 63 LAPD rank

#### Down

- 1 Its nat'l. emblem is the cedar tree
- 2 Every drop
- 3 20-20, e.g.
- 4 "What do you think?"
- 5 What one might have with milk, briefly?
- 6 Needle
- 7 Different
- 8 Road sign image
- 9 Email option, for short
- 10 "Shoot!"
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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 — Begin a financial transformation with this New Moon. A new income source appears. One door closes as another opens. Start a project so big that you don't know how to do it. Learn voraciously.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Stay cool under pressure and prosper. Begin a new personal phase with this New Moon in your sign. Take charge to fulfill what you see possible. Grow and develop your capacities.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** — Today is a 5 — Breakthroughs and revelations arise with the

**New Moon.** Discover something new about the past. Begin a new philosophical, spiritual and mindful phase. You're undergoing a metamorphosis. Accept support and advice. Completion fosters creativity.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — Begin a new phase in friendship, social networks and community with this New Moon. Take a group endeavor to a new level. Gather resources and create shared files. Together, you're unstoppable.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is an 8 — One road ends as a new one begins in a professional adventure with this New Moon. Embark on a new career phase. Push past old barriers. Take action for work you love.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Launch a new educational journey and exploration with this New Moon. First person experience is the most memorable way to learn. Study from the source as directly as possible. Travel may be required.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is

an 8 — Your team is hot. A turning point arises regarding family finances with this New Moon. Shift directions to increase profits. Complete old promises and invent new possibilities together.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Share a magical moment. Begin a new phase in your relationship under this New Moon. Realign your collaboration to new priorities. Make an important choice. Support each other.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Tonight's transformational New Moon launches a new phase in service, work and health. With power comes responsibility. Listen to your heart. Nurture your body, mind and spirit. Let go of an old habit.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — Start fresh. Advance to the next level. Begin a family, fun and passion phase. Complete one game and begin anew with this New Moon in Taurus. A romantic relationship transforms. It's all for love.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Today is a 7 — One domestic phase closes as another begins under this Taurus New Moon. Complete the past and invent new possibilities for your family. Adapt your home to suit. Welcome new beginnings together.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** — Today is an 8 — Complete old projects and launch new creative works with this New Moon. Begin a new communications phase, including research, broadcasting, writing, recording and publishing. Make an intellectual discovery and share it.

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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## News



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Single men and women gather at Lin's Wonderland Tearoom in the City of Industry, Calif., for an event sponsored by the Chinese-language dating site 2RedBeans.

## Parallel Chinese-language internet helps immigrants navigate life in the United States

By Frank Shyong  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES—When Grace Hui moved to Los Angeles from China in 2014 and Googled the Chinese characters for “Los Angeles immigrant,” the first result was Chineseinla.com.

The Chino Hills-based website, a disorganized Yelp-meets-Craigslist hybrid, was a throwback, and Hui, 29, thought some of the posts were phishing scams.

But with more than 680,000 listings, more than 350,000 registered users, 2 million monthly visits and sister sites in 15 cities, Chineseinla.com has become a teeming virtual portal to Chinese life in America. It's one of the only ways that Hui could connect to a country she couldn't understand.

“American Internet is useless to me,” said Hui, who used Chineseinla.com to look for a job. “My English isn't good enough to get the information I need.”

In the San Gabriel Valley and in Chinese enclaves across the nation, a new wave of Chinese immigrants — many of them affluent students with poor English skills and a smartphone habit — are tapping into a parallel system of Chinese-language apps and websites geared toward helping them navigate life in America.

For restaurant recommendations, there's Chihuo, a Chinese food-centric Yelp or Zagat. 2RedBeans, the Chinese OkCupid, helps Chinese speakers find love. They travel with ETACar, a Chinese version of Uber, and order food with ToGo626.com, a delivery app that works with about 400 restaurants, most of which are in the Chinese neighborhoods of the San Gabriel Valley.

The growth of these websites are a side effect of a stubborn reality: The language and cultural barriers that new immigrants face extend onto the Internet.

As unprecedented numbers of Chinese people arrive in Los Angeles searching for prosperity and an escape from China's problems, they find themselves in an alternate version of the city — a Los Angeles where the best restaurants are in San Gabriel, the most capable doctors are in Monterey Park, and Arcadia is the hottest real estate destination in California.

Chineseinla.com, launched in 2006, is one of the oldest parts of the Chinese-language Internet, according to founder Zach Song. It began as a Wikipedia-style collection of knowledge that Song hoped would help new immigrants combat the feeling of helplessness he and his wife felt when they first came from Shanghai in 2003.

“We wanted to this to be a community,” Song said in Mandarin.

The website's users eventually grew more interested in selling things, so he redesigned the website to function like Craigslist and include business listings and reviews like Yelp. As online advertising became their main source of revenue, he incorporated Chinese-language news posts and discussion forums to draw traffic.

Nowadays, the website looks like an exploded phone book. Information must be extracted jenga-style from a colorful blinking tower of dozens of different ads for things such as luxury car rentals, travel agencies, tutoring services and birth hotels.

Song acknowledged that the design is chaotic. But the site is profitable, he said. Traffic has grown steadily as the county's

Chinese population and tourism levels rise.

More than half of Los Angeles County's Chinese population speaks limited English, according to the American Community Survey, and a larger, temporary population of Chinese students, tourists, and travelers has even fewer English skills.

For companies such as ETACar, the language barrier means profits. The Chinese-language ride-hailing app, largely similar to services like Uber and Lyft, launched in 2014 and now has about 400 drivers throughout North America, with about 300 in Los Angeles, mainly serving the San Gabriel Valley.

Co-founder Xiaotian Liu said he and his investors launched the company after bad experiences with American ride-hailing services on a recent trip.

Uber and Lyft drivers failed to locate Chinese restaurants squirreled away in massive strip malls whose signage was primarily in Chinese, and oftentimes they couldn't communicate with the driver.

The language barrier that Chinese immigrants face also prevents American businesses from reaching them. For example, ToGo626.com offers delivery from about 400 mostly Chinese restaurants — fewer than 10 of which are listed on American food delivery apps such as Postmates and Eat24, said co-founder Mac Xu. The app has been downloaded 20,000 times since it was created last year and the company processes about 200 orders every day with a staff of about 40 drivers, he says.

One of the biggest shortcomings of the English-language Internet, many say, is how sites evaluate Chinese food.

Dai Ho, a noodle restaurant in Temple City, has 3.5 stars on

review site Yelp, typical for a cash-only Chinese restaurant in the San Gabriel Valley that lacks service, variety or amenities. But the noodles, hand-pulled and made fresh in limited quantities each day, are revelatory, said Amy Duan, the founder of Chihuo, a Chinese food community. Her app lists it as one of the best Chinese restaurants in Los Angeles.

“We always saw five-star rated restaurants that aren't very good, and three-star restaurants where the food is fantastic,” Duan said.

At Chihuo.com's offices in El Monte, an illustrated map displays a distorted projection of Los Angeles based on Chinese food preferences. The San Gabriel Valley takes up two-thirds of the map, Torrance is featured more prominently than Long Beach, and South and East Los Angeles aren't depicted at all.

About 10 employees lean over laptops and smartphones in a small office strewn with jars of hot sauce, a large plush broccoli stalk and a half-eaten Hong Kong waffle in a paper boat. A Chinese adage adorns a break room wall: hao hao chi fan, ya dao yi qie, or “Eat well, overcome anything.”

Duan and a group of Chinese students at USC launched Chihuo four years ago after their dining club's social media posts became popular. Today their account has more 400,000 combined followers on Wechat and Weibo, a Chinese Twitter service (on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter combined), they have fewer than 5,000. Their Web traffic doubled last year.

Their audience, Duan said, is Chinese people who are intensely specific about Chinese food. They want to know if a spicy dish has ma la (numbing heat), xin la

(pungent heat) or suan la (sour heat), and whether the noodles are hand-pulled or knife-shaved.

“We needed a platform or a place where people could discuss food in Chinese,” Duan said. “We provide a perspective based on Chinese people's tastes.”

Specific Chinese tastes also spurred the creation of dating website 2RedBeans, said founder Qing Hua Zhao.

The site, named for the red bean that symbolizes love in Chinese culture, has more than 690,000 users across the U.S. and in China, and about 70,000 of them are in Los Angeles.

Zhao founded the site in 2011 after years of bad experiences with eHarmony, OkCupid and Match.com.

She speaks perfect English and she's open to dating some-

one who isn't Chinese, but finding someone who wanted a serious relationship and shared her values was like “finding a needle in a haystack.”

It's not just a language barrier fueling the Chinese-centric sites' popularity, Zhao said. Newer singles sites such as Tinder and Bumble, swipe-style dating apps, are often too forward and casual for Chinese users, she says.

Chinese singles tend to be shy, Zhao said. 2RedBeans caters to that with several nonverbal ways to interact. Users can wink at, favorite or secretly admire other users. If both people admire each other secretly, the app matches you. 2RedBeans also regularly hosts dating events where staffers help Chinese singles socialize.

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# News

## Transitioning into a greener campus

*Sustainability Office managing energy infrastructure*

**By Nolan Baumeister**  
Practicum contributor

Students employees and staff at the Sustainability Office for OSU help transition the university into being a more environmentally conscious campus through programs and outreach.

The operations that the Sustainability Office conducts include managing and monitoring different facets of OSU infrastructure including energy, construction, natural features, recycling and even University Housing and Dining Services.

The goal of the monitoring and management is to streamline the systems and programs at OSU and make them more sustainable and reduce environmental impact by reducing carbon emissions.

Energy is one of the main focuses of the Sustainability Office, "we have the ability to measure sustainability more now than we did in the past," said Brandon Trelstad, the main sustainability coordinator at OSU.

The Sustainability Office employees run the electrical monitoring system for the entire campus examining the energy usage of campus systems and buildings. According to Trelstad, they physically examine around 250 physical meters a month and receive data from around 100 more.

This data allows the team to assess power use on campus and allows for optimization of power. A large amount of the power usage is from heating produced



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Sarah Chaney a senior psychology major (Left) Digital Media and Outreach student, and Brandon Trelstad (Right) Sustainability Coordinator.

by the steam tunnels that run under the campus.

This data contributes to many improvement plans across campus that help improve the efficiency which leads to greater sustainability. The upcoming project this data contributed to was improvements of Nash Hall.

"We're going to do what they call a retrocommissioning project, basically a tune up of the heating and cooling controls, probably this summer," Trelstad said, "it's based on the data collected from the meters."

The Sustainability Office helped contribute to the construction of the solar panel array west of campus in 2013.

Beyond managing infrastructure and assessment, a large part of the Sustainability Office is reaching out to students and the people of Corvallis to help to reduce their environmental footprint.

"Not a lot of people know about us or what we do," said Sarah Chaney, the Digital Media and Outreach student employee at the Sustainability Office. "in terms of outreach we let students know that there are simple things we can do to help work towards sustainability."

The Sustainability Office works with many other student organizations that manage other aspects of sustainability at OSU to increase the reach of their message, these groups include Campus Recycling, the Student Sustainability Initiative and the OSU Energy Efficiency Center.

Examples of the outreach pro-

grams that Sustainability Office has helped coordinate include the Eco2Go reusable food containers available at dining halls, the annual recycling competition between residence halls called RecycleMania and just recently the Mug Shots Coffee Giveaway that rewarded those who use reusable coffee cups.

The Sustainability Office was created in 2005 and consisted of a single sustainability coordinator. Since then the office has expanded as conservation efforts have grown nationwide.

OSU ranked 38 of "50 Top Green Schools" in the 2015 edition of The Princeton Review Guide to 353 Green Colleges. It was noted for its transportation alternatives and sustainability focused degrees.

Student involvement has been growing as well, "every year the incoming group of students cares about sustainability more than the previous," Trelstad said, "there is more and more demand for our time and the things that we do."

There is no specific major requirement for getting involved in the sustainability effort at Oregon State "it used to be environmental science and environmental engineers, now all disciplines seem to touch the sustainability sphere somehow, and that is what we want."

If any student currently living on the OSU campus wants to contribute to the sustainability effort for the month of May, there is a race between several residence halls to reduce power put on by the Sustainability Office.

Sackett, West, Poling, McNary and Wilson will compete to see who can reduce energy usage the most for the month, whoever reduces energy usage by the most will be rewarded a special prize

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Student Sustainability Initiative focusing on holding OSU accountable for environmental decisions.

## Looking for 'holistic sustainability'

*Student organization aims to promoting sustainability on campus*

**By Jordan Taphouse**  
Practicum Contributor

Working with students to achieve a greener campus, the Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI) is a mostly student-run organization whose staff collaborates to find ways to focus funds into the sustainability effort.

SSI is funded by student fees and is run by students, according to faculty advisor for SSI Jen Christion-Myers.

"We look at holistic sustainability - we look at it not only as environmentalism, but environmental health and wellness, social justice and economic justice as well," said SSI faculty advisor Jen Christion Myers.

SSI works closely with the OSU Sustainability Office, however SSI focuses more on a sustainability model and getting students directly involved.

Currently, the SSI has three ongoing initiatives, according to Christion-Myers.

One of these initiatives is a push toward making OSU "Climate Neutral" by 2025.

"We're working closely with the OSU Policy Analysis Lab, and they've been working closely with the OSU Sustainability Office to redraft the institutional climate plan," Christion-Myers said, "We're going to be the outreach and engagement hub of that effort once it's ready to launch, and raising awareness about climate change in general."

"(Climate Neutral) 2025 really started last year, to hold Oregon State's administration accountable to what the administration said in 2007, where basically the university said they wanted to be carbon neutral by 2025," said environmental science junior Carter Frantz-Geddes.

According to Frantz-Geddes, in 2015 the initiative was not very far along.

SSI is working with individual colleges to form a plan for the future, according to Frantz-Geddes, in order to get closer to carbon neutrality.

"One of the issues with how we're set up, is that we can only spend our money to upgrade buildings that are student fee funded," Frantz-

Geddes said. "(Climate Neutral 2025) is pivoting toward outreach and engagement on the climate plan."

The climate plan is likely to be unveiled early next year, according to Frantz-Geddes.

In an effort to get students interested in renewable energy, SSI will be taking 25 students to Bonneville Dam later this month. The purpose of this trip is to show the pros and cons of hydropower.

SSI will be partnering with the Native American Longhouse to open a dialogue about the consequences of building dams.

Another of the ongoing initiatives of SSI is called "Growing Food Security (GFS)," according to ecological engineering junior Micco Emeson.

GFS works with students to provide and grow food for the food pantry, as well as provide cooking classes and education about self-sufficiency and sustainability.

Members of the SSI also take part in what they call "work parties," a gathering of students working to accomplish a goal, they are currently working on making an accessible garden on campus.

"We'll be putting together a raised bed. There are some strawberries and raspberries there currently, so we'll have to dig them up, and move them so that we can install the trellis and raised bed, then replant them," Emeson said.

The raised bed will be part of the third work party, according to Emeson. The first work party focused on installing an accessible pathway through the garden, and the second focused on planting the space.

The third ongoing initiative is the Living Lab, according to Christion Myers.

"The idea is that the campus is the perfect opportunity for the students to try out innovative ideas to create sustainable communities," Christion Myers said. "There's tons of bright minds here thinking about how to better the world, so let's use our campus as a laboratory testing ground for innovative ideas."

One of the focuses of the initiative is creating a focus on clean tap water and using reusable water bottles in order to reduce waste, according to Christion-Myers.

"Basically, Living Lab is trying to make sustainability more visible on campus, and offer opportunities to engage," Christion-Myers said.

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## Sports



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The Oregon State Beavers find themselves back in the national rankings, last week they went from 27 to 23 in the nation, with just two Pac-12 series left.

# Beavs take Tucson

By Josh Worden  
Senior Beat Reporter

The Oregon State softball team didn't even need to play a game this weekend to improve its NCAA RPI rankings.

Even with the bye week, the Beavers jumped from No. 27 to No. 23 in the national rankings, meaning OSU is in even better position now with just two Pac-12 series left to make the NCAA Tournament and improve its seeding.

First, OSU travels to Tucson this weekend to face No. 18 Arizona in a three-game series that starts Friday at 5 p.m.

OSU junior first baseman Natalie Hampton still vividly remembers playing Arizona her freshman year.

She helped the Beavers sweep the Wildcats in Corvallis three years ago, winning all three games by a 2-1 score. Since then, the Wildcats have won all six games against OSU by a combined 74-10 score, but Hampton isn't worried about this weekend's series.

"Arizona's not the team they used to be, and even when they were the team they used to be, we swept them," she said. "They're definitely beatable, and this group of girls can do a lot of damage against them."

The series is OSU's last of the regular season on the road, ahead of only the homestand against Arizona State the following weekend.

At 27-16-1 on the season, OSU is on pace to make the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2013. The Beavers have just six games left in the regular season, and the NCAA Regionals start

May 20.

"To be honest, I don't think a lot of the girls know that this is our last road trip," Hampton said. "We just kind've play and take one weekend at a time. I think we're going to be ready."

"We want to put ourselves in the best position to go postseason," added freshman catcher Kayleen Shafer. "Every pitch and every inning is a fight for the postseason."

OSU head coach Laura Berg has plenty of familiarity with Arizona and the Wildcats' coaching staff. Arizona head coach Mike Candrea was the head coach for the USA National Softball Team in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games. Berg starred on both of those teams, earning gold and silver medals, respectively, with Candrea at the helm. Candrea is no novice to collegiate softball, either; he's in his 31st year with the Wildcats with eight NCAA Championships to his name.

"Playing for Candrea, I know exactly what to expect: speed and power," Berg said. "We're going to have to play very quick defensively, because they're fast."

Berg and the Beavers have still "watched a lot of film" of the Wildcats, especially since OSU didn't have any other games to prepare for this weekend with the bye week.

Also, the Beavers have altered their preparation specifically for Arizona's pitchers, Danielle O'Toole and Nancy Bowling, who are both left handed. Coach Berg, who is a lefty herself, has handled a higher amount of the pitching duties during batting practice sessions

this week.

Presidential Prank

Speaking of the 2008 Olympic Games and Candrea, one of coach Berg's most notable practical jokes comes from Beijing that year with coach Candrea looking on.

Berg was playing center field for the USA National Softball Team and the team met then-President George W. Bush during a practice.

"We were warming up, getting ready and his entourage shows up," Berg said. "They bring all of us together and he's there talking to us. Then he goes down the line and starts shaking everybody's hand. He started on the other side of where I was standing, so I walked over, got some chalk on my hand and went back to my spot. When it came to my turn, I shook his hand and brought him closer to me for a semi-handshake, and that's when I put the handprint on his back. I told my teammate I was going to do it, and she was like, 'You're not going to do it.' I'm like, 'Oh yes, I'm going to do it. When am I ever going to have the opportunity to do this again?' So I saw the opportunity and I took it."

It took President Bush a moment to realize the practical joke Berg had pulled, but in the end, he handled the prank with a laugh.

"First he didn't know, and then one of my teammates told him and said 'You got Bergied! That's my nickname: Bergie,'" coach Berg said. "He laughed it off. He had a great sense of humor about it, took a picture with me and had a great time."

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Freshmen catcher Kayleen Shafer against Washington.w

## The Bottom Line

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Deven Hunter  
@DevenHunter32

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# 46

OSU guard Gary Payton II's rank in the NBA Draft according to ESPN analyst Chad Ford.

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W. Track	5/6 @ Oregon Twilight
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Baseball	5/6-5/8 @ Arizona



## Sports

## Beaver's breakdown



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No. 2 Freshmen infielder Cadyn Grenier and no. 28 junior outfielder Kyle Nobach celebrate after scoring two runs on May 3 against Seattle.

By Brain Rathbone  
Sports Contributor

## Three Games.

That's all that separates 10 of the 11 Pac-12 schools in the win column. One series could swing the fortunes in the favor of any number of the teams.

This is the biggest Pac-12 matchup of the week (narrowly beating out Washington at USC). A big step can be made to whichever teams wins the series. Oregon State gets a boost in their RPI rankings, while Arizona could find itself in the mix.

These two teams are nearly mirror-images of each other. Both teams are near the top of the conference offensively, middle of the pack in pitching and defense and both are coming in with an above .500 record over the past 10 games.

To say this series is important is an understatement. Pecking order in the Pac-12 standings and hosting a regional in the NCAA tournament are at stake in the three-game series between the Beavers and Wildcats.

Let's break the series down.

## Oregon State hitting vs. Arizona Pitching:

Oregon State's hitting is struggling right now. Outside of scoring 11 runs in a game against Stanford on Sunday, the Beavers are averaging two runs over their past four games. Stanford does have an impressive pitching staff, but that's not going to be the only quality pitching staff that they will face.

Freshman second basemen Nick Madrigal extended his hitting streak to 12 games on Tuesday against Seattle. Sophomore left fielder Christian Donahue continues to swing a hot bat, junior catcher Logan Ice continues to come up with clutch hits and sophomore first basemen KJ Harrison hit two dingers in the series against Stanford.

The Beavers will go against a pitching rotation with upside. Nathan Bannister is their workhorse. He leads the team in innings pitched (79 2/3) strikeouts (60) and has a ERA of 2.94 while opposing batters hit .204 against him.

Their rotation also has JC Cloney, who like Bannister, also has a ERA below 3.0. With Bobby

Dalbec, who leads the team with eight wins and has a team low 2.78 ERA coming out of the bullpen, the Wildcat pitching staff could give Beaver batters fits.

Advantage: Oregon State. Players have been hitting the ball hard for the Beavers, there are a couple players who are due for a big day in the batter's box.

## Arizona hitting vs. Oregon State pitching:

The top of the lineup for the Wildcats is potent.

Cody Ramer and Zach Gibbons have combined for 63 hits during Pac-12 play. Gibbons is batting over .400 through 20 Pac-12 games.

Arizona is a team that gets a lot of hits, but don't track in the extra base hits. For a team that leads the league in hits, only 24 percent of them have gone for extra bases during conference play. (Roughly 31 percent of OSU's hits during conference play have been for extra bases.)

Senior Travis Eckert will be making his second career start against the Wildcats. Last season he allowed two runs on five hits in 7 1/3 innings of work.

Last week against a below average Stanford lineup, sophomore left-hander Luke Heimlich was slow out of the gate, allowing three of his six total earned runs in opening frame. If Oregon State can't get a better outing from him against Arizona, then the Beavers might be in trouble of dropping the series.

Advantage: Arizona.

## In the field:

Arizona only trails Stanford in the Pac-12, when it comes to fielding percentage. In 44 games, the Wildcats have only committed 35 errors, on the flip side, Oregon State has averaged over one error per game (46 errors in 41 games), but over the past 79 innings, the Beavers have only committed three errors.

Advantage: By the way they are playing at the moment, I'm giving Oregon State the slight edge.

## Home Field Advantage?:

It's pretty standard that the traveling teams in sports have a certain disadvantage that homes teams don't have. The disruption of a team's daily routine, spending hours in transportation, teams significantly play better when they are home.

But if there was ever a state where the Beaver would feel comfortable--it's Arizona. The Beavers have already played eight games in the Grand Canyon State this season, winning seven of them.

Advantage: Still Arizona. Beavers have played well in Arizona this year, but the competition hasn't been up to the level they are about to play this weekend.

## Coaching:

Last week Casey was the young buck in the

coaching matchup with Stanford, despite being at the helm at OSU since 1995. This week it's just the opposite. Arizona's head coach, Jay Johnson, is in his first season of holding that title.

This however is the not his first head coaching job. In two seasons as the head coach at Nevada, he lead his team to the school's only Mountain West title in 2015 where the Wolfpack went 41-15.

But let's be real here, Casey can still go up to Johnson and say "Jay, this is how a ring look," and show his three Pac-12 championship rings and two College World Series rings that he has had fitted for him the past decade.

Advantage: Gotta give the nod to Casey here. Johnson could be an up-and-coming coach in the conference, what he has accomplished in

just three years of being a head coach is really impressive.

## Series unfolds:

Luke Heimlich is the X-factor. If he pitches the way he did against Stanford last week, then the Beavers may be in trouble. If he pitches the way he did on the road at Utah the week before that, then I like the Beavers chances.

With both teams are so evenly matched, I don't see a sweep happening for either team. This might come down to who can make the winning plays in a close matchup. Recently Oregon State has been doing those things. I'm taking the Beavers to win this series 2-1, putting them in the driver's seat for the Pac-12 crown.

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## Forum

YEAS  
NAYS

**YEA** to seniors being one step closer to graduation. Can't believe we're already done with week six.

**NAY** to the impending doom many of us will face in the form of student loans.

**YEA** to a seemingly recovering economy that could (hopefully) help us out with loan problems.

**YEA** to noodle cups, instant ramen and other 30 cent "please feed me" remedies.

**YEA** to the triumphant return of the sun.

**NAY** to how persistent our winter weather seems to be this year. Keep calm, Oregon.

**YEA** to an interesting election that will clearly change our political system as we know it. Our overall options are starting to look a little grim, but it could be a lot worse ... right?

**NAY** to Donald Trump's racism and blow-hard attitude. Seriously, this would be a lot more encouraging if the man didn't base his entire campaign around violence as a potential solution.

**NAY** to the struggle of finding housing and roommates for next school year.

**NAY** to the cultural appropriation prevalent in many Cinco de Mayo celebrations. And also hangovers.

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## Plan out your classes



By Jackie Keating  
Forum contributor

As surprising as it seems, we have reached the end of week six of the term, and now it's time to start preparing your fall term schedule. Registration can be stressful, but it doesn't have to be. I've laid out some tips to help make your experience as stress-free as possible.

**Schedule a meeting with your advisor as soon as possible:**

You may be tempted as your registration date looms to simply skip meeting with your academic advisor this term. I mean, you can see your MyDegrees checklist and know what you need to take, right? It can be easy to slip into this mindset, but remember that it is your academic advisor's job to make sure you're on track to graduate. They may be able to tell you classes you might be interested in that could fill a requirement you'd missed, or let you know what professor you should have for a certain class. Also, your advisor has your registration PIN. It is in your best interests for a number of reasons to set up an appointment with him or her, and to do

Find someone who has taken the class you're considering.

it sooner rather than later, as time slots fill up.

**Figure out which class to register for first:**

The handy-dandy OSU course catalog tells you how many students are allowed to register for a class before it closes, so you can tell whether a class is going to fill up quickly (25-person-limit) or more slowly (299-student-limit). Therefore, you can order the classes you're going to want to register for first based on how many seats are available. This will matter less the more credits you have and the more seniority you gain, but it is still a handy tool to make sure you're not spending time registering for a huge class when the smaller one or the one with greater demand is filling up.

**Talk to peers who have taken a certain class before:**

Sometimes, especially when looking at bacc core options, it's hard to tell from a brief course description whether you're going to find a class interesting and useful to your studies, or boring and a waste of your time and tuition dollars. Therefore, find someone who has taken the class you're considering before. They might be able to tell you whether

you should sign up, and may point you to a certain professor whom they found inspirational or helpful. If you don't know anyone who has taken a class personally, you can log onto RateMyProfessors.com, which has loads of feedback on many professors and classes. This can be really helpful in choosing classes, but don't always take it too close to heart—some reviews can sound like a bitter person who's irritated that they didn't receive an A for their minimal effort.

**Remember that in the end it all comes down to you:**

Oftentimes when registration comes around, the people around you may voice their opinions about what classes you should be taking. Whether it's a family member who is trying to relive their college days through you, or a friend or significant other who's trying to get you to take a class they're registered for, there can be a lot of outside noise. Just remember that you are the one who is going to be paying for and doing the work for the class for ten weeks, so really the choice is yours. If the class your friend is in sounds interesting, great! But don't register for a class you're going to end up hating (unless it's a required course, in which case best of luck to you). In the end, your college curriculum should be designed around you and your studies and interests.

Now go forth and start designing those schedules.

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## Local game devs design with passion

By Luke Van Hoomisen  
SplitScreen, KBVR TV

Patrick Manhattan is the mastermind and lead designer behind his very own independent game, "Arcbruiser." "Arcbruiser" is a third person shooter where you and your friends pilot giant mechanized war machines to take on an a massive onslaught of other robots.

"Initially I just wanted to make a satisfying shooter/hack-and-slash game," said Manhattan. "I wanted to see what I could do with a game with one hit kills and an interface that facilitated a faster pace than what you get with traditional shooter controls. After the gameplay was satisfying I felt it needed some context so I started thinking about stories you could tell with those mechanics. It became a fast paced cooperative narrative game."

The emphasis on multiplayer co-op in "Arcbruiser" makes it an ideal choice to be showcased on the "Split Screen" program. This game provides a chance for multiple players to band together on their tour of metallic annihilation.

"Co-op fit really well given the horde like nature of facing hundreds of enemies at once," said Manhattan.

"Arcbruiser" is the first independent game made in Corvallis to be on "Split Screen." If you aren't able to play alongside three other friends there is still a viable way to play the game

"Right now we're prototyp-

ing it with four pre-designed playable characters." said Manhattan. "If there are less than four players the remaining characters are controlled by the AI."

There's also a narrative piece to this game to fit in with the four player team based gameplay providing intricate stories and realistic characters for players to experience together.

"Having fixed characters front and center that we know will always be there gives us a lot of freedom to develop their relationships with each other, their backgrounds, and the changes they go through during the course of the game," said Manhattan "It's a handcrafted approach that has some benefits over non-linearity, though I think both methods are valid."

Brian Gilmore, level designer and writer for the game, divulged that the game features characters who all share a common goal of truth and justice but unwittingly cause a civil war.

"Our main goal is to make our levels be impactful," said Gilmore. "Not just by having cool things happen in interesting settings, but also in terms of how they will affect our characters, and through those characters, our players."

The main inspiration for the title "Arcbruiser" stems from a musketeer influence and personal preference on Patrick's part.

"It's a misreading of the word Arquebusier, which was someone who wielded an arquebus, a musket used during the renaissance," said Manhattan.



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Manhattan's team is made up of individuals involved in the Corvallis and Eugene Game Developers groups as well as his next door neighbors who by sheer luck share his passion for game development.

"Two of them are my next door neighbors who happened to be game developers in what is one of the bigger coincidences of my life," said Manhattan. "The major thing that brings us together is that we love making games and we'd like to do it full time."

Gilmore's spoiler free synopsis of the game sets up intrigue for a world being torn apart with diverse characters.

"As their world erupts into chaos, our heroes must band

together to survive and hopefully protect the innocent people caught up in the revolution they've started," said Gilmore.

**Rechtstener Excitement Scale: It broke because it was too high / 10**

Want to see game play? Look for it week 7 when Patrick joins us on Split Screen's regular TV show Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. on KBVR-TV (Comcast 26). Also look for Split Screen Radio on 88.7 FM Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. Finally, look for us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay current with all things Split Screen.

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# A & E

## 'Mothers and Daughters' another Mother's Day disappointment

**Movie Review by  
Moira Macdonald**  
The Seattle Times

Just what did the moms of America do to deserve not only the "Mother's Day" movie, but now "Mothers and Daughters," a film that might have been rejected by the Lifetime channel for being too heavy-handed? Like the Garry Marshall film that opened last week, "Mothers and Daughters" is a glossy-looking assortment of interlocking stories, in which we learn important lessons like "mothers come in all shapes and sizes," and wonder why every character — even the ones who are financially struggling, physically ill or overwhelmingly busy — has truly spectacular hair.

At the film's center is Rigby Gray (Selma Blair), a photographer and Hip Single Manhattanite (you can practically see the capital letters on screen) who finds herself facing an unexpected pregnancy. Through her, we meet an assortment of other mothers and daughters: Beth (Courteney Cox), who's just revealed a bombshell secret to Becca (Christina Ricci); Gayle (Eva Amurri Martino), who argues about finances with her estranged mother Millie (Susan Sarandon); Layla (Alexandra Daniels), who argues about her future with her "Devil Wears Prada"-ish mother Nina (Sharon Stone); and Georgina (Mira Sorvino), a "haute couture bra collection" designer with a secret connection to another character that you'll figure out almost

instantly. Oh, there are some men in the film, too (including a fantasy OB/GYN!); they're quite interchangeable, and all nicely coiffed.

Because so few movies focus on stories about women, it's incredibly frustrating to see this strong cast drifting away on a tide of soap bubbles — there's no movie here, just scene after scene of melodramatic cliché. (It differs from "Mother's Day" primarily in that you see the low indie budget in every scene; all the characters live in dwellings that resemble a vacant home "staged" for sale.) Stone has a nice scene toward the end, where she manages to be both warm and wry, and it's a pleasure seeing real-life mother/daughter duo Martino and Sarandon spar in their one scene together, their matching brown eyes popping.

Otherwise, toss this one on the pile with "Mother's Day"; it will be, like its sister film, quickly forgotten.

**'MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS'**

1.5 out of 4 stars

Cast: Selma Blair, Courteney Cox, Christina Ricci, Sharon Stone, Mira Sorvino, Eva Amurri Martino, Alexandra Daniels, Susan Sarandon.

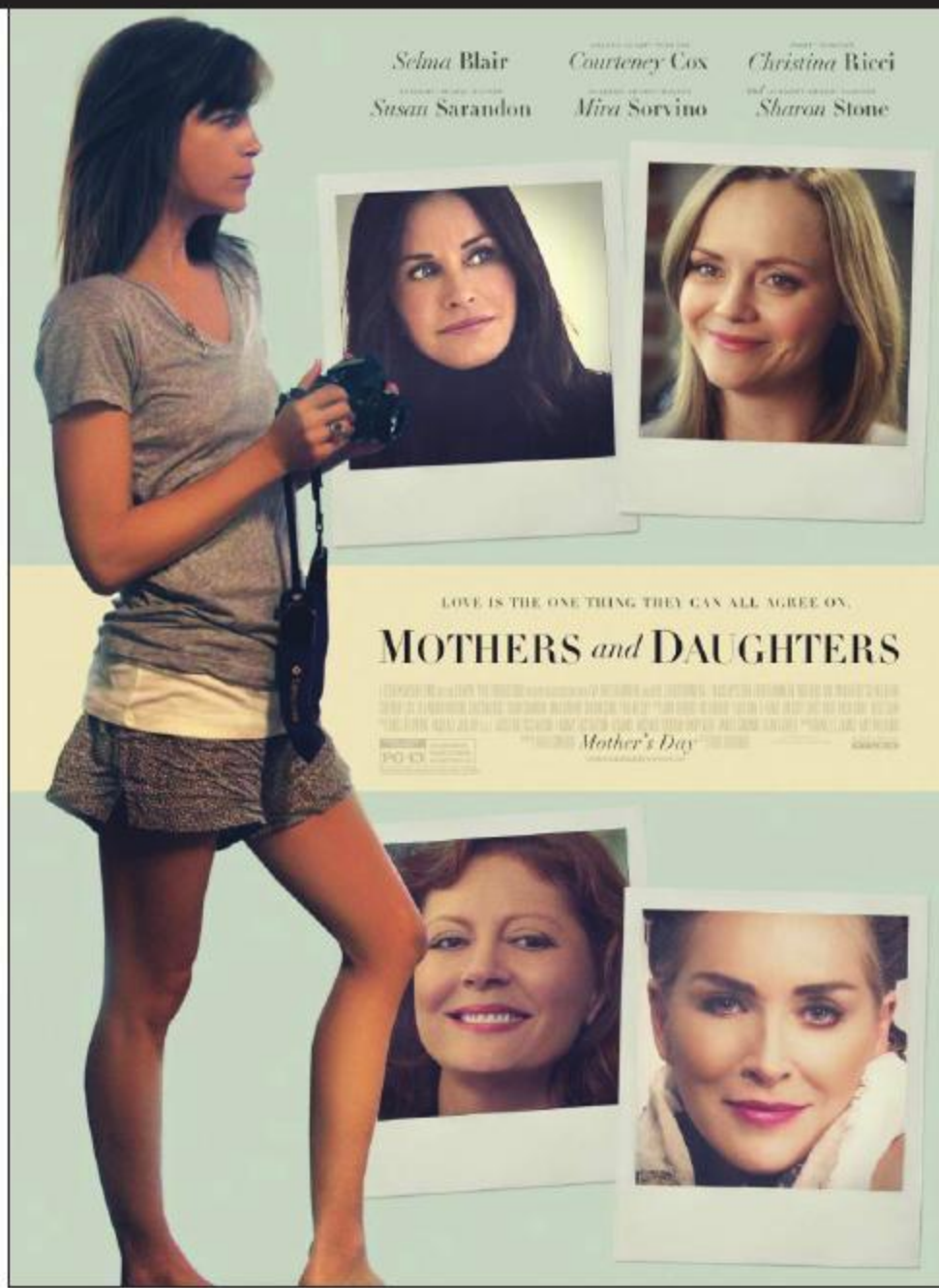
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