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BEaver Here Now is a free drop-in meditation session hosted by Counseling and Psychological Services. The benefits of meditation include stress reduction, better sleep, sharper concentration, anxiety management and happier relationships. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. This event is recurring every week Mondays through Thursdays through June.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Resume Basics

Noon to 1 p.m.

Kidder Hall room 128

Come to this workshop to discover formatting options, required and optional content, how to submit your resume, and what happens when the employer gets it. This event is hosted by the Career Development Center.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Nonprofit Opportunities Fair

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Memorial Union Ballroom

Meet representatives from over 50 local and national nonprofits and government organizations representing a wide variety of fields who are seeking OSU volunteers, interns, and employees. Network with people who share your interests and passions and learn more about the many opportunities available in the nonprofit and public service fields. Two breakout sessions will also be available before and after the fair where students can ask panelists currently working in the field questions.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

Nonprofit Opportunities Panels

10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m.

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These panels are part of the Nonprofit Opportunities Fair and cover topics of Animal Welfare & Environmental Conservation and Human Services & Youth Development.

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Memorial Union Horizon Room

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Oregon State student holding her small hooded rat named Gimli. Studies have shown that pets can have a positive effect on students' mental health. Read more about student pets on page 7.

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COVER: A graphic representing Oregon State University members which were recognized by the Lonnie B. Harris Cultural Center for their outstanding contributions to the black community. Photos by Logan Howell. Graphic by Zbigniew Sikora.

ASOSU expects increase in election turnout rate

Record number of graduate candidates file, some citing Andrew Oswalt as reason to run

By JOE WOLF
ASOSU Beat Reporter

With under 4,000 students, or 12.8 percent, voting in last year's Associated Students of Oregon State University election, the student government is working to increase turnout this year.

According to ASOSU Faculty Adviser Drew Desilet, over the past 10 years, the average turnout rate in ASOSU elections has been between eight and 12 percent, with a high of 15.1 percent in the spring of 2014 when amendments to the ASOSU constitution were on the ballot.

This year, the simultaneous recall and re-election bid of Andrew Oswalt, a member of the "alt-right," has brought more attention to the upcoming election. Even before the revelations surrounding the ASOSU graduate representative's white nationalist ideology, Chief Elections Officer and Vice President Radhika Shah was hoping for increased turnout. The organization has been advertising and planning the elections since fall.

"When there is political drama or turmoil, even in the federal level, we do tend to see more engagement and I do expect that to be the case with our elections as well," Shah said.

In addition to the number of students who vote in student government elections, the organization has also seen an increase in the number of students running for office. In particular, the number of graduate students who filed has surpassed previous years, according to Desilet.

"In my six election cycles here, this being the sixth, I have not personally seen more than four candidates for the five graduate representative seats," Desilet said. "This year's turmoil surrounding a graduate student representative has increased interest in people wanting to hold that position."

For one graduate student running, Erica Mercier, Oswalt's ideology was the impetus for her to seek election. If elected, the College Student Services Administration student would work to amplify the concerns of graduate students, such as lobbying for increased funding for GTA positions and greater access to child care.

"I believe in fighting for a campus which uplifts and supports students of color, undocumented students, immigrants, indigenous people, LGBTQIA communities, women, folks with disabilities, and other marginalized students," Mercier said in an email. "Oswalt's racist, white supremacist views are incompatible with a university which proclaims to value social justice, equity and inclusion."

Another graduate candidate, Dilushka Balapiti, did not know much about the

controversy surrounding Oswalt's views until after filing, according to the mechanical engineering student. Hoping to build connections between the graduate student body if elected, Balapiti is an international student who grew up in Sri Lanka.

"To us, color, religion, race or ethnicity doesn't matter because we bleed the same colored blood," Balapiti said via email. "When you grow up on an island you realize that by working together you can accomplish much more than by being divisive. In conclusion however, now that I am aware of the situation I would like to say that I am glad I am running because I think myself, and I believe all of the other candidates, do not agree with his views."

For most of the other positions, the number of candidates who filed is not far outside of the norm, according to Desilet. However, one area of note is the four available seats for at-large members of the Student Fee Committee, which no students are running for. The Judicial Council within ASOSU has clarified that a write-

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DREW DESILET
ASOSU Faculty Adviser

in candidate would need one-and-a-half percent of the total votes cast in order to be considered for the position. Once sworn in, the incoming ASOSU President could also choose nominees to fill the vacancies on the SFC, which would be subject to Senate approval.

According to Shah, she is not concerned that the body will be able to find students to fill those seats now that it is too late to file, but noted that it is a daunting position.

"It is also possible that with all of the drama going on with regards to the House of Representatives, more people were interested in running for those positions than the at-large seats," Shah said.

According to Shah, she is not concerned that the election as a whole will be overshadowed by the issue of white nationalism.

"Candidates have the potential to speak on other issues, and that will be given the same attention because tuition and textbook prices are always an issue that continues throughout the year," Shah said.

To learn more about the four tickets running for ASOSU president and vice president, see page 4.

Candidate Debate **This Week**
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Four tickets running for ASOSU president, vice president

Justin Bennett and Aiden Tariku

By JOE WOLF,
ASOSU Beat Reporter

Under the tagline "OSUnited," presidential candidate Justin Bennett and vice presidential candidate Aiden Tariku's four main platform planks are tuition affordability and fiscal responsibility, diversity and inclusion, transparency and mental health and wellness.

According to Bennett, he would like to continue to work with the Oregon legislature to ensure they take into account student voices, as well as attempt to increase communication between OSU students and the Board of Trustees, such as working to schedule meetings when students are available.

"If you bring each other down to the same level, you can actually have a real conversation," Bennett said.

According to Tariku, the ticket wants to audit student fee-funded units to ensure students dollars are being spent effectively, as well as increasing the diversity of the SFC itself.

"I want students to know they can come to us with any issue, no matter how big or small," Tariku said. "We want to try and follow as much as we do lead. And by follow, we mean listen. The legislation and policies we work on should be reflective of their demands."

According to Bennett, he spent his early time in college trying to find ways to get involved. His first experience with ASOSU was phone banking, which led to running for Senate and ultimately his current

role as the executive branch director of government relations. This Cabinet position manages ASOSU's lobbying efforts at the state and federal level. Learning about ASOSU at START, for Bennett, the position of president in particular is the best way to enact change on campus.

"I feel like I have come full circle, I'd like to think someone at START can look at me and have that same thought, 'I can do that someday.'"

According to Tariku, this year as a senator he has

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AIDEN TARIKU
ASOSU Vice Presidential
Candidate

enjoyed the variety of legislation being discussed.

"Coming into ASOSU is macro-level leadership affecting more than just yourself or your immediate surroundings," Tariku said. "Also every person that I have met through Senate has been really cool and down to earth."

According to Bennett, his time in student government has given him insight into campus issues at the student, administrative and legislative levels.



COURTESY OF AIDEN TARIKU

Justin Bennett (left) and Aiden Tariku (right) are running for ASOSU president and vice president respectively.

"As president, it is not something you can do alone," Bennett said. "I understand the responsibility of the position, that they are big shoes to fill, but I feel comfortable knowing I have support around me."

According to Tariku, he expects the Senate and elections to be his two biggest responsibilities. This year, he credited current Vice President and President of Senate Radhika Shah with keeping the chamber

informed, but wants to increase this communication by holding individual meetings with every senator every term.

"I'm the only person running who is currently in Senate," Tariku said. "No other candidate currently running would be making that smooth transition from senator to president of the Senate. From my first day in Senate, I have been observing the process."

Peter Halajian and Wyatt Swick



COURTESY OF PETER HALAJIAN

Wyatt Swick (left) is running for ASOSU vice president with running mate Peter Halajian (right), who is running for president.

By JOE WOLF,
ASOSU Beat Reporter

Running on the tagline "Building a Brighter Future," presidential hopeful Peter Halajian and his running mate Wyatt Swick want to promote a conservative and pragmatic approach to student government.

According to Halajian, he was interested in running for president last year, but did not have as deep of a knowledge of the organization. The current

Speaker of the House wants to help ASOSU do more to market itself to students, as well as look into updating the constitution.

"The first and foremost biggest thing for me is transparency and engagement," Halajian said. "I think people have heard of us, but I do not think a lot of people know all of what we do or why they should care."

Fiscal responsibility for this ticket is also key, according to Halajian. He would like to maintain current service levels for student fee-funded units, and not increase costs for students.

"As president, I can do a lot to bring more attention to the process," Halajian said. "I would like to get students more involved in the fee process. Ultimately, it is going to be up to the students themselves if they want to be involved in ASOSU."

For Halajian, his time as speaker, working on the

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ASOSU Presidential Candidate

student fee process, has given him the insight he would need as president to make the deciding vote on fee levels.

"People can rest assured that there will be a critical but fair eye watching the budget process," Halajian said.

According to Swick, his approach to managing the Senate would be making sure to observe before acting, whereas he sees Halajian as more outgoing. The vice presidential candidate and current member of the House also noted his upbringing in a liberal family while Halajian was raised conservative.

"We come at problems from different angles, but the solution nine times out of 10 is the same one," Swick said. "It does not matter whose idea it is, it just matters that we get it done."

Another one of the goals the pair hopes to accomplish is reforming ASOSU elections. The ticket would like to make it easier for candidates to campaign, such as working with University Housing and Dining Services and the university's administration to see what ways students can get their

messages out through fliers and other means without interfering with classes, according to Halajian.

"Also, raising the spending cap," Halajian said. "It is hard to budget \$300 when you are trying to reach thousands of students."

According to Halajian, his time in the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps has taught him how to be calm under pressure. The presidential hopeful has been a part of the efforts to potentially remove and now recall Andrew Oswalt, feeling that he has more experience than the other candidates.

"We are not so interested in doing the easier thing or the popular thing, we are interested in doing the right thing," Halajian said.



Use Snapchat or a QR code reader to see platform statements and biographies from this year's candidates.

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Zack Buhlmann and Darby Buhlmann

By JOE WOLF,
ASOSU Beat Reporter

The brother and sister ticket of Zack and Darby Buhlmann is running with the tagline "Stronger Together." According to Zack Buhlmann, the presidential candidate, many students feel intimidated or unable to talk with their representatives within student government, so the pair would like to maintain a constant presence of ASOSU members in the Student Experience Center lobby. The pair also seeks to continue holding town halls and get more input from students in general through polling.

"I have a lot of belief in the students of OSU," Zack Buhlmann said. "Our growth stems from not what we do, but why we do it."

Both the president and vice president participate in fraternity and sorority life, and would like to increase the input these organizations have in student government, while noting that they intend to represent all students, according to Zack Buhlmann, president of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Beyond his fraternity experience, Zack Buhlmann is the student chair of the Sports and Special Programs Committee, which oversees Recreational Sports and student sports clubs.

The ticket would consider expanding the SafeRide program to focus on student safety, and would also pursue paying student workers on a twice-a-month-basis. Before making final decisions, however, the pair would want to consult with students at-large and look at as much data as possible.

"I am not going to act rashly," Zack Buhlmann said. "It always comes back to communication, specifically for this position I have the patience and willingness to dedicate all the time it takes to reach the best decision possible."

Both Zack and Darby Buhlmann recognized that they may disagree at times, however the

siblings have always been close, according to Darby Buhlmann. She sees their candidacy as based on close communication and understanding.

"I think we are very action-oriented individuals and we are inspired by the people around us," Darby Buhlmann said. "That leads us to do our best to make what other people want happen, because that is what we were raised to do."

According to Darby Buhlmann, she is a clear

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ZACH BUHLMANN
ASOSU Presidential Candidate

communicator who takes in as many opinions as possible, which would be helpful as President of the Senate and Vice President.

"I am an honest person and I always own up to whatever mistakes I make and I am always very quick to correct them," Darby Buhlmann said. "I think that accountability is super important when it comes to the Senate as well as elections."

For Zack Buhlmann, his favorite experience as a representative in the House this year was joint session, where students in general were able to address the entire ASOSU Congress.

"There is a mild disconnect between student government and the students at OSU," Zack Buhlmann said. "We want the forum to be open and the conversations to be had."



COURTESY OF DARBY BUHLMANN

(Left to right) Siblings Zach and Darby Buhlmann are running for ASOSU President and Vice President respectively.



COURTESY OF BEN NZOWO

(Left to right) Jai McClean and Ben Nzowo are campaigning to be vice president and president, respectively, of ASOSU next year.

Ben Nzowo and Jai McClean

By JOE WOLF,
ASOSU Beat Reporter

"This is one of the things that really touches my heart, because I have a lot of friends and family in

Being in student government for two years, I realized if you wanted to make big changes you have to reach the top.

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ASOSU Presidential Candidate

Campaigning with the tagline, "One Beaver, One OSU," Ben Nzowo and Jai McClean would like to focus on what all students have in common.

According to Nzowo, a transfer student from Portland Community College, he was involved in student government at PCC and saw what he perceived as a disconnect between ASOSU and Diversity and Cultural Engagement. He originally found out about this university by attending conferences put on by the Association of College Unions International and the Oregon Students Association, where he met student leaders of color.

In the PCC student legislature, Nzowo had a hand in student fees, and feels this experience would set him up for success as ASOSU President.

"Being in student government for two years, I realized if you wanted to make big changes you have to reach the top," Nzowo said. "I don't make easy promises, I talk to a lot of people involved to make sure it can actually happen."

The presidential candidate would like to see different campus communities such as fraternity and sorority life, DCE and student clubs come together. Beyond building community, he also wants to focus on decreasing the cost of textbooks and access codes for online homework.

"I feel like there is a way to put pressure on the administration to put a new system in place," Nzowo said.

Nzowo would also like to do more for OSU students who are DACA recipients, including creating a DREAMER center to assist these students navigating legal issues. His goal would be to ensure these students feel welcome on campus.

that situation," Nzowo said.

Another issue the candidate would like to work on is decreasing the cost of student parking and increasing the number of parking spaces.

"We did it in PCC, so I'm pretty sure there is a way to work with administration and the Transportation Department to have more parking on campus," Nzowo said.

If elected, Nzowo would like to reform the ASOSU elections process to set aside funds for candidates, rather than forcing them to use their own money. He also sees student government having a role in providing oversight to ensure students are being treated and paid equally in on-campus jobs.

"Students should not have to come to ASOSU, their student government should be checking in on them," Nzowo said.

Nzowo's running mate Jai McClean declined a request from The Barometer to comment for this story.

On Feb. 8, Orange Media Network will be hosting these four pairs in a debate. Tune in at KBVR.com/watch at 5 p.m. and tweet **#ASOSUDebate** with any questions for the candidates for a chance to get your question answered by the tickets.

Andrew Oswalt released from jail, banned from OSU campus

University will monitor legal process to inform any future actions



COURTESY OF ANDY CRIFE, THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Andrew Oswalt was arraigned at the Benton County Courthouse on Wednesday, Jan. 31. He pleaded not guilty to his four charges.



COURTESY OF ANDY CRIFE, THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Senior Judge Carol Bispham presided over Oswalt's arraignment. Bispham granted the state of Oregon's requests that if Oswalt is released, all firearms in his possession are to be surrendered to law enforcement.

By THE BARO STAFF

Andrew Oswalt posted bail and was released from the Benton County Jail the afternoon of Feb. 2.

The Associated Students of Oregon State University graduate representative, who recently drew controversy for expressing white nationalist views, was indicted on Jan. 30 on two counts of intimidation in the first degree and two charges of criminal mischief in the third degree. Oswalt's charges are related to him allegedly placing racially-charged bumper stickers on cars in Corvallis on June 17.

According to the terms of his release, Oswalt is banned from the OSU campus, must surrender all firearms in his possession to the authorities and have no contact with any victims or witnesses in his case.

Although he is not allowed to come onto campus, Oswalt still remains a graduate representative in the student government's legislative branch.

Oswalt will face a recall vote in the general ASOSU election, beginning Feb. 12 and running through Feb. 16. In addition to the recall, Oswalt is also running again for the position he currently holds for the 2018-2019 year.

There are no specific ASOSU policies relating to members of the student government who are in jail, according to ASOSU Judicial Chair Josh Kaufman. As a state-funded organization, ASOSU would not be able to take action against Oswalt unless he is convicted of a crime or pleads guilty.

According to Steve Clark, OSU's vice president of University Relations and Marketing, exclusions of students from the university have occurred from time to time. Because of this, the university has procedures in place when handling students in legal trouble.

When you get someone who gets up and says things that are hateful and vile, somebody needs to take them on and challenge them—dare them to share the facts.

ED RAY
President of
Oregon State University

"OSU's immediate policy and practice is to cooperate with all investigations being conducted by law enforcement," Clark said via email. "Someone who is accused of a crime, cited or charged, and

lodged in jail for that alleged offense is allowed due process including a trial or proceeding with the court to determine their guilt."

According to Clark, it is up to a student who is in



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jail or charged with a crime to decide to withdraw from classes or not.

Clark was unable to comment if Oswalt still remains a student enrolled at OSU or if he is still a graduate teaching assistant within the Chemistry Department. However, he noted the university pays close attention to legal processes when students are involved.

"OSU would fully monitor that entire process—including the severity of charges, sentencing and any risks and impacts to the university and the OSU community—to inform any actions it may take," Clark said.

OSU's administration and President Ed Ray specifically have stated their opposition to Oswalt's discriminatory statements. The university has issued two all-students emails reaffirming OSU's values of inclusion and diversity.

When asked specifically about Oswalt's white nationalist views, Ray expressed his disapproval.

"So what I think of our friend in ASOSU is that he no doubt is sincere, he's no doubt enthusiastic; he is ignorant and the things he said are incredibly stupid," Ray said. "I will continue to speak out and continue to do everything I can to let people know here that that's not us. That's not who we are."

Ray stressed the importance in combating exclusionary views.

"When you get someone who gets up and says things that are hateful and vile, somebody needs to take them on and challenge them—dare them to share the facts," Ray said.



Use Snapchat or a QU reader to view The Baro's complete coverage of Andrew Oswalt.



MIRANDA GRACE CROWELL | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK

(ABOVE) Jessica Howard shows off her pet rat, Gimli. (BELOW) Megan Duke's tarantula Banjo crawls from a mug.

Owning pets may cause positive mental health effects

UHDS guidelines allow service, support animals in residence halls

By **CALEB CHANDLER,**
News Contributor

Pets can be a unique addition to a student's life. Their warm presence and feeling of friendship make many enjoy the care of animals. From dogs and cats, to smaller rodents like hamsters and guinea pigs, there is a diverse pool of animals that can be had.

Jessica Howard is a senior majoring in psychology at Oregon State University. Her pet is a rat named Gimli,

which she picked up after hearing of their smart, clean and social abilities, opposite to what many first think.

"I like having a pet because I enjoy the

companionship that a pet brings", Howard said via email. "He (Gimli) really is beneficial for moral support and my overall mental health. When I'm having a bad day and I come home to him and he's happy to see me, it really is the best feeling."

Megan Duke, a junior studying religion and French, is another student-pet owner, with a tarantula named Banjo.

"I'd been keeping smaller spiders for a few years before my friend's aunt offered me one of her baby tarantulas and I knew that I couldn't pass up the opportunity," Duke said over email. "They're very low maintenance and interesting to watch, especially when it's time to eat. The only trick Banjo has learned is how to scare the wits out of my roommates when she escapes," Duke added.

While at school, students can find themselves feeling overwhelmed with coursework and extracurriculars. Pets can offer students a way of feeling relieved from stress if they are in the presence of the animal, Howard informed from her experience.

"As a college student, I know that it can be difficult to find the time to go outside and enjoy yourself. Having animals in the house brings a little bit of nature inside and reminds you to relax and take a break between homework and exams. Even just watching a fish swim for a few minutes can lower your heart rate and calm you down," Howard said via email.

There has been research done showing that pets can have a positive impact on a mental health on humans, according to Holly Duvall, the student outreach assistant at the Counseling and Psychological Services at OSU.

"In terms of mental health, I know one reason that a lot of people get pets and enjoy having a pet is because it nurtures the loneliness aspect. Someone

that might feel lonely will get a pet and they have reported lots of signs of decreased loneliness. Another thing is it decreases stress levels," Duvall said.

Pets have also been known to enhance the social life of certain individuals, according to Duvall.

"There's also increased sociability because people who walk their dogs, a lot of people want to come pet their dogs or if you go to a dog park, people just interact on terms of their dogs, so people get more social interaction," Duvall said.

Cory Zimmerman, a senior and interior design major, said his cat, named Riley, has made him happier.

"He (Riley) just adds so much personality to the house," Zimmerman said via email. "Without him, I'd probably just sit quietly and do nothing a lot of the time but he's such a silly animal that I'm always playing with him or talking to him or chasing him around. He's definitely made me much happier as a person."

Because animals have been shown to destress some people, CAPS offers an event during dead week and finals week called Paws to Destress. The event takes place at the Valley Library.

"CAPS hosts the Paws to Destress event because there has been a lot of research about how dogs can decrease stress levels," Duvall said. "Basically people can just walk in, pet therapy dogs for a couple minutes then are able to walk out. Most people do report, because we do a little survey, that their stress levels decrease. And because we have that data, that it's working, that's why we bring it back."

Paws to Destress is the most popular event put on by CAPS with about 250 students participating at each occasion just for the dogs, according to Duvall.

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Black History Month honors achievements, shares stories

OSU will host several campus events throughout February



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(TOP) (Left to right) Oregon State University faculty members Terrance Harris, Dorian Smith, Jamaal May, and Damoni Wright posing for a photo on stage at the Black Excellence Celebration. (BOTTOM) OSU graduate student Elizabeth Namagoba holding her Black Excellence Award.

By SYDNEY SULLIVAN,
News Contributor

"We can talk about black history 365 days a year, it's not just one month," said Terrance Harris, assistant director of the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center.

According to Harris, Black History Month is largely important because some students are unfamiliar with many black inventors, pioneers and other individuals.

"People have their opinions and thoughts of how things did come about into this country or even internationally," Harris said. "But this is the month that we take pride in, and we let it be know, that this is what we talk about. But again, it is not just consistent to February, we talk about it all year round."

Black History Month pays homage, remembers and draws attention to black individuals in history, because many will go through life never knowing that some of the greatest inventions in history were created by people who were black, according to Harris.

On Tuesday Jan. 29, the month kicked off with the Black Excellence Celebration, an event recognizing black faculty and staff who have gone out of their way to help the black community and the BCC. The staff recognized at this year's event were Dorian Smith, Jamar Bean, Jason Thomas, Micknai Arefaine, Elizabeth Namagoba and Shelley Moon.

From celebratory events like Black Excellence to

Roll Bounce Skate Night in Eugene, the month is full of engaging opportunities for everyone to participate in. Racheal Nakhabala, a student success peer facilitator for the BCC, will be holding an event called Black Mental Health, which she also led last year.

"While this is a month of celebration for sure, it's also a time of awareness not only for ourselves but for other people," Nakhabala said. "The reason why we even chose to do Black Mental Health is because, yes, we know mental health is an issue, however in the African-American community and in the African community, it is such a taboo topic. Nobody wants to talk about it."

The event was held for the first time last year, and according to Nakhabala, it received a lot of positive feedback. During last year's discussion, a standout topic was the importance of letting future generations know it's okay to let your guard down and ask for help.

According to Trenton Joiner, a student leadership liaison for the BCC, black mental health may be an issue because of all the injustices and problems black people have dealt with over the years.

"The motto for that is always, you have to put your head down and keep going and just deal with it," Joiner said. "And that's just sort of a large societal way of thinking that we've developed over generations."

As members of the BCC, each student leader has the opportunity to work with an affiliate organization, according to Nakhabala. These organizations include

the African Students Association, the Black Student Union, Black Graduate Student Association, National Society of Black Engineers, National Association of the Advancement of Color People, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

Each organization is given the chance to create their own event for Black History Month, according to Nakhabala. This year, many organizations have collaborated on their programming.

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Terrance Harris
Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center
Assistant Director

An additional student organization, called the Sisters of Color, began last spring, according to Nakhabala, who is a member of the organization. This year, Sisters of Color is organizing the visit of Tracy Drain, an African-American woman working at NASA in the top of her class. Drain's visit is meant to serve as inspiration to woman, especially women of color in STEM fields.

"Personally, myself, as well as a lot of ladies here on staff, we're all super aggressive in the sense of if we really want something, we get it," Nakhabala said.

"The guys also give us that platform to be able to speak and usually we are pretty much on the forefront so they really kind of push for us to be heard which is, I think, great."

According to Joiner, the ultimate goal of all of these events is to engage the community and to inform and educate the public. The United States was built on the backs of black people and people should always care about that history, Joiner added.

"A lot of people had to be tortured, a lot of people had to die, a lot of people had to work themselves to the bone, and people don't get recognition for that," Joiner said. "A lot of people don't even think about that and we're still struggling as a general people, we're still struggling to this day, going through a lot of the same things that we've fought for, for who knows how long."

February is a month which highlights and gives recognition to those who came before us and went through everything they did to allow the new generation to have the best opportunities possible, according to Joiner.

"To tell us that we all have to do the same, we have to work hard and we have to go through what we have to go through to make sure that down the line we're in an even better position than we are now," Joiner said. "Because in my personal opinion, right now is probably the best time in history to be a black person and we're still getting killed in the streets."

"The things that black people do should not only be considered or cared about by black people because they are the thing that helps everyone and should be recognized by everyone," Joiner said.

According to Harris, when people attend Black History Month events, rather than trying to offer something, they should instead attend to listen, learn and participate.

"Everything we're doing is centered in blackness, and there's no apology. We're unapologetically black for a purpose and a reason, and we are not getting ready to step away from that. That's who we are and we shouldn't have to provide an explanation for who we are."

Everyone involved with the OSU community should aim to learn something from Black History Month, according to Harris.

"They should come to an event, they should pick up a book, they should go to a discussion, they should take advantage and not just wait till February to do it," Harris said.



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(Left to right) OSU students and BCC employees Ghermanie Allen, Kayla Spears, Racheal Nakhabala, Amber Hill and Dominique Holman, who helped put on the Black Excellence Celebration.



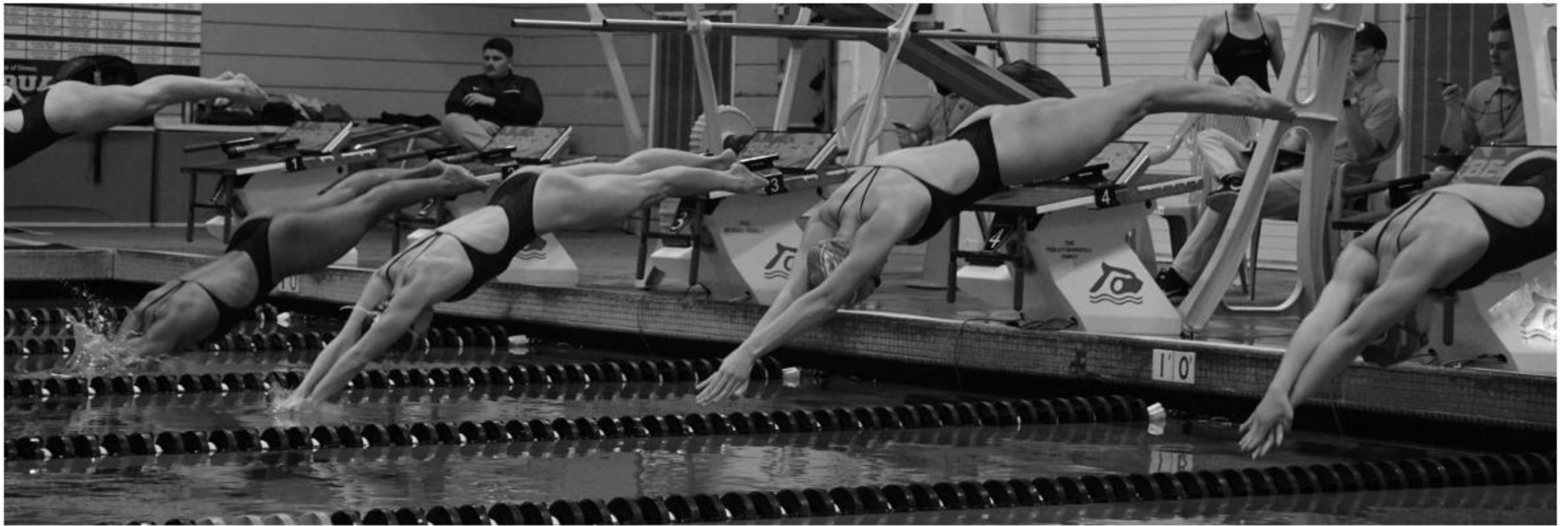
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(Left to right) OSU undergraduate students and BCC employees Torrey Hunter, Keyshawn Davis, Deric Ntirandekura, Terrance Harris, Trenton Joiner, Curtis Gaspard and Andrew Stewart posing for a picture.



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(Left to right) OSU faculty members Micknai Arefaine, Elizabeth Kaweesa, Shelley Moon, Jason Thomas, Jamar Bean and Dorian Smith were recognized for their work helping the black community and the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center.



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Swimmers dive into the Osborn Aquatic Center pool to race. Utah walked away from the meet with a 143-93 win for OSU's final regular season meet.

Swimming ends season with loss

Utah defeats Oregon State University, seniors, past alumni honored before swim meet

By EMMANUEL GOICOCHEA,
Sports Reporter

The Oregon State University swim team wrapped up their regular season with a loss on Saturday in a dual meet against Utah at the Osborn Aquatic Center. Utah took home the win with a score of 143-93.

Junior Arianna Letrari won OSU's first event of the day as she clocked in 2:02.56 in the 200 fly, beating Utah by less than a half-second. Letrari continued to impress with a top time of 57.12 in the 100 fly for her second win of the day and anchored the final leg of the 400 free relay that took second in scoring at 3:34.96.

Two OSU seniors, Emma Osowski and Noemie Midrez, were celebrated before the meet began, receiving flowers, cheers and hugs from teammates and family alike as a farewell from their time on the team.

Osowski took third in the 500 free at 5:26.10. She is a two-time selection to the Pac-12 All-Academic honorable mention team. She has also received top times for OSU at the Pac-12 Championships. The Valencia, Calif. native clocked a season best in the 200 free at 1:56.37 in at the 2014-15 championships as a freshman before setting another personal best in

the same event in the championships a year later. Osowski also posted a season best in the 500 free in 5:09.31 at the championships that same year.

Midrez, a two-time selection to the Pac-12 All-Academic first team, added a second-place scoring finish to the team, clocking in at 54.80 in the 100 free. Last year, she finished with a time of 1:54.19 in the 200 free. In the 2014-15 season, she gained her season best time of 5:05.00 in the 500 freestyle at the Pac-12 Championships.

Sophomore Felicia Anderson conquered a win for the Beavers in the 200 back at 2:03.26, a quarter-second faster than the second-place finisher. She took second in the 100 back in a time of 56:04, placing her mere milliseconds behind Utah Sophomore Sarah Lott.

The Beavers also took the early afternoon to honor OSU alumni Marcia Brown, by sharing personal sentiments and history to the crowd. Brown passed away Feb. 19, 2017, from leiomyosarcoma, a form of smooth muscle cancer. Brown competed for the Orange and Black from 1979-82 before graduating with a degree in speech communications.

OSU returns to the pool for the Pac-12 Championships starting on Wednesday Feb. 21 through Saturday Feb. 24th.



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(LEFT) Oregon State sophomore Merritt Allen competes in the 200 fly. (RIGHT) Oregon State and Utah swimmers position on the starting block.

Women's basketball falls to Stanford, turns around to defeat California



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(LEFT) Stanford forward Alyssa Jerome and Forward Kaylee Johnson block OSU guard Kat Tudor. (RIGHT) Guard Mikayla Pivec holds off Jerome.

By RILEY YOUNGMAN,
Web and Mobile Manager

It was a weekend of downs and ups for the Beaver women's basketball team. After dropping a close game to the No. 24 ranked Stanford in front of a home crowd Friday, OSU was able to bounce back Sunday with a victory over No. 25 Cal.

Trailing by one at the half, the Beavers were down by two to Cal with just 57 seconds remaining in the game. OSU had a chance to tie the game near the final buzzer but could not convert. Stanford took the win, 60-57.

OSU junior Katie McWilliams had 16 points on the night, going 4-for-9 from the arc and holding a 55 shooting percentage. Sophomore Mikayla Pivec scored 15 points and dished out eight assists.

The Beavers fell to the Cardinal in many categories, as they were outmatched in rebounds, turnovers and steals. OSU head coach Scott Rueck was unsatisfied with the outcome of the game.

"I thought Stanford came ready to play," said head coach Scott Rueck. "The difference in this game was rebounding and some key turnovers. Give Stanford credit for jumping passes at the right time. They earned the win."

The Beavers were able to hold the Cardinal to just 38.8 percent shooting from the floor, but ultimately Rueck felt the team should have done better.

"I saw them (Stanford) get 20 straight offensive rebounds," Rueck said. "You gotta give them credit for effort but come on, it's the Pac-12. In that area, I was disappointed."

The Beavers returned to Gill Coliseum Sunday afternoon to take on the California Golden Bears. The outcome of this game was quite different than their performance on Friday, however.

OSU, repping their pink jerseys to promote breast cancer awareness, brought home a 68-48 win against Cal. Center Marie Gulich pulled a double-double, scoring 20 points and bringing down 10 rebounds for the Beavers. Sophomore guard Mikayla Pivec secured 13 of the Beaver's 17 overall rebounds.

After the game, head coach Scott Rueck praised the team for their performance after losing to Stanford on Friday.

"I thought this was a great bounce-back for the team," Rueck said. "Cal is a very talented team. I thought we defended really well and executed the game plan."

Rueck also applauded McWilliams. She finished the game with 19 points.

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OSU women's
basketball head coach

"I thought Katie McWilliams really set the tone for us today, and she showed her leadership," Rueck said. "This is a great win for our team."

The Beavers finished the game shooting 44.4 percent from the floor, compared to the 35.1 percent put up in the loss to Stanford.

After the game, the team partnered with the Corvallis Clinic to promote awareness for cancer research. Rueck's daughter joined other community members in cutting their hair for donation in what has become an annual tradition following the Dam Cancer game.

OSU will head up north for their next two games, taking on Washington State Friday at 6 p.m., followed by a trip to Seattle to battle the Washington Huskies Sunday at 3 p.m.



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Guard Katie McWilliams dribbles the ball in the game against Stanford. She put up 16 points to keep OSU in the game.

Intramurals features Goalball tournament

Goalball is designed for the visually impaired, '2011-12 Denver Nuggets' leave with victory

By GUNNAR BOAG,
Sports Contributor



CREATIVE COMMONS

Goalball was a sport created for the visually impaired, but it was adapted for intramural sports by wearing blindfolds.



CREATIVE COMMONS

Goalball is played with three players on the pitch at one time, with the players attempting to throw the ball into the opponents net. Goalball has been a Paralympic sport since the 1976 Summer Games in Toronto.

Oregon State University intramurals is known for offering a variety of uncommon events. On Feb. 3, students were able to test their skills and abilities in a lesser known sport—goalball.

Goalball is a unique tournament offered at OSU, allowing students to try something they have likely never played before.

The game involves two teams attempting to roll a ball across the opponent's goal line. The catch? Everyone is blindfolded.

Goalball is a sport designed for the visually impaired, but has been adapted for intramurals by wearing blindfolds.

Each team has three people on the court at a time and must use their bodies to block the ball thrown at them. The ball, which has bells embedded inside of it, must pass the defenders and stay inbounds to score. The court is marked with a textured line so players can keep their whereabouts and line up correctly.

Players must stretch, dive and bend in order to stop the ball, resulting in some hard hits and sore hips.

"The ball is surprisingly heavy, so the impact can hurt," Stephen Bianchi, senior, said. "My teammates and I got hit in the face a couple times, but in the end it's all fun."

This year, teams made their way to McAlexander Fieldhouse to play on the basketball courts. The tournament started with pool play, with each team playing three games. The top four teams at the conclusion of pool play advance to a single-elimination bracket.

At the end of the day, the "Peaky Blinders" and the "2011-12 Denver Nuggets" found themselves in the championship game.

The game was as close as it could get, with the teams trading scores throughout the first half. The "2011-12 Denver Nuggets" held a slight 5-4 lead

going into halftime.

The "2011-12 Denver Nuggets" found momentum in the second half, going up by as much as three scores, but the "Peaky Blinders" were not done yet.

With 12 seconds left in the game, the "Peaky Blinders" were awarded a penalty shot. This means that one player gets to throw against one defender

No one knows the rules so we are all learning together. I'm happy we can offer fun, adaptive sports for the students.

BRODY LARSON
Senior Sports Programs
Associate Organizer of
tournament

from a shorter distance. The "Peaky Blinders" score, bringing the tally to 10-11.

The "2011-12 Denver Nuggets" score their final throw, sealing the 12-10 victory.

"The win was very rewarding," Trevor Folska-Fung, junior, said. "It was fun being blindfolded with my friends and not knowing what was going on half the time."

Goalball, like most tournaments at OSU, is free to students. There is no need for prior knowledge of the sport and any student can sign up.

"No one knows the rules so we are all learning together," Brody Larson, senior sports programs associate and organizer of the tournament, said. "I'm happy we can offer fun, adaptive sports for the students."

Goalball Regulations

THE AIM

To score by rolling the ball into the opposition's goal, the opposing team attempts to block the ball with their bodies.



Teams consist of six players, with no more than three from each side on the pitch at one time.



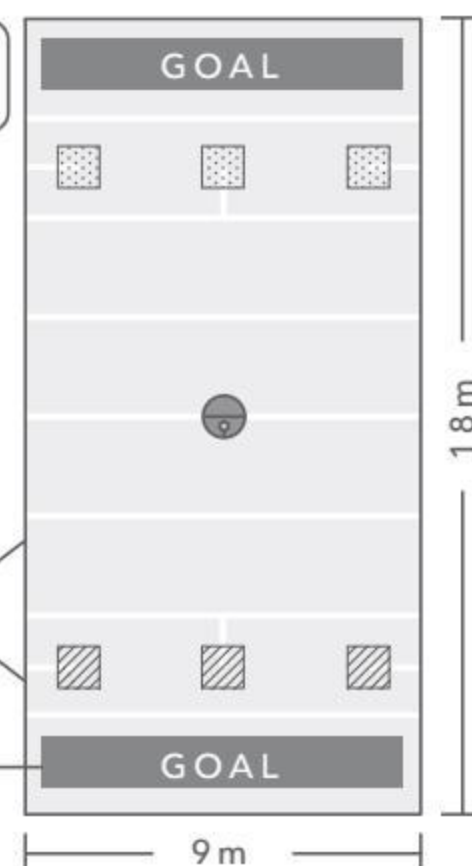
Matches contain two 12-minute halves.



The arena is silent during play to allow players to hear the ball, which contains a bell.



Drawn matches are resolved by overtime and, if necessary, extra throws.



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Gun control proposes controversial discussions

About 60 percent of Americans want stricter gun laws in U.S., according to a Gallup poll

By DELANEY SHEA,
Columnist

Gun control: Arguably one of the most controversial topics currently dividing America. Most of the arguments I have recently viewed, for either side, are comprised of snarky jabs at the opposing side's intellect. This makes it difficult to fully understand the situation, and to progress.

Roughly 60 percent of Americans want stricter gun control, according to a Gallup poll. This generalization, while possibly true in a broad sense, indicating a desire to push forward with safety rather than fall back, is still an overgeneralization. We cannot afford to have more overgeneralizations in our government and our policy debates. Specific, concrete problems must be identified and tackled thoughtfully.

According to the Pew Research Center, as of April 2017, Democrats and Republicans agreed on at least one proposed method of gun control, though it must also be noted that the Democratic and Republican parties do not cover everyone. Considering all the gun violence, why are so few bills being passed, and some of those being repealed?

In writing this article I reached out to people who could represent different groups and different viewpoints on campus, including the College Republicans, although they were unable to be interviewed due to scheduling conflicts.

Brett Burkhardt, an assistant professor of Sociology at OSU, teaches a class on the sociology of guns. He believes it is significant that many incidents of mass brutality in America utilize guns.

"I really can't speak to the motives of mass shooters," Burkhardt said via email. "In many ways, they are somewhat random and unpredictable. But it is notable that acts of mass violence are carried out using guns rather than some other instrument. Presumably, this is because it is very easy to acquire a large number of highly lethal guns in the U.S."

Indeed, a recent New York Times article found a positive correlation between gun ownership and the number of mass shootings, even when controlled for other factors.

For anyone unsure what classifies a gun as a handgun or pistol, rifle, semi-automatic, automatic, or an assault weapon (like I was until quite recently), please follow the QR code for some information. If we are not sure about the definition of a gun term, we must take it onto ourselves to do the research before engaging in debates or discussions, spreading misinformation like the common cold.

According to Nick Smith, fifth-year sociology major and active member of the Oregon State University Pistol Club, current gun control laws are not doing enough, though automatic firearms, short-barreled shotguns and rifles, and silencers are already banned nationally, unless a special tax stamp is purchased.

Smith thinks that rather than attempting to ban specific guns and specific accessories, the smartest way forward is to treat guns more like cars. This would entail an initial physical gun license being required, as well as license renewal being required every couple of years, where you must go through safety training and a mental health evaluation. Additionally, he said concealed carry permits and gun accessories should be regulated through endorsements, complete with trainings and evaluations, and that the endorsements could be placed on the gun license, just as how a motorcycle endorsement functions and is placed on a driver's license.

"The only issue with that is a lot of guns mix and match parts, a lot of guns may have shaved off serial numbers if they're being sold on the streets; that would be the logistic parts that I feel would

be almost impossible, but I do think that would cut down on a lot of the issues that surround guns," Smith said.

According to Smith, the longer process is worth it. "If you love them enough you wouldn't have a problem with doing that," Smith said.

I believe that the Second Amendment needs to be updated to reflect the gravity of the immense power that guns now hold. So, what is stopping us? One concern is the National Rifle Association. They have a lot of money, a lot of influence, and they are not afraid to use it.

"I personally used to have an NRA membership and I don't anymore because all they send me is things in the mail of, like, a picture of Hillary that looks like a devil, and all this political stuff," Smith said. "The reason I did the NRA originally was because the NRA started as safety training, and they do that still, as well as competitions. I think they need to get out of politics."

Another point falls on people who are perhaps Democrats or more liberal.

"It's hard for people like me, who are more level-headed and are okay with change, to agree with policy changes when people who are fighting for the same change we need, don't know as much as we do," Smith said.

Gun control is a case where people really need to know the specifics of what they are fighting for.

"Because it's just like every time they bring up policy there's always two or three videos that come up of an anchor or a politician saying something that is just not even close to being correct about a firearm or how it works. All of their credibility just goes down the drain with that. That's a big issue with policy," Smith said.

Sierra Alvernaz, a fourth-year majoring in political science and President of the College Democrats, agrees that change must be brought about in a thoughtful way.

"We need policymakers that understand what's going on and are able to reach out to people in a way that's not invasive or infringing on their rights and making it clear that we need to slowly implement reform instead of this really bombastic fear-mongering talk that goes on a lot in the Democratic Party," Alvernaz said.

The Pew Research Center recently found that a majority of Democrats and Republicans support gun control measures like creating a federal database to track gun sales, banning assault-style weapons and preventing the mentally ill from purchasing guns. Although I am leery about how the ban for mentally ill people could potentially play out, I guess that that nervousness is similar to what gun fans feel. But this proof of support across the aisle means that if we can overcome the communication breakdown, we can also overcome groups like the elite leaders of the NRA, and institute change.

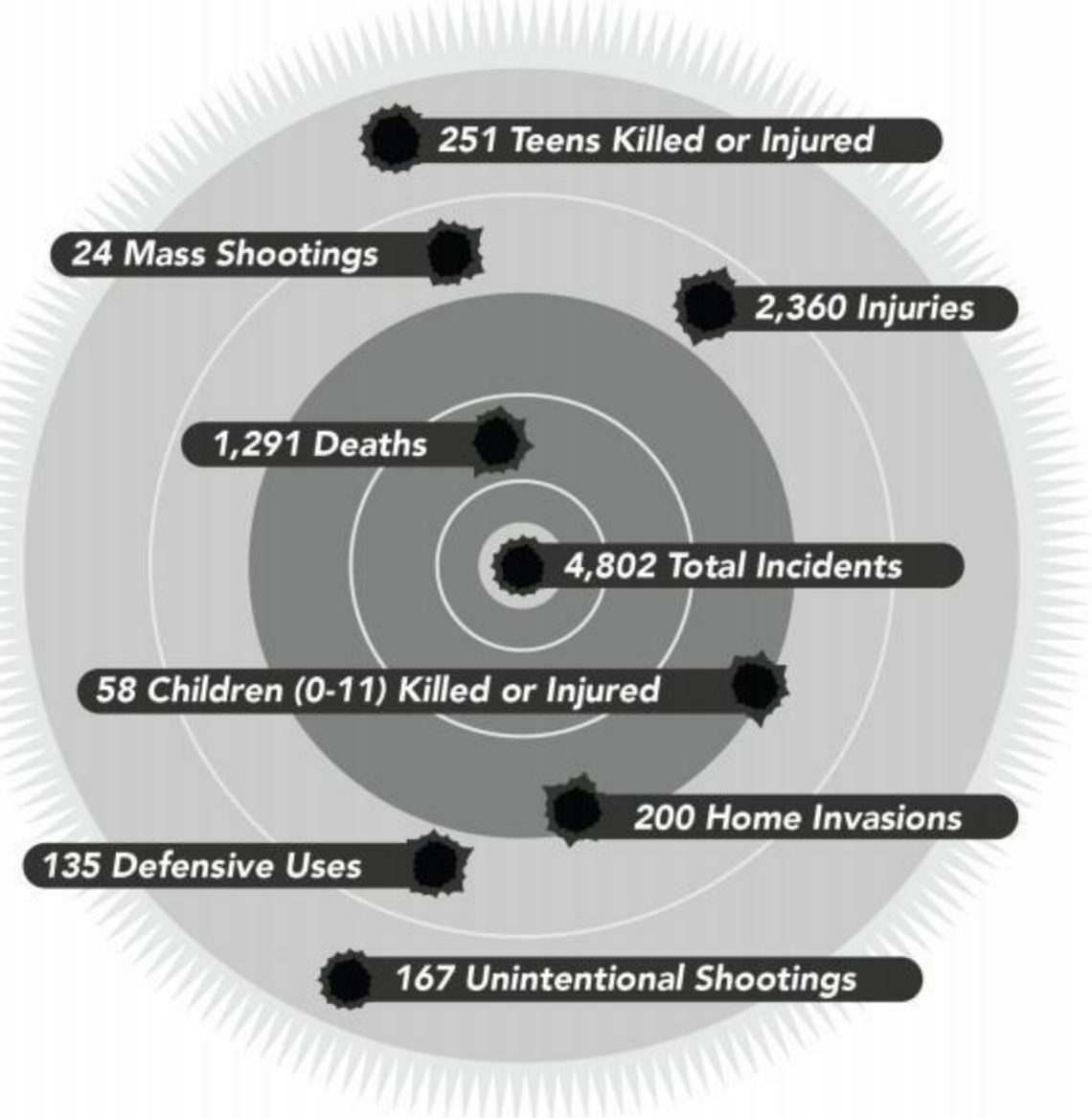
In the aftermath of the Marshall County High School shooting, I heard concern from friends and acquaintances about their lack of an emotional response, and how America seems to be becoming numb to shootings. While this is, of course, anecdotal evidence, I do believe it represents a majority. I think we should let people publicly send their prayers after a mass shooting, voicing their compassion; I do not think this act should be ridiculed as I frequently see online with comments along the lines of "Your prayers are useless." I do, however, think that we should simultaneously take action, regardless of what the odds seem to be.

Do not let yourself become numb. Watch interviews with the victims' families and the kids who survived those shootings. It is sad and awful and unnerving, but ignoring it will not make it go away. Inaction leads to exhaustion and frustration.

Being open-minded but retaining that aspect of

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critical evaluation and reluctance to parrot facts is essential in educating oneself. When you admit to not having considered a certain viewpoint before, and get mocked, go have a smoothie or a chocolate something because you did the right thing, and you should be proud.

Alvernaz suggests calling legislators, or joining a lobby group to push for gun safety policies. As it stands, I believe America is turning into an oligarchy, and the NRA and large corporations are the elite. Democracy requires the people to want their power, and this requires consistent action on our part. Nobody will do this for us. Call Senator Ron Wyden or Senator Jeff Merkley. Go to the Town Halls of Representatives Suzanne Bonamici and Greg Walden. Email Representatives Kurt Schrader, Earl Blumenauer and Peter DeFazio.

"Get involved and start advocating with those issues on a state level, and then obviously you can take it to the federal level, but it starts here at the state. Don't be afraid to reach out to who represents you," Alvernaz said.

While researching this article, I realized the majority of people are more reasonable than I had started to believe. I feel hopeful that if we each take it upon ourselves to call firmly and thoughtfully for the changes we are waiting for, piece-by-piece, they will happen.

GRAPHIC BY LOGAN HILLERNS



Use Snapchat or a QR reader to access the full article and facts on gun classifications.



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Lindsey Esch performs on stage during rehearsal for "The Taming." "The Taming" is being put on by the Oregon State University Theatre Department.

'The Taming' takes the stage

Play features cast of three women

By ASHLEY PETERSON,
Practicum Contributor

Looking behind the scenes of the Oregon State University Theatre Department's play "The Taming," the word intimate first comes to mind. A minimalistic set including a bed, table, floral carpet, and mustard chair sets the scene for a unique dynamic between characters according to Alessandra Ferriso.

The play, originally written by Lauren Gunderson as a take on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," follows three women including a conservative senatorial aid, a beauty queen and a liberal blogger. This take on Shakespeare adds a witty twist and unique humor, while exhibiting an all-female cast, according to Ferriso.

The OSU production is directed by Harris, a senior in theatre arts and stars sophomore english and theatre major Alessandra Ferriso, junior psychology



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Nicole Moussa acts out a scene for "The Taming". It is set to debut Feb. 15.

major Nicole Moussa and senior mathematical economics and philosophy major Lindsey Esch.

"As an activist, I am constantly looking critically at the world around me and I have never been very 'patriotic,'" Harris said in an email when asked about their take on the play. "So when I was handed this play by the department I felt like I was in for a rough ride dealing with a script that was so focused on patriotism."

Harris explained that the play focuses primarily on politics, bipartisanship, and the flaws of American ideals. It wasn't until they heard "Diamond Heart" by Lady Gaga that the idea changed.

"I began to see many angles to work from. Specifically the lyrics, 'Young, wild, American, Lookin' to be somethin'... Girl's playin' bad 'cause it doesn't pay to be good...I might not be flawless, but you know I gotta diamond heart,'" Harris said in an email. "There was a diamond inside this play and I needed to use my critical mind to uncover it."

The play's production requires a lot of time and patience during the rehearsal process according to senior theatre major Mike Stephens. As stage manager, he explain the long hours and late nights create an inviting environment for everyone to bond. But these long hours are not a problem for the cast.

"I really like that all of the actresses show up and have such a great work ethic," Stephens said. "They are so excited to be here. There's a certain enthusiasm that always shines through."

Ferriso explained that the cast relies heavily on each other, since the cast only consists of three women. She plays three different characters within the play, all of whom have very different roles.

"It is so funny and incredibly witty with such a fun kind of humor," Ferriso said. "The small female cast adds such a unique dynamic."

Harris is a fan of the female dynamic. "These young women are here to support each other," Harris said in an email. "They've even given us the nickname 'Shrew Crew.'"

"The 'Taming' is so funny and relevant," Ferriso said. "It's one of the best shows I've read."

This political feminist comedy pokes fun at men in politics, and really makes fun of both sides, according to Stephens.

The play makes its debut Feb. 15 to Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. in Withycombe Hall Lab Theatre.

Tickets will be available online starting Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

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Aries: March 21 - April 19

As a passionate Fire sign, you're not always comfortable with compromise. Right now Mars is enhancing your need to be aggressive and assertive. It's OK to express yourself strongly, but avoid being too manipulative with your sweetheart.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

A romance is going through a transformation, thanks to Venus. If you're in a long-term relationship, you're thinking about taking things to the next level. Or if you've been fighting too much with your honey, you might decide to call it quits.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21

With Mars opposite your sign, take extra good care of yourself. Make sure you are getting enough sleep and eating decent food. Taking some vitamins wouldn't be a bad idea, either. Enlist your partner to start working out or hiking with you.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

A friendly moon is enhancing your charm. You could attract the attention of a sexy new friend or acquaintance. If you are in a situation where you are meeting strangers, you'll handle yourself with confidence and ease.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

You and your honey are sharing a frisky, sexy vibe. You'll want to spend intimate time with your sweetheart and to celebrate your relationship. Cook a romantic dinner. Recite love poems. The moon says indulge in all those sweet, sappy things.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Thoughtful Jupiter is giving you inspiration about how to handle your career in a new way. You'll come up with a plan to change your situation and increase your cash flow. Dare to dream big. Make sure your partner understands how busy you are.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Your romantic partner might urge you to be more adventurous in the bedroom. The sun says don't let your relationship grow stale by neglecting to give your honey enough quality attention. Turn off the phone, the computer and the TV and get focused.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

You'll experience a nice breakthrough this week. Lucky planet Jupiter is blasting you with some special vibes. Maybe a job you applied for ages ago will suddenly come through. Maybe that hot guy or girl will finally agree to go out with you.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're in the mood to get into trouble as you feel the influences of a mischievous moon. If you're single, you could make a saucy proposal to someone when he or she least expects it. If you're in a relationship, you could treat your honey to a fun night out.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Venus says it's important to be open to innovation. At work, maybe you need to put in extra hours to pick up some fresh skills so you can stay current with what's happening in your profession. At home, try out some new chore routines and social schedules.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Someone might try to woo or seduce you, courtesy of romantic Venus. Maybe a neighbor has a crush on you and he or she will finally make those feelings known. Or perhaps a former flame suddenly wants to get back together with you.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

You and your partner are getting along well, but don't invest 100 percent of your time and energy in your relationship. Try to remain balanced. Jupiter is reminding you that you have a lot going on right now, and you need to divide your time evenly.



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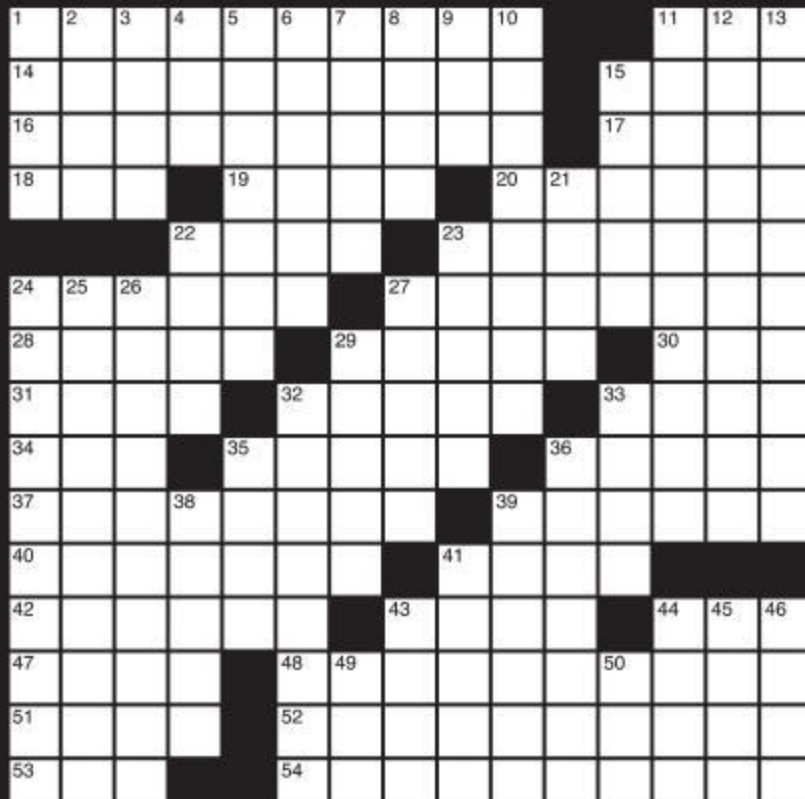


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- Fighting group
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- Going concern?
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The therapy dogs come from a group called Welcome Waggers and the helpers are all volunteers at the event. The group serves Corvallis and the surrounding areas by bringing therapy dogs and visiting places such as schools, hospitals and retirement homes, according to the Welcome Waggers website.

Pets can be a joy to have around, but it is important to remain educated about the responsibilities of ownership before making the decision to

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MEGAN DUKE
Junior studying religion and French

purchase any animals.

"I believe in the benefits, both physical and mental health benefits of having pets, but then again, only get them if you know you can take care of them and give them financial help and the time," Duvall said.

Research is recommended to give a potential buyer the opportunity to look into affordability of

a pet and realize the time commitment needed, according to Howard.

"Never go out of your means to obtain a new pet. Sooner or later your inability to provide for the animal in a case of emergency may oblige you to forfeit your pet. Always make sure that you can provide enough stability before seeking out a new pal," Duke said via email.

There are a few rules that must be considered additionally with on campus living. The University Housing and Dining Services have restrictions on what pets are allowed in the residence halls.

"Pets are prohibited in the residence halls. The only exceptions are fish kept in a tank no bigger than 10 gallons, approved service animals or approved emotional support animals," Jill Childress, UHDS assistant director of conduct and community standards, said over email.

If a student is found with an animal that is not regulated, they will be asked to remove the animal immediately and will be referred to the conduct process. During the process, the student will have a meeting to discuss the situation and review policies and expectations, according to Childress.

"Emotional support animals must be approved prior to being brought to campus and involves a documentation and review process," Childress said via email. "Once an animal is approved, the resident meets with housing staff to review expectations and guidelines to have their animal in the hall."

Service pets are meant to be resources to the owner and allow support. There are still responsibilities and strategies that must be upheld to make sure the animal does not become disruptive to others within the resident hall. Childress also added that etiquette around service and emotional support animals is to not pet or touch these animals without permission from the animal's owner.

If an individual is thinking about getting a pet,

the Heartland Humane Society offers affordable adoption and information on how to get involved. They can be found at 398 SW Twin Oaks Circle in Corvallis and are open every day of the week except Monday and Thursday.

"Please adopt from Heartland Humane or your local humane society," Zimmerman said via email. "Also please adopt older cats or dogs as well. They need just as much a home as a kitten does."

According to Duke, if under the right circumstances and if an individual is willing to take care of the

animal, a pet can be a rewarding experience.

"If you find yourself seeking animal companionship while you're in college, I would say that you should absolutely go for it if you have the means," Duke said over email. "There may be a lot of people claiming that it is irresponsible or poor timing, but if you're confident that your situation is suitable for supporting an animal then the stress relief and enjoyment that comes from pet ownership is thoroughly worth the effort."



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Pet corn snake Millie wraps around its owner's hand.



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