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By **BEN PAHL**
Sports Contributor

they'd just allowed with five seconds left in the first overtime. It was a heartbreaking end to a season that held so much promise.

"The [overtime] loss to Virginia Tech hurt," said Oregon State senior captain midfielder Joel Walker. "As expected, it was not at all the conclusion to the season that we wanted to have."

When those moments happen, of course, you have to reflect on the pros and cons of the past season, but there comes a pretty quick shift to where you start thinking about how to improve

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OSU receives increased financial aid funding for 2022-23 academic year

By **KIMBERLY CLAIRMONT**
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Oregon State University's financial aid experts urge students to submit their Free Applications for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible in order to receive need-based financial aid and scholarships.

Throughout the 2022-23 academic year, the university's financial aid office will see an increase in available aid for current and incoming OSU students.

Director of Financial Aid Keith Raab said he shares the responsibility of handling all federal and state aid that OSU students are able to receive at any level as well as some of the institutional aid funds the university is gifted.

Raab said their department has been handling approximately \$260 million in aid over the last couple of years.

Raab said working closely with campus leadership and partners across campus all year to ensure OSU stays affordable to those in need is a high priority for all staff members involved in the process of gaining access to funding.

"It is part of our goal and our mission to be affordable to a wide range and diverse range of students and families, and one of the ways we do this is through financial aid, grants and scholarships," Raab said. "We hope by increasing these funds it will enable even more students to have access to OSU."

Raab said his team hopes increased funds will help students make the decision to attend OSU more easily, as well as allow them to participate in more activities outside the classroom without having to worry about working a part-time job or earning money.

"All of those things are in-

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The score was tied at one apiece in Greensboro, North Carolina between the Oregon State Beavers and the Virginia Tech Hokies in the second round of the 2020 NCAA men's soccer tournament.

With the game winding down in the first overtime period, the Beavers were doing everything in their power to run out the clock and send the game into a second overtime. The Hokies had other plans.

With less than 10 seconds remaining in the first overtime period, Virginia Tech midfielder Chris Little served up a cross into the heart of the 18-yard box toward forward Jacob Labovitz, who had scored for the Hokies off a header earlier in the game. Labovitz was left unmarked as he sent a powerful header grazing off the side of the post and into the back of the net.

It was a golden goal in the NCAA sudden-death overtime format. Virginia Tech rushed the field, realizing their dreams of staying alive were still intact.

Multiple Oregon State players collapsed to the turf in grief, while others stood shouting at one another over the goal





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Oregon State University Director of Financial Aid Keith Raab can be seen in front of Kerr Administrative building on OSU's Corvallis, Ore. campus. With the cost of tuition continuing to balloon over the years, the Office of Financial Aid is working to increase financial aid for prospective students.

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credibly valuable to students, and we hope that by providing more funding, students can be more focused on their academics among other things... so that is also why we increased that budget," Raab said.

Raab encourages students to fill out their FAFSA application immediately for the current academic year as well as next year.

"Many scholarships at OSU have a financial need component to them, and that financial need is determined by doing the FAFSA," Raab said. "So, by doing the FAFSA, you're not only applying for national and state aid but you're also helping make yourself more eligible for in-

stitutional scholarships."

OSU University Relations and Marketing Vice President Steve Clark said the university expanded available financial assistance to help more students with different needs and experiences enjoy their educational experience at OSU.

"I encourage students to reach out to the Financial Aid Office for more information about how we might be able to assist them," Clark said.

Jon Boeckenstedt, OSU's vice provost of enrollment management, said after years of working within the university, he knows cost is the biggest barrier for students earning a college degree or enrolling in the first place.

"Almost all [funds] will be made available to students who have financial need," Boeck-

enstedt said. "In the past, we have done our best to bridge the gap between what the federal form said a student could pay and what our costs were, but sometimes we realize that still isn't enough."

Boeckenstedt said it is becoming increasingly difficult for low-income people in Oregon to obtain a degree and that students are already struggling to make ends meet and afford to come to OSU in the first place.

According to Boeckenstedt, he hopes the extra funds will increase access for students who want to come to OSU and graduate on time.

"We recognize and realize a lot of families were hit hard by COVID-19 and that the families that were hit the hardest by it were likely families with the most financial need," Boeckenstedt said.

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COVER: The Oregon State Men's Soccer team huddling together before they faced off against the Clemson Tigers in Corvallis, Ore. on Dec. 4, 2021. Photo by Kayla Jones, OMN Photographer.

Regional Class Research Vessel introduces new tool to increase data science literacy

By KIRSTEN STEINKE
Science Beat Reporter

Oregon State University leads a project focused on enhancing cutting-edge oceanic research and marine and data science education through the design and construction of three new ocean-going research ships.

The Regional Class Research Vessel program, funded by the National Science Foundation, will enhance public marine and data science literacy by adapting ocean science data for the development of educational programs and exhibits.

"Taani," which means "offshore" in Siletz Dee-Ni, the official language of the Confederated Tribes of Indigenous Siletz peoples, was the first of the three RCRVs approved by the NSF for design and development.

According to the RCRV schedule summary, the construction of "Taani" has been underway since 2017, and in October 2021, OSU published a video outlining the advanced technological capabilities onboard the ship and how they will enhance oceanographic research and education.

In collaboration with outreach organizations throughout the state of Oregon, "Taani" is being outfitted to serve as a vessel for marine education. Access to a fully equipped RCRV will enable educators to develop hands-on science lessons for students interested in learning more about the marine environment.

The continuously operating high-speed satellite connectivity planned for "Taani" sets it apart from older generations of research ves-

sels that have limited communication capabilities while at sea due to their dated technology.

Around the clock satellite connectivity onboard "Taani" will allow for real-time data transfer and communication with groups onshore. Researchers will be able to engage with educators and students during an expedition, offering insights into the world of marine science.

Live-streaming data is one of the benefits of the new data presence system, but should be approached with caution in regards to public use, said Tracy Crews, marine education program manager at Oregon Sea Grant.

Crews likened the high-throughput data streaming to drinking water from a fire hose, meaning students or other public users are likely to be overwhelmed by the sheer amount of data and will need additional help to make sense of it.

According to Crews, the data transfer system will allow for dozens of oceanographic and atmospheric instruments to simultaneously live-stream data, occurring at a pace and volume beyond the capacity of what students are capable of working with.

"Too much data can result in over-pumping the [data] stream," Crews said. "A lot of work needs to happen before students can utilize the live data-streaming technology."

According to Flaxen Conway, director of the Marine Resource Management program at OSU, tackling the issues of data science literacy is the first step in developing a more thorough understanding of marine science. In reality, most students don't know the basic fundamentals of how to use and interpret data.

"How are you going to build a house if you

don't have a solid foundation?" Conway asked. "The first step is improving data literacy and then we can use the equipment at hand."

Data from the RCRV will be vetted first so that it can be used for educational purposes, according to Crews. Outreach organizations working with OSU and the RCRV program have already started thinking about effective ways in which they will make these data available to students.

The Oregon Marine Scientist and Educator Alliance is one such program, funded by Oregon Sea Grant and the NSF, that plans to utilize oceanographic data by pairing marine researchers with public educators to develop age-appropriate activities centered around marine and data science.

Other collaborators, including the Science & Math Investigative Learning Experiences program at OSU, are developing fun and innovative programs that highlight the RCRV technology and its potential uses. According to Dr. Adam Talamantes, program coordinator

at SMILE, public data literacy is important.

"We all live in a data-rich world and data literacy is a must-have skill," he said. "Researchers, teachers and youth need to understand how they participate in the data stream."

Going beyond the scope of marine science, outreach leaders for the RCRV program hope that students will gain a better appreciation for how data is used in everyday life. As data literacy progresses, they envision a day when the live-streaming capabilities onboard "Taani" can be used to their full potential.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, an NSF report states construction of the RCRVs is expected to be delayed by six months, adding about \$20 million to the existing cost of \$354 million to build the ships.

According to the RCRV schedule summary, the new launch date for "Taani" is predicted to be in March 2022. The other two RCRVs are expected to launch in six-month increments after "Taani" and by February 2023.

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This image shows an artistic rendition of Oregon State University's Regional Class Research Vessel "Taani," which will improve data and science literacy through the use of real-time data transfer and communication. Taani is expected to launch in March 2022.

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Concerns about structure, ethics of campus security raised by OSU students

Oregon State University's Department of Public Safety includes armed police alongside public safety security officers

By HAYDEN LOHR
News Contributor

Oregon State University has had its own police department since January 2021, but some students are against its presence on campus due to ethical and racial concerns.

In 2019, Genesis Hansen, a fourth-year OSU English and philosophy double major and person of color, was arrested by Oregon State Police in a controversial off-campus incident on charges of interfering with an OSP officer by refusing to show identification and resisting arrest after being pulled over while bicycling.

Prior to this incident, OSU had contracted with OSP to provide law enforcement services

in Corvallis, Ore. but there had already been a push from different student groups at OSU to remove OSP from the university campus. This incident involving Hansen strengthened those calls to disarm OSU.

OSP ended its contract with OSU days after this incident, citing staffing issues. OSU then decided to create its own police force, which falls under the broader umbrella of the Public Safety Department and took over on Jan. 1, 2021.

According to OSU's public safety website, "In 2013, the Oregon Legislature adopted legislation enabling Oregon's public universities with governing boards to choose independently to operate their own licensed law

enforcement department."

In addition to dispatchers, emergency management and the clergy team included in OSU's Department of Public Safety are two types of officers: non-sworn public safety officers and sworn police officers of the OSU police department.

According to Lieutenant David Sweeney of OSUPD, PSOs are security officers responsible for public safety at OSU. Sweeney said PSOs typically respond to less dangerous tasks such as building unlocks, jumpstarts and bicycle incidents.

The armed OSUPD, however, responds to events where a higher level of danger might be present, according to Sweeney. OSU police

officers also have the power of arrest.

Sweeney said PSOs on OSU's campus drive the large trucks that are often seen on campus, which are valuable because they can pick up lost, stolen or abandoned bicycles. On the other hand, Sweeney said OSUPD drives Ford Explorers, or SUVs. The OSUPD vehicles are orange and white and say "Police - Oregon State University" on the side.

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Oregon State University's public safety officer trucks parked south of Kerr Administration Building on Nov. 23, 2021. The PSO trucks, driven by PSO security officers responsible for public safety on the Corvallis, Ore. campus, can often be seen on campus and typically pick up lost, stolen or abandoned bicycles.

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About five months after OSP ended its contract with OSU, the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools down and many students suddenly had more things to worry about, such as money, moving home and online classes.

"I heard that there was some backlash to us having our own police system," said Shaurya Gaur, a third-year computer science major at OSU. "I was only on campus six months before [COVID-19] hit, it didn't seem so much different... I feel like one thing that I never saw was an email or an announcement, like here is our new public safety strategy and how it works."

Gaur said OSU sends out emails from the Office of the President and other leadership all the time in order to update students about the pandemic or sports events, but claims there was no real effort to educate the OSU community on new public safety measures on campus.

"I think that it's intentional [that students don't know], and I think a lot of students—it's not their fault for not caring about a lot of these issues, because you come to OSU and you move out of your house, you might have to be working yourself through school, or just taking on so many responsibilities," said Jo O'Harrow, a fourth-year mathematics major at OSU. "You are so busy you don't have time to learn about this really ugly and nuanced history."

O'Harrow said the COVID-19 pandemic made it easier for the school to not educate students on the new police department. Even now that most students have returned to campus, they are focusing on readjusting to university in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Jason J. Dorsette, President of the Linn and Benton counties' National Association for the Advancement of Colored People branch, when the U.S. abolished slavery in 1865, they created what we know today as the system of policing.

"I will say, at OSU, the public safety department is conscious, wants to do better and is going against an interna-

tional narrative that all cops are bad," Dorsette said. "While I appreciate the training and work [on police departments], we need to reckon with the history and ask why we are having the same conversations. There is reckoning, and we have to get better, but we are well on our way at Oregon State."

After George Floyd, a Black man, was murdered by former police officer Derek Chauvin in Minnesota in 2020, Sweeney said the police were given another opportunity to be responsive to the kind of policing the community wants.

"In order to be effective, police departments have to be part of the community, not just an occupying force that comes in and 'commits law enforcement' without input from the community," Sweeney said.

According to Gaur, police are primarily trained with weapons and to see the individuals they are supposed to protect as preemptive threats.

"That's not really great for a lot of scenarios," Gaur said. "Defunding the police is not completely destroying police but taking duties off them... mental health-related visits, addiction stuff, parking tickets—there is a lot of stuff you don't need a gun to do... Armed officers are really only for violent crimes."

Last spring term, Dorsette said he and two colleagues were invited by the then-new OSU Police Chief Sharon Anderson to facilitate a training on the history of policing, specifically illuminating how policing across the state of Oregon continues to affect Black, Indigenous and other people of color every day.

"It was uncomfortable for me as a Black person to facilitate and [for them] as officers to hear," Dorsette said. "This training I was able to do was intensive, week-long, three-hours-a-day training. After each session, we engaged in a reflective activity... I asked officers to tell me how they felt, from shock to disbelief, to guilt, to crying—all of it."

Dorsette said he believes this new OSU public safety department is doing better and appears to be holding each other accountable for their actions. Dorsette also said it is imperative that police departments all around the state of Oregon reckon with its history and ask, "Why are we having the same conversations today in 2021?"

According to O'Harrow, no one can be a good cop because the

system is fundamentally bad. They said some small improvements within the existing system are better than none, but the system is still inherently racist.

"Step one is realizing there is a problem, and educating yourself on the problem, then step two is making the changes and solving it," Gaur said.



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An Oregon State University Police Department Ford Explorer, or SUV, can be seen south of Kerr Administration Building on Nov. 23, 2021. These vehicles are driven by armed officers who respond to events where a higher level of danger is likely.



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Jo O'Harrow, a fourth-year mathematics major at Oregon State University, stands outside the Memorial Union on the Corvallis, Ore. campus on Nov. 23, 2021. O'Harrow voiced concerns about what she said is a lack of communication from OSU with students about the new armed police on campus.

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OSU students offer opinions on six-wheeled rovers delivering food through winter weather

By REID MORRISON
News Contributor

Oregon State University's Starship robots face many challenges on campus, but students can expect the robots to continue delivering food even through Oregon's winter season.

"They slip and slide around a bit in the snow and ice," said Kerry Paterson, director of University of Housing and Dining Services at OSU. "Rain isn't an issue. They are pretty rugged little machines and do okay."

Since a deal was made with the autonomous robotics company prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, OSU students have been able to have food delivered to their residences with use of the Starship app.

Initially, Starship reached out to OSU because they thought the university would be a good fit for their robot delivery service, according to Paterson.

"Our campus is somewhat easy for a robot to navigate, we offered great food selections across campus and OSU had a robot program, so we were already familiar with the idea of robots on campus," Paterson said.

According to Paterson, during the COVID-19 shut down, the robots provided contactless service and online orders, which helped limit the time guests spent in dining centers. This pick-up option is still available.

"The robots also give the students [and] users the 'gift of time,' they no longer need to stop what they are doing, pack up, go to a dining hall or café, order food, wait, eat and go back to what they were doing," Paterson said.

OSU students are not strangers to the invention of machinery, as the presence of robotics is felt through innovations like Cassie, the bipedal robot that became the first to travel five kilometers on campus with the goal of going anywhere a person can go.

Aside from the bipeds, the six-wheeled Starship rovers are moving throughout winter term to deliver food to students.

"I've only ever seen them around campus and never used them," said Eric Elizarraga, a junior at OSU. "They seem to be pretty popular and I always seem to run into them going to class, the gym and just around campus. They're everywhere, which is cool!"

Their popularity grows as the fleets of robots seem to increase in size. Though exciting for many, there are some downsides, according to Elizarraga.

"In my opinion they seem to be really slow and seem to get stuck in traffic a lot," Elizarraga said. "They should continue to



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Starship robots await loading of food outside of the Arnold Dining Hall on Nov. 24, 2021. These robots deliver food to students from most dining locations on Oregon State University's Corvallis, Ore. campus and are not expected to be impeded by the winter weather.

improve the speed of the Starship before thinking of having them do other things... I don't know what else they could do, but I'd love to see what they have in mind."

Other obstacles that the robots face include crossing busy roads and people's accommodation of their presence.

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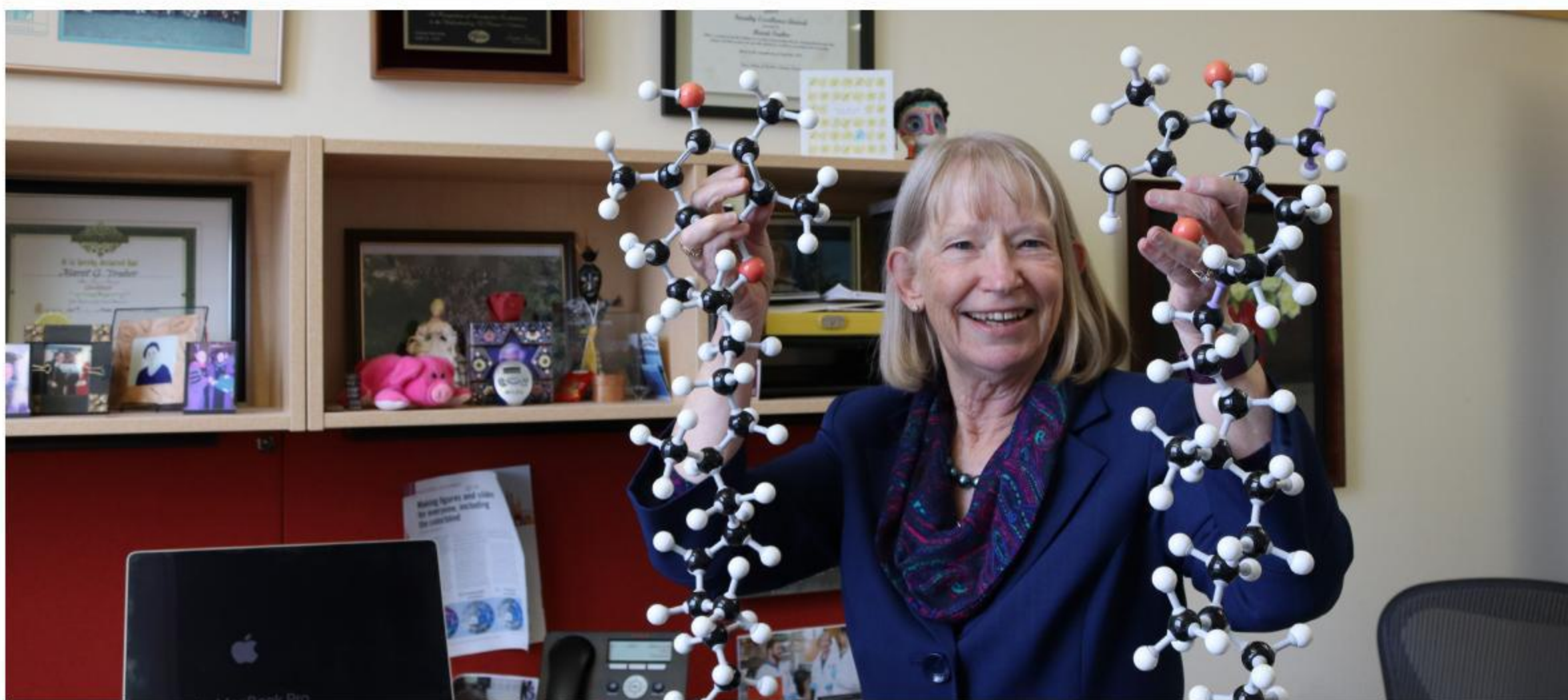
crosswalk so [the robots] can cross, when in reality the robot will not move when its sensors identify a vehicle present," Paterson said.

According to Paterson, Starship continues to improve their robot delivery service.

Robots and humans interacting with each other is likely to become commonplace as time goes on, and if robots are to continue to

deliver food to the OSU community, students and other community members may need to deliver help in return when the robots face challenges.

"If one does get stuck, students are usually willing to assist and get it on its way before Starship staff have even reached the robot," Paterson said.



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Oregon State University Professor Maret Traber, in her office in the Linus Pauling Science Center on the Corvallis, Ore. campus, is excited about her recent Discovery Award for her research in bioavailable vitamin E on Nov. 18, 2021. Traber's research has made massive strides in nutritional awareness for prenatal development involving vitamin E deficiencies.

OSU professor receives prestigious award for research on role of vitamin E in human body

By KIRSTEN STEINKE
Science Beat Reporter

Dr. Marie Traber, professor at the Linus Pauling Institute at Oregon State University, is the recipient of an award given to scientists who have made significant contributions to health-related research.

The 2021 Medical Research Foundation of Oregon's Discovery Award was given to Traber for her research on the necessity of vitamin E to human health.

Traber was nominated for the award by Dr. Adrian Gombart, an OSU professor in the department of biochemistry and biophysics.

"Dr. Traber is literally the 'Goddess of vitamin E,'" Gombart said. "She is one of the world's leading experts in the field. In addition, she is an outstanding scientist with expertise in basic and clinical nutrition research. She has contributed immensely to moving the field forward and guiding public policy on the amounts of vitamin E needed for humans to remain healthy."

Traber's research started over 40 years ago when she was working at the New York University School of Medicine. She and her colleagues were interested in the inherited basis of metabolic diseases—anyone who

had any kind of problem with lipids and lipoproteins. Some of the patients at the NYU medical center with metabolic diseases were also some of the first people known to have a vitamin E deficiency.

"The only problem was, nobody knows how vitamin E gets from your dinner plate to your big toe," Traber said.

She explained that vitamin E is a fat-soluble nutrient naturally found in foods such as leafy green vegetables and nuts and, when ingested, makes its way to various tissue in the body.

Intrigued by the unknown, Traber spent the rest of her career figuring out how vitamin E is transported throughout the body, its effects on biochemical cycles and the negative impacts of vitamin E deficiency.

Traber and her colleagues at NYU discovered that vitamin E is repackaged and transported through the liver. Once the vitamin is ingested, it makes its way from the intestines to the liver and is then dispersed to the various tissues throughout the body.

"[Vitamin E] is like a semi-truck filled with fat going from the small intestine to the liver," Traber said. "The liver, then, is like the transfer place where it repackages the fat and puts it in smaller trucks that go out to deliver it to the tissues."

So, finding out how vitamin E moves

through the body is important, but why do humans need this essential vitamin?

"If you don't have it, you die," Traber said.

Discovered in 1922, vitamin E is required for proper neurological function in children and adults. Traber recently discovered its importance in fetal development. As a mother, if you are deficient in vitamin E, your child is more likely to have an underdeveloped brain and spinal cord.

"Ninety-six percent of women don't consume adequate levels of vitamin E per day," Traber said, emphasizing the importance of taking vitamin E supplements while pregnant.

You don't need to be an expecting mother to experience the negative impacts of a vitamin E deficiency. Being deficient in vitamin E can lead to serious health concerns including nerve and muscle damage.

Athletes in particular are at a higher risk for experiencing negative effects of vitamin E deficiency due to their rapid intake of oxygen that generates a lot of free radicals in their body. In other words, when you're active, you are more prone to oxidative stress, which can cause pain and strain on your muscles.

Vitamin E protects you from oxidative stress as it binds with the dangerous free radicals produced by your body.

"All of these pathways are interacting with

each other," Traber said.

According to Traber, OSU students can take the initiative to increase their intake of vitamin E and overall health.

"If you can get yourself in a situation where you can cook for yourself and you know what's in your food, that would be my recommendation—probably save you some money too," Traber said. "Kale, spinach, those are the kinds of foods that are rich in vitamin C, as are nuts and seeds."

Traber said she is honored to receive the MRF Discovery Award and added that she hopes more young people will enter the field of science and make new discoveries that will make life better for everyone.

"Eat right, work hard and take over the world," Traber said.

Dr. Emily Ho, endowed chair and director of the Linus Pauling Institute, praised Traber and the research she does at OSU.

"I cannot think of anyone more fitting [or] deserving than Dr. Traber to be honored," Ho said. "She represents the best of the Linus Pauling Institute and the spirit of Linus Pauling—she is the Ava Pauling endowed chair—and she continues to be a strong role model for future generations of nutrition scientists, and anyone interested in nutrition and health."

Coach Smith revives OSU football program

By SAM MISA
Sports Contributor

After starting from the bottom, Head Football Coach Jonathan Smith has spent the past three years trying to bring back the glory days of the Oregon State University football team.

This past season finally saw the Oregon State Beavers come out as a winning team, finishing with an overall record of 7-5. However, the road was far from smooth for Smith, who was himself a former quarterback for Oregon State in the early 2000s.

Fortunately for the Beavers, Smith is no stranger to challenges and is not known to back down from them. After all, Smith did just so happen to be the four-year starter quarterback that gave OSU their all-time best season back in 2001, having finished with a 11-1 record and 41-9 victory against the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish in the Fiesta Bowl.

When Smith joined OSU football as the head coach in November of 2017, the Beavers had finished their previous season with a record of 1-11. This also marked the first head coaching position for Smith, as the last positions he held were the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the University of Washington Huskies.

With the Huskies, Smith's offensive scheme garnered an average score of 36.2 points a game, which was the 17th highest out of 130 teams in the nation. When he became head coach to the Beavers, OSU scored at 26.21 points per game, approximately 10 points less than than the Huskies did in the previous year—the Beavers were 90th out of 130 in that category.

In addition, Smith also had to worry about a defense that was second to last in the PAC-12 conference during his first year as head coach. During that season in 2018, the Beavers defense gave up an average 45.7 points per game.

Smith would finish the 2018 season with a record of 2-10. Undeterred, Smith spent both the 2019 and 2020 seasons fighting to turn the records around. Smith finished the 2019 season with a record of 5-7 and the 2020 shortened season with a record of 2-5. But it wasn't until this past season that Smith saw success.

Not only did he obtain success, but the Oregon State football team finished the regular season with a 7-5 record that included going 6-0 at home. This was the first time Oregon State went undefeated at home since 2000, when Smith himself was a player.

"It's honestly crazy because when I look back at 2018, just at where we were and the amount of work that needed to be done," said Oregon State redshirt-junior inside linebacker Jack Colletto. "And to be a part of that process, and the rebuild and the change, and to finally be where we're at—not just for me and the

players coming in, but the guys who've been here forever, especially the seniors... they paid their dues and they never quit when things were dim, and honestly, they deserve it more than anybody."

Smith said it's been a process all the players have worked really hard at.

"We're a better football team and we're winning some more games," Smith said. "Each time you can win, it sets yourself up for the potential of bigger games. If you wanna win a game, you've got to play well and execute, however the stakes are and wherever it ends up being."

The 2021 season also had its own ups and downs, including the repeat offender of the Beaver defense not being where it needed to be. This led to Smith firing the team's defensive coordinator in November 2021.

"I felt it was the right time to make a change in our football program and have relieved Coach Tim Tibesar of his duties at Oregon State," Smith said in a statement. "All of us thank Coach Tibesar for his hard work and professionalism the past four years and wish him nothing but the best moving forward."

While the long-term results of letting Tibesar go in favor of utilizing the inside linebacker coordinator Trent Bray as an interim defensive coordinator will not be visible until the 2022 season, Smith will be there well into the 2020s.

Smith is set to be head coach of the Oregon State Beavers up through the 2027 season, and a recent update to his contract as a result of this season's performance has increased his salary significantly as well. This included a \$362,500 increase in his salary for 2021.

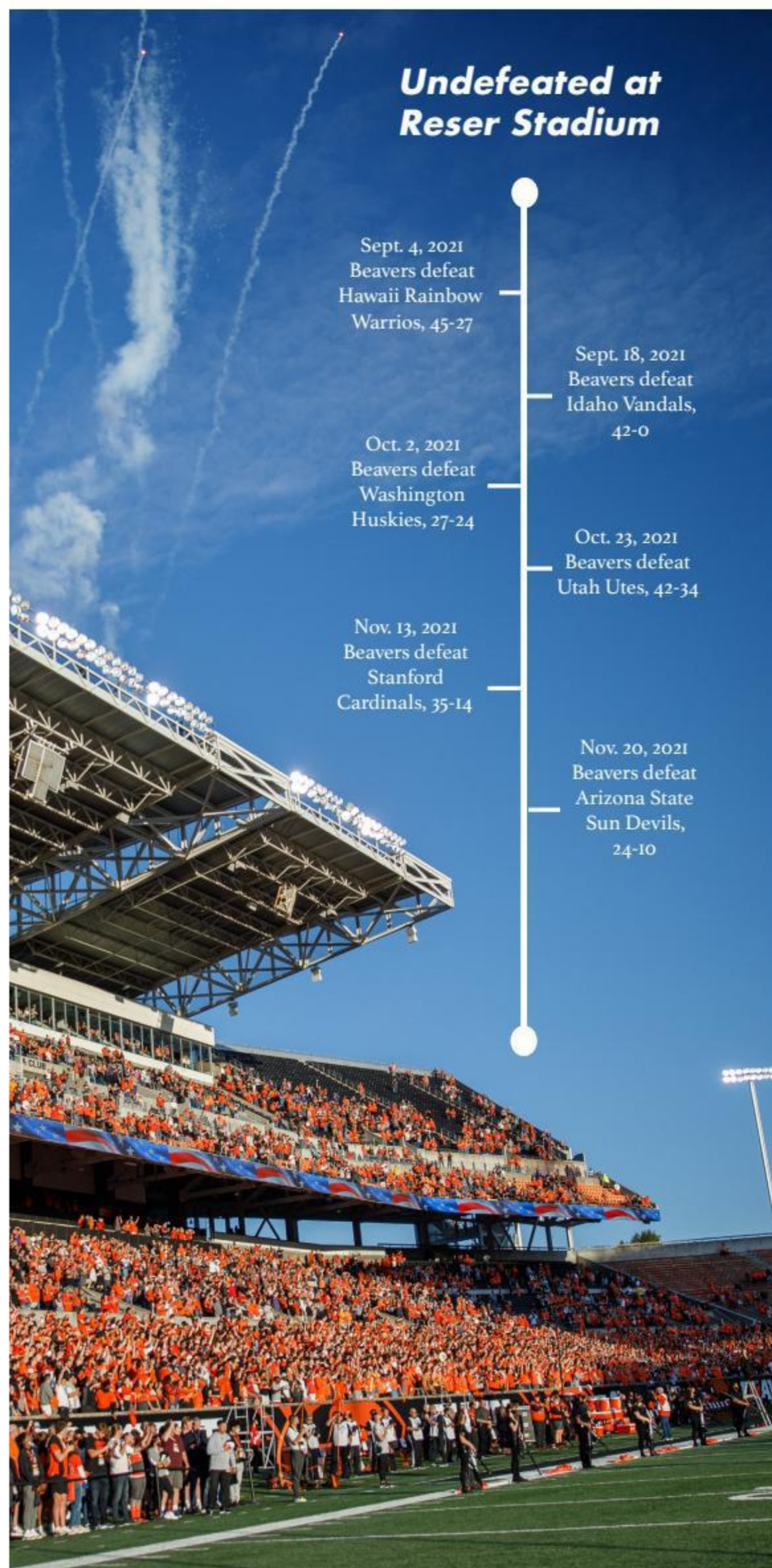
On top of his new salary, Smith recently coached in his first bowl game when the Oregon State Beavers faced off against the Utah State Aggies in the Jimmy Kimmel L.A. Bowl in Los Angeles, Calif. on Dec. 18, 2021.

Although the Beavers lost to the Aggies by a score of 24-13, there was still a sea of orange and black that covered SoFi Stadium, which was very reminiscent of Reser Stadium.

Redshirt-sophomore quarterback Chance Nolan did say that playing inside of Reser Stadium this season was memorable for him and his team.

"We did some good things for the town of Corvallis," said Nolan after the loss. "And they were really with us the whole way. I think playing at Reser was one of the most awesome experiences for all of us and just having the student body out there, we could feel them then and even today."

While the Beavers did end their memorable season with a loss, there are plenty of positives that can be taken away from this season, and Smith and his team will look forward to their season opener against the Boise State University Broncos on Sept. 3, 2022 in Corvallis, Ore.



Undefeated at Reser Stadium

Sept. 4, 2021
Beavers defeat
Hawaii Rainbow
Warriors, 45-27

Sept. 18, 2021
Beavers defeat
Idaho Vandals,
42-0

Oct. 2, 2021
Beavers defeat
Washington
Huskies, 27-24

Oct. 23, 2021
Beavers defeat
Utah Utes, 42-34

Nov. 13, 2021
Beavers defeat
Stanford
Cardinals, 35-14

Nov. 20, 2021
Beavers defeat
Arizona State
Sun Devils,
24-10

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Fans seen here cheering on the Oregon State Beavers inside Reser Stadium when they faced off against the University of Washington Huskies in Corvallis on Oct. 2, 2021. The Beavers went 6-0 at home during the 2020-21 football season and became bowl eligible for the first time since 2013.

Bishop reflects on winning U23 Gold Medal

By GEORGINA PAEZ
Sports Contributor

While it may not be easy to juggle the hard work that comes with athletics and the dedication that comes with academic life, Sierra Bishop thinks otherwise.

A senior on the Women's Rowing team, Bishop has accomplished many things while being a student athlete here at Oregon State University. Her career as a rower, however, had the most unorthodox of beginnings.

"I actually walked on during my freshman year of college," Bishop said. "I didn't really know what rowing was until my second half of high school... But I ended up going on an official visit to OSU. Met the coaches, assistant coaches and a couple of the girls on the team, and by the end, the head coach made me an offer."

But regardless of her little experience with the sport up until that point, Bishop was no stranger to the demands that come with playing full-time sports.

"I've done sports my whole life," Bishop said. "I did soccer, swim, track and dance all through high school... So sports has always been a big anchoring point for me to be able to identify in a group, but also in an individual sport, and I think rowing brings both of those things together."

From the moment Bishop walked on, she said her years were spent vigorously training and working hard to achieve not only the goals of the rowing team, but also her own personal goals.

A big one includes competing in the 2021 World Rowing Under 23 Championships, which were held in Racice, Czech Republic.

"It was a long time coming, it feels like," Bishop said. "My freshman year my coach really saw something in me and I was able to go to an Olympic [Development] Camp where I got an intro into the U.S. National Team System."

At the ODC, Bishop was able to train with 16 other women involved in rowing competitively. And while the COVID-19 pandemic did put a hold on Bishop's opportunity to compete her sophomore year, Bishop still found a way to train, as Bishop and her teammate trained in her garage six times a week with their coaches on Zoom monitoring the practice.

"I knew I had this last summer to do U23 again so I was like 'Okay, I have to commit to this and show the coaches that I want this, and maybe next year I'll get a better shot,'" Bishop said.

And a better shot she got. Bishop, along with about 30 other women, were sent to the Czech Republic to compete in the U23 world



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U23 United State 8-seat Rowing gold medal winner Sierra Bishop can be seen at the Oregon State Boat house in Corvallis, Ore. on Dec. 4, 2021. With her first global gold medal under her belt, Sierra has her eyes set on the 2024 Olympics in Paris, France.

championships.

"We crossed that finish line and it was the best feeling ever," Bishop said. "Everyone in our boat just started yelling and I couldn't stop smiling. Sometimes I still can't believe I did that and I honestly don't think it'll ever feel real."

After gushing about the victorious run her and her teammates had, Bishop reflected on the main reason she's able to keep her head afloat amongst the pressures that come with doing what she does.

"There's so many relationships that have

been built with people I now trust implicitly. Everyone has always had the same goal in mind, to reinvent the Oregon State women's team, and I know I wouldn't be this successful without my team," Bishop said.

After graduating in the spring, Bishop has been considering staying for another year to complete her MBA, but later on, she hopes to see another gold medal in the Olympics. For now, she plans to keep on actively participating in school programs, learning and growing in her technique and developing relationships with those closest to her.

Dam Change creates awareness about systemic racism

By ALEJANDRO PANIAGUA
Sports Contributor

Dam Change is a Black student-athlete-led organization on the Oregon State University campus that has come together to educate and raise awareness about systemic racism within society.

The creation of Dam Change began after the tragic murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, which initiated protests all throughout the nation in 2020.

Ten students from many different OSU sports programs came together after the Black student-athletes were disappointed in the lack of response and support the athletic program initially gave them. These student-athletes wanted more from Oregon State, and that led to the creation of Dam Change.

"We wanted to give Black students and student-athletes a safe space and a voice in the community," said Nya Buckner, one of the founders of Dam Change and a redshirt-sophomore right side on the Oregon State Volleyball team.

The creation of the organization was no easy task, according to Buckner, but this was something that the creators understood. Dam Change was founded during the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited their ability to go and reach out to communities of color due to the COVID-19 restrictions and social

distancing guidelines.

Not only that, but Dam Change knew that not everyone would feel the same about these different topics.

Co-founder Madison Ellsworth, a redshirt-junior defender on the Oregon State Women's Soccer team, said when starting an organization about racial justice, there are a lot of opinions.

"Some people are supportive and some people choose not to be," Ellsworth said. "At the end of the day everyone has their own opinion, and we choose to continue to educate, engage and create awareness about systemic racism."

According to Ellsworth, one part of Dam Change's mission statement was to have high levels of engagement in the community. One way of bringing this engagement is to hold Dam Change sport events to bring focus and attention to their message.

For Ellsworth, perhaps one of the biggest achievements for the organization was the Dam Change football game that took place when the Oregon State Beavers hosted the Arizona State Sun Devils on Nov. 20, 2021 at Reser Stadium. This Dam Change event would be the first of its kind in the academic year.

"We knew the Dam Change football game would be a perfect time to bring students from Portland on campus and have them speak with Black student-athletes and give them some

words of encouragement," Ellsworth said.

Since its creation in 2020, many student-athletes from other schools around the nation have also adopted a similar method to fight against systemic racism.

"The schools across the PAC-12 are always in communication with one another, and we bounce ideas back and forth [between each other]," Buckner said.

Buckner said she believes Dam Change could begin to have a very similar structure to the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee on campus in the future. Ideally, Buckner said, Dam Change will eventually function as a sounding board for Black student-athlete voices to remain active in the community.

And though they know that the creation of the initiation has been great for educating, they hope the future doesn't need the use of outside communities/organizations to push for quality on campus and around the world.

"Ideally, in the future, we won't need a program like Dam Change, since Dam Change participates in the fight against system racism and the fight to achieve social change," said Emma Deane, a senior defender on the Oregon State Women's Soccer team.

Dam Change has given athletes the opportunity to find a community that uses voice to stand up for something that they believe in.

"Dam Change has given me the opportu-

nity to get more involved in the fight against systemic racism year-round," Deane said. "Rather than participating in sporadic events or protests a few times a year, Dam Change gives the opportunity to stay active consistently throughout the year."

Dam Change has also impacted the OSU campus as well as those who are a part of the organization.

"I think Dam Change has opened the eyes of a lot of members of the school community," Buckner said. "As an organization, it has served as a mechanism for bringing education and awareness about racial injustice to the forefront. As an OSU community, we value diversity, equity and inclusion, and the reception to Dam Change reflects that."



Use a QR code scanner or Snapchat to view the Dam Change Instagram page.

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as a collective.”

Walker is a fifth-year senior from Colorado Springs, Colorado who has emerged as a leader in his time at Oregon State. As a junior in 2019 Walker earned an All PAC-12 First Team selection, and also made the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-District program that same year.

As a player who's been through a lot, Walker knows that there is never time to put your head down.

“That loss to [Virginia Tech] was difficult, but was a motivation for the group,” Walker said. “We felt like we owe it to our fans to give them a better story. For guys like Joe Hafferty—previous team captain—who got their season and collegiate career cut short, we're excited to give back to our university, our community and most importantly one another.”

It has become clear to anyone paying attention that Oregon State is not hurting for motivation. The Beavers ended the regular season with a 12-2-3 record.

On top of defeating the No. 1 ranked team in the country on the road, the Oregon State Men's

Soccer team won their first ever outright PAC-12 title and were seeded No. 1 in the NCAA soccer tournament.

Success like this doesn't come easy, and Walker is complimentary of his team's attitude and work ethic helping to lead them to where they are now.

“To be in the position we're in right now does not happen overnight,” Walker said. “Amazing leaders and guys like Sofiane Djeflal or Tyrone Mondy will be the first ones to recognize that... The development over the years doesn't happen if the freshmen or sophomores of the group don't buy into the culture and mission. It has been a joy to watch the growth this year.”

Since the beginning of conference play, it became clear just how far the Beavers have come since last season.

After starting PAC-12 play with wins over the UCLA Bruins, the San Diego State University Aztecs and the University of California Golden Bears, the Beavers had earned themselves a No. 8 national ranking before heading up to Seattle, Wash. and defeating the Washington Huskies, who were ranked No. 1 at the time, by a score of 3-2.

Even after suffering a late season upset loss at UCLA to the Bruins, the Beavers rebounded and earned themselves the No. 1 overall seed in the 2021 NCAA men's soccer tournament. Walker said he and his teammates understand

the mark this puts on all of them, having played a No. 1 team themselves this season.

“Being the No. 1 seed, we understand that there is a target on our back,” Walker said. “We know what it's like to play the No. 1 ranked team in the country. There is a different feel to those matches. To be the No. 1 seed and play each game knowing there's a large target on your back is an honor and fun place to be. In training, we apply immense pressure on one another so that when it comes game time, it is just another opportunity to piece together everything we had been building on the whole week.”

And heading into the tournament, Walker said he was still confident in the team's ability to perform well.

“The PAC-12 has prepared us extremely well for the tournament,” Walker said. “As we scout teams, we often draw similarities to the teams we've already played in our conference. This gives us a mindset of peace where we can psychologically position ourselves in a place where we've already been before.”

In the playoffs, the Beavers were able to handle the pressure well. After receiving a first round bye, the Beavers defeated St. John's University Red Storm by a score of 2-0 in the round of 32.

In the Sweet 16, the Beavers outlasted 16th-ranked University of New Hampshire by a score of 1-0. Their attention then turned to a tough

test against a top 10 team, when the Beavers took on the eighth-ranked Clemson Tigers in Corvallis, Ore.

It was a tough battle from both teams, but in the end, the Tigers came out on top, defeating the Beavers by penalty kicks 4-3 and stopping their magical run. It was the end of a historic run for the Beavers.

Despite this, Head Men's Soccer Coach Terry Boss was grateful for how his team performed throughout the season, overcame so much adversity and impacted the community.

“My overall feeling is thankfulness for this group of seniors that started this journey with us in 2018 with nothing but a belief that this is possible, and thankful for the fans that came out and supported this group,” Boss said. “Just an overwhelming feeling of gratitude. It was magic in the stands to watch these young men inspire and bring hope. Our guys said it best; our goal has always been to bring hope to a community. From that perspective, we accomplished that. On the other side of it, we're obviously devastated. We wanted to move forward and we thought we had the team to win the national championship.”

Regardless of the loss, the Oregon State Men's Soccer team will work to get back into the NCAA men's soccer tournament next year, win another PAC-12 championship and continue to etch their names into the history books.

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Throwback: 2021 fall sports memories



Top Left: Redshirt-senior outside linebacker Andrzej Hughes-Murray flexes after a defensive stop against the University of Washington on October 2nd. (Photo by Jakob Jones)

Top Right: Junior guard Gianni Hunt setting his defensive stance against the University of Portland. (Photo by Lily Middleton)

Middle Right: Junior forward Maddie Tetz moves the ball upfield late in the game against North Dakota. (Photo by Jakob Jones)

Bottom Right: Freshman all-around gymnast Jade Carey leaps through the air during the Orange and Black Gymnastics Scrimmage. (Photo by Kayla Jones)

Bottom Left: Junior midfielder Sofiane Djefal slides in celebration after a goal with teammates Javier Armas (left), Nicklas Lund (middle), and Gael Gibert (right). (Photo by Kalya Jones)

Corvallis houseless community in 'disarray,' City of Corvallis continues campsite sweeps

By SAM MISA
News Contributor

For Corvallis, Ore. resident Zachary Pierce, who has been without a house for over a decade, this winter will be the first he gets to spend with a roof over his head. Others, however, are often not as lucky.

According to Pierce, getting out of the seemingly endless cycle of houselessness is something much easier said than done, especially with the sweeps performed by the City of Corvallis.

Sweeps are defined as "the forced disbanding of homeless encampments on public property and the removal of both homeless individuals and their property from that area," according to the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington.

"100% of [houseless] people don't even know who the commissioners or the f----- mayor is, you know, all they know is that their enemy is [Corvallis] Parks and Recreation and [Oregon Department of Transportation]," Pierce said. "They're having to move everything all over the place."

For Pierce and many others like him, one of the only locations they can live in is by the skate park south of downtown Corvallis.

"These are really kind of considered, in my opinion, concentration camps," Pierce said. "You have the BMX track, you know, the meadows and the other skate park. And nobody's allowed to camp anywhere else. So the police know exactly where everybody's at... it's like a multi-crab pot. It's something tragic; when one crab tries to get out of that pot, the other is pulling it right back down."

There are other options for where to stay the night, such as the Corvallis Men's Shelter, which is less than a mile away from where Pierce was camped out. However, according to Pierce, not many houseless people want to go there.

"There's [Corvallis Housing First] and there's the church, but nobody really knows [about them] because they will never give us a straight answer, so it becomes a ping pong effect," Pierce said. "They're so disconnected at every point, or they'll send you somewhere, 'Oh go down here and get this.' We could spend a half a day doing that. And they'll be like, 'No, that's wrong.' Everybody's f----- in disarray."

While COVID-19 has certainly done its fair share of damage to the world as a whole, according to Pierce, it has at least forced the community to focus on people like him.

"COVID-19 is actually saving people's lives right now," Pierce said. "If that didn't hit, the

city would let us all die. COVID-19 [makes them think], 'Oh wait, we have a renewed responsibility, because I have to look out for these people.'"

The Corvallis Men's Shelter, located at 211 SE Chapman Pl., is now open year-round as opposed to three out of four seasons due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"[There's been] more need," said Moksha Mokma, a worker for the shelter. "We're open 12 months a year. We used to not be open in the winter... The houseless community has actually been doing pretty well about vaccines. I'd say, from my limited knowledge, people willing to and people not willing to [get the vaccine] are about the same as everyone else."

When the shelter opens for the night, workers feed and shelter up to 50 men a night, as well as providing breakfast the following morning. Mokma works during the daytime, when the shelter operates as a hygiene center.

"The hygiene center is open to anyone in the community that needs [it]," Mokma said. "People might be living out of their van, people's water might be turned off, they need to come in and get a shower. People might not have enough clothing for their kid or clothing for themselves. People come in for supplemental meals."

Aside from short-term needs, Mokma and the organization also helps with long-term needs as well.

"Throughout the day, I do anything from helping people just be able to utilize their services, which range from showering to food to clothing," Mokma said. "We also do collaborative care here—we connect clients with other social workers to help them find permanent housing. We help them find access to services that they might have access to, but aren't able to access, because they need an address or need a social worker, or mental health help. So we connect them to what we call collaborative care—we try to connect them with the services that they need."

Some houseless people prefer to get help from their own networks. One of those people is Alvin Freer, who allows individuals to enter his RV to keep warm and get what they need.

"I'm helping the homeless," Freer said. "You know, I let them come in any time of night they need to, to get warm. I give them food. I give them blankets. I give them whatever they need to f----- do their thing."

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention guidelines recommend that sweeps of houseless camps should be postponed as COVID-19 continues to be an issue, stating: "If individual housing options are not available, allow people who are living unsheltered or in encampments to remain where they are."

However, the City of Corvallis continues to perform these sweeps, according to Director of Corvallis Parks and Recreation Meredith Petit.

"The City continues to post and clean up illegal camp sites located on city property," Petit said. "Most of the sites on city property are in city parks. Parks and Recreation staff take the lead in the posting and cleanup process for these sites. The [Corvallis Police Department] posts the camp sites and provides enforcement as needed. Parks staff clean up the camp sites after the posting. Per state law, the City is required to give a minimum of 72 hours from the time of the posting to the cleanup. Typically, we give one week, per staffing availability."

Despite continuing the process of sweeping, the City of Corvallis has made some changes to how sweeps operate as well due to COVID-19.

"At this time the City is notifying Benton County Health of camp cleanups prior to the postings," Petit said. "This gives Benton County Health an opportunity to do wellness or COVID-19 checks prior to the posting dates if Benton County Health determines it is necessary."

Pierce and Freer find it frustrating that taxpayer money is spent on moving houseless camps during sweeps and not on helping them.

"When they take away our shelters, man, it's stripping us of everything that we were coming up on, trying to make better for ourselves," Freer said. "And then it's restarting us; they're holding us down into a position where we can't get back up. We can't do better for ourselves."



Alvin Freer (right) and his partner, Carolyn Wheeler. Not to be confused with the ice cream flavor, Chunky Monkey is the dog in Wheeler's arms. The three of them live out of the RV pictured in the image above.

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President Jason J. Dorsette is putting the Linn-Benton County branch 'on the NAACP map'

By ASHTON MCCrackEN
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The Linn-Benton County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People elected Jason J. Dorsette president of the branch in January 2021, and this January marks a year into his term.

The NAACP is a national civil rights organization that, according to their website, works to "disrupt inequality, dismantle racism and accelerate change" for Black Americans.

Dorsette, who grew up in North Carolina under civil rights leaders, was chosen as president of the Linn-Benton Branch of the NAACP because he is "a champion of diversity, equity and inclusion in higher education, government and corporate enterprises."

Christopher Hughbanks is the first vice president of the Linn-Benton Branch of the NAACP. His focus is on youth development as well as community development and education.

"[Dorsette's] vision has been to get people involved," Hughbanks said. "Member engagement has been a really big issue for him."

Hughbanks said Dorsette has helped expand the branch by streamlining processes.

"[Dorsette] helped us grow into ourselves," Hughbanks said.

Assistant Secretary of the Linn-Benton County Branch of the NAACP Roberta Smith said Dorsette encouraged growth in membership participation through his attention and commitment to the growth of branch committees.

"He's a wonderful guy," Smith said. "He's welcoming, he remembers names, he reaches out to people. [He's] really a good leader [and] a good speaker. He's done that kind of outreach... doing speaking in the different layers

of the organization that I don't think we've had before."

The success of the branch in 2021 under Dorsette's leadership was shown in youth outreach programs in which Hughbanks was heavily involved. Hughbanks said youth advocacy is a goal he hopes to continue working toward at the branch, connecting youth to history and engaging them, making sure their voices are heard.

"I think there [have] been great successes, and it's been great to reach out to the community and to get connected with more of the schools," Hughbanks said. "And I think we foster strong relationships."

Dorsette described 2021 as explorative and transformative for the branch. He said the branch has grown through new initiatives and committees such as the Home and Homeless Committee and Environmental and Climate Justice Committee, as well as increased membership numbers and engagement. As of December 2021, Dorsette said the branch has 615 members.

"Given that last year and this year we've been experiencing COVID-19, we've had to pivot," Dorsette explained. "Our organization really thrives off of being in physical community with each other, and we've had to, like everyone else in the world, engage in virtual platforms and different activities virtually. But to my surprise, our members are still as vibrant as ever and still engaged."

Dorsette said the branch has done training on how to use virtual platforms such as Zoom and YouTube to serve the 65% of members who are elderly.

Smith said she would like to see more involvement by membership in the branch. Furthermore, Smith explained that membership outreach has become more difficult through remote methods of commu-

nication; the ability to create personal connections is lost.

Dorsette said being president of the branch thus far has had positives and negatives.

"I've learned so much from our members who are extremely diverse... and [I've had] the opportunity to not only deposit what I've learned over the years, coming up under civil rights leaders... even me, I've had an opportunity to learn so much from our members," Dorsette said.

However, Dorsette said his efforts as president of the branch have "come at a cost." He explained he has been exhausted by the volume of phone calls and emails he has to respond to.

Dorsette said he is frustrated that the NAACP has had to do the same work for over 112 years as a national organization. He has also sacrificed parts of his private life, moving to Salem, Ore. despite the commute for more privacy and rest.

"I really miss just being a normal person," Dorsette said.

Dorsette said he hopes to improve the branch's ability to partner with local and regional organizations on social justice, including intersectional work with the LGBTQ+ community, supporting culturally relevant businesses and continuing mentorships and



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Jason J. Dorsette, president of the Linn-Benton County branch of the NAACP. Now entering his second year of presidency, Dorsette said the last year was explorative and transformative for the branch.

partnerships with education institutions.

"I would like the OSU [and county] community to know that we need their support, no matter how large or how small, we need their support," Dorsette said. "There's room for everyone to get involved regardless of your race, ethnicity [or] religious beliefs."

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Market lead, Will Hormann (he/him), posing in front of Gathering Together Farm produce on Nov. 20, 2021 at the Corvallis Farmers' Market. Hormann says the farm has been doing markets for about 20 years in total.

Corvallis Indoor Winter Market returns Jan. 8, promises 'exceptional variety'

Indoor Winter Market will continue to require masks, provide handwashing stations for patrons, house vendors indoors, outdoors

By ADIA WOLTERS
News Contributor

On Jan. 8, Corvallis Farmers' Market vendors will move their businesses from downtown to the Benton County Fairgrounds for the Corvallis Indoor Winter Market, which will last through April 9.

The CIWM struggled with new sets of COVID-19 protocols in the 2020-21 indoor market season, despite food businesses being deemed essential by state and county health officials, according to Rebecca Landis, the market director of Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Markets.

"Food was the focus of customers at that point, so most craft vendors stopped coming," Landis said in an email. "[In that] season we could not fit the craft vendors and meet all the requirements."

Since the 2020 CIWM took place before COVID-19 vaccines were available—pandemic restrictions were only starting to be enforced in March of that year—many vendors did not participate due to health concerns, according to Landis.

"I'm sure the pandemic became a turning point for some businesses," Landis said.

However, this year features a new way of organizing the market.

"For 2022, we only have a mask require-

ment to manage," Landis said. "Many crafters will return."

Lynne Miller, president of the market's Board of Directors and owner of Slippery G Family Farm, agreed with Landis.

"We're going to be a little closer to normal because we don't have the social distancing mandate that we had last year," Miller said.

The CIWM will continue to follow the state of Oregon's mask mandate and will also provide hand washing stations, according to Miller.

"There are not that many winter markets in Oregon," Landis said. "I have not been to the others, but my sense is this one has an exceptional variety of locally grown food

available. The larger organic farms—still what I consider small farms—have high tunnels that help them grow things you could not grow without cover."

Miller said she works to diversify the selection of vendors in order for the market to thrive.

"[In regards to vendor selections] we want to enhance the market because the more variety we have, the more people will come, then everybody does better," Miller said.

The CIWM, despite its title, will hold

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vendors indoors and outdoors. Vendors have mixed feelings over this.

Natania Hernandez, a marketer at the farmstand Lonesome Whistle, said she's happy to remain indoors out of harsher weather. Julia Sunkler, owner of My Pharm, said she's worried COVID-19 concerns will cause some customers to avoid going to the indoor businesses.

Sunkler's business sells fresh fruits, vegetables, meat and eggs, and she said diversification of the market is important in order for businesses to be successful. Since it's a greater challenge to bring in customers in winter time, Sunkler said a full market with a variety of stands helps bring in more people.

Vendors, including Sunkler, have been preparing year round for the market to begin. Sunkler has purposely been planting crops that will keep well through the winter.

Market Leader of Gathering Together Farms Will Hormann said they have been preparing months ahead of time.

"We've been doing markets year round for 20 years," Hormann said. "We've been preparing since spring, planting our root vegetables."

Gathering Together Farms will bring a variety of vegetables to this year's market, as well as pastries, fermented foods and salsa.

Hernandez said she thinks Lonesome

Whistle's array of flavored popcorns will be a winter hit.

"A lot of people like popcorn for staying inside and watching movies," Hernandez said.

Her favorite popcorn flavor is a mix between the garlic dill and masala.

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- Rebecca Landis, Corvallis-Albany Farmers' Market director.

Lonesome Whistle will also be selling flours, grains and polenta at the CIWM.

April Hall Cutting, the owner and baker at Wild Yeast Bakery, said the bakery will bring an array of breads and pastries.

"We make about 24 kinds of bread, so we just keep them rotating through. We bring lots of wholegrain pastries, try to feature local ingredients like not just the wheats and ryes, but cheeses, fruits and occasionally vegetables that are grown right here," Hall Cutting said. "I like that [the CIWM] happens."

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Product from the company Lonesome Whistle on Nov. 20, 2021 at the Corvallis Farmers' Market in downtown Corvallis, Ore. Lonesome Whistle sells a variety of popcorn as well as stone milled flours, whole grains, polenta, oats and pasta.



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Crowds of people gather at the outdoor Corvallis Farmers' Market held at downtown Corvallis, Ore. on Nov. 20, 2021. The Indoor Winter Market will be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds from Jan. 8 to April 9.

OSU students find Corvallis Watch Instagram page 'useful,' 'important for public safety'

Corvallis Police Department recommends community members use CPD social media for public safety information

By SUKHJOT SAL
News Reporter

With 3,801 followers, the Corvallis Watch Instagram account has garnered a dedicated following of Corvallis, Ore. community members, especially Oregon State University students looking to stay safe on the streets.

The account, which first posted in August 2021, states it is "a place for instant updates on the location and actions of convicted sex offender Timothy Mross and others in the future."

State of Oregon police have labeled Mross a level three sex offender, which is the highest level of sex offender status. Mross was convicted in both 2013 and 2017 with a felony charge of public indecency and has been seen by students near the OSU Corvallis campus in the past year.

Corvallis Watch is run by a senior at OSU who preferred to remain anonymous because of his additional work as an administrator for the Barstool Beavs Instagram account since 2019. He said he fears OSU leadership may reprimand him if they found out his identity.

Back in February 2021, he said he posted about Mross on the Barstool Beavs account for people to be aware of the sex offender's presence.

"At that point, we had submissions from people; people started sending in: 'I saw the Timothy Mross guy outside Clodfelter's bar,'" the Corvallis Watch account manager said. "... It got so big to the point where people kept on sending those in, to the point where I was getting like three or four a week."

He said he decided to create Corvallis Watch mainly for the purpose of Timothy Mross updates, which he provides primarily through Instagram stories.

From there, the account manager said Corvallis Watch evolved into posting other notifications, such as break-ins and other incidents confirmed to involve criminals with mugshots.

The account admin said managing Corvallis Watch is more difficult when, for example, he receives 20 submissions of a Snapchat story that claim someone is a rapist, with only a picture of that person's student ID to accompany the claims.

Instead, the account manager said he needs

to see an official police report before posting about individual people to avoid doxxing, which is publishing private or identifying information online about an individual with malicious intent.

"At first, I was a little bit worried because students were like, 'Why isn't OSU doing anything about this; we

have to take it into our own hands,' and I made it very clear

on the page that I'm not a police officer, I'm not the local authorities," the account manager said.

In the past, the Corvallis Watch admin said he has received threatening submissions to Barstool Beavs that pushed him to contact the Corvallis Police Department.

"The CPD does a spectacular job; they handled it very maturely, very quickly," the admin said. "I try to make it very clear within the [Corvallis Watch] page that we're not the CPD, everything we say is within student realms of reality."

Sydney Schorr, a junior in environmental science at OSU, said she heard about a man who was posted on Corvallis Watch and saw him flirting with one of her friends one night. Schorr later found out the same man shot a girl and stabbed someone that

very night.

"I find Corvallis Watch very useful



look out for," Schorr said. "I think everyone needs to know about Corvallis Watch. I am glad someone told me about it. It helps a lot of people feel safer knowing the faces of the people who are jeopardizing this community."

According to Ryan Eaton, the public information officer for the CPD, there's good and bad to everything that occurs on social media.

"You've got it giving the public the ability to provide timely information to other community members, but at the same time, it does provide a platform for unfiltered information

that has not been investigated, or information that may be incomplete," Eaton said.

Eaton indicated that one of the Corvallis Watch account's posts has 24 comments and 893 likes, with a name and picture of a man that reports their age as 50 years old.

"Somebody in the comments clearly points out, 'That person isn't 50 years old,'" Eaton said. "So right there, there's an image being put out there with someone's name and their photograph, but incorrect information."

Eaton said the CPD would prefer if the community would use more reliable sources like CPD social media or other law enforcement government pages to get the most accurate information.

"When people follow [CPD] social media platforms—our Twitter account, our Facebook, our Instagram—they're going to get an investigated story, investigated information, verified information," Eaton said.

For the Corvallis Watch manager, he said his account is useful for students who might be walking on Monroe Avenue on a weekend, for example, because of its timely, immediate updates on threats to the community.

"It's important to me because I have a lot of women friends, I have a lot of guy friends and Corvallis—we kind of pride ourselves on being a very safe college town," the Corvallis Watch admin said. "It's kind of a thing in the OSU community: you can walk down the street drunk and yelling 'Go Beavs' and that's about it. But when there [are] active threats that are lurking literally across the street, and oftentimes on campus...Especially when it's so close and so consistently happens—it isn't like a 'Mross did this once every three months.' The fact that this is a weekly occurrence just makes students more scared to go out and be college students."

Abbey Lakeman, a junior studying human development and family sciences at OSU, said she looks at the Corvallis Watch page for incidents that are near or on campus so she knows where to avoid going.

"I think it's really useful, especially for a woman who walks on campus a lot; I want to be able to feel comfortable," Lakeman said. "I also know a lot of my friends use it as well. I do think community watch pages are important for public safety! Depending on your feelings toward the police, community members looking out for each other can sometimes be more beneficial."

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An illustration of a guardian watching over the city of Corvallis, Ore. Corvallis Watch is an Instagram page which seeks to inform users of safety concerns in the Corvallis area.

Importance of proper clothing for cold weather sets in with start of winter term



CASSIDY MALICK
The Rainy Angle

The increasingly cold weather in Corvallis, Ore. highlights the lack of clothing resources at Oregon State University for students who need clothing that is appropriate for the wet season.

With the winter solstice behind us, the days will slowly grow longer, but Oregon's famously cold, wet weather will continue for a few more months. For students without waterproof clothing or an appropriately warm wardrobe, this weather can be hard to deal with and exhausting to handle.

Clothing resources are essential for filling in gaps in a student's winter wardrobe. Run out of Milam Hall, Benny's Business Closet is one such resource that prices all its clothing under \$20. It runs on donations and sometimes clothing drives.

The goal of Benny's Business Closet is to

provide students of all majors with the clothing resources they need to succeed in a professional environment.

"[Benny's Business Closet] will be available on Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon [during winter term]," said Jennifer Villalobos, program manager in the College of Business and staff member at the Academic Success Center. "Students can also make appointments as well."

Since its opening in 2015 as a pop-up shop on campus, Benny's Business Closet has secured a permanent location in Milam Hall. Villalobos said there has been a noticeable increase in students using the resource as more students tell their friends about it.

While Benny's Business Closet does sell some jackets and other clothes that can be worn during cold months, their focus is more on professional clothing, not on specifically providing winter clothing for students.

The Human Services Resource Center also does not run clothing drives or have any cold weather clothing resources for students who may need it. The HSRC does, however, provide

an array of other services, including food and textbook lending programs.

In the Pacific Northwest, which is well-known for its cold and rainy weather, winter clothing resources should be available. A warm, dry jacket is important to a student's health and success.

The Military Veterans Resource Center did conduct a clothing drive for refugees from Afghanistan in October and November of 2021, proving that a clothing drive on a college campus can be successful even though this event was not meant for OSU students.

"A lot of people in the veteran community just wanted to give back to the refugees because they stuck their necks out for us and deserve a lot more than what they are getting so far," said Mikayla Weber, a student veteran working at the MVRC.

According to Weber, an advisor at the MVRC reached out to a military base in Wisconsin where Afghanistan refugees are staying and received a list of clothing that the refugees needed. The MVRC drive was organized around those needs.

"We ran the drive for about a month and collected a fair amount of the stuff we needed," Weber said.

She said this was the first clothing drive the MVRC has run in the two years she has worked there and that she isn't sure if the MVRC has run any previous clothing drives.

At this time there is no sufficient winter-clothing resource on campus. An annual coat drive could easily support a resource similar to Benny's Business Closet in distributing winter clothing to students and community members in need. Donating old sweatshirts, hats, gloves and jackets would put them in the hands of students who need them.

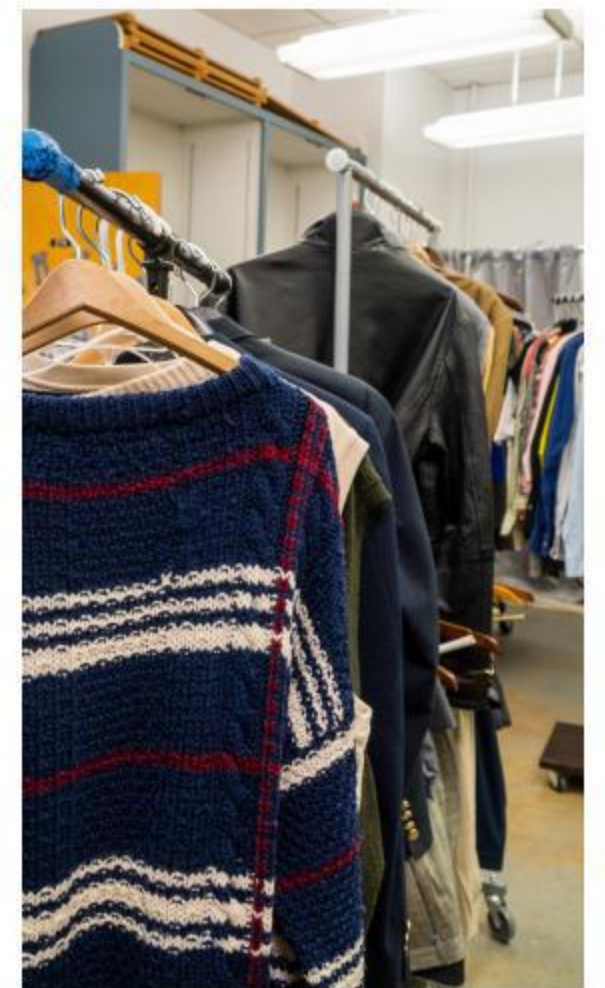
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Program Manager in OSU's College of Business Amy Newman looks through a selection of winter coats that hang from the racks of Benny's Business Closet on Nov. 24, 2021. Benny's is a business thrift store in Milam Hall on the Corvallis, Ore. Oregon State University campus that sells locally-donated business clothing to OSU students for a very affordable price.



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A selection of winter coats hang from the racks of Benny's Business Closet on Nov. 24, 2021. During the fall and winter season they bring out their

For just two hours a week, you can help over 100 houseless people



SAM MISA
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As fellow residents of Corvallis, Ore. dedicating just a little time to volunteering in the local community can ensure people without shelter at least have warm meals.

According to the League of Women Voters in Corvallis, there are anywhere between 800-1200 houseless people in Corvallis alone as of 2020, which means that there's at least that many people struggling to find food and shelter each day in 2022.

The good news is there are a handful of organizations whose sole purpose is to help out the less fortunate, including Stone Soup Corvallis, which serves meals daily at either St. Mary's Catholic Church, First Christian

Church, Third Street Commons or the Hygiene Center; as well as the Corvallis Men's Shelter, which is located at 211 SE Chapman Pl.

As with most nonprofit organizations, the need for volunteers is always high, and all of these volunteering opportunities are less than two miles away from Oregon State University's Corvallis campus.

Considering that the time commitment is as low as two hours biweekly, there are few plausible excuses to make about why volunteering would take up too much time in your schedule.

According to Sara Ingle, a member of the LWV and president of the board of directors of Stone Soup, a large portion of Stone Soup's volunteer force consists of OSU students.

"A lot of students have gone through Stone Soup and developed a real appreciation for public service," Ingle said. "I consider that part of our mission. Like congregating dining, it isn't a mission that we can meet well during a pandemic."



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Grace Johnson and Paige McClain preparing dinner on a Tuesday night for the diners waiting in line outside of the building. Both volunteers are students of Oregon State University.

What Ingle means by congregating dining is simply allowing people to eat together indoors, which used to be the case before COVID-19. While such a restriction may not seem important to most people, Ingle argued otherwise.

"We've lost a big piece of what we provide for people and it is hard on the diners that they can't congregate," Ingle said. "But we're very casual. Anybody's welcome."

Ingle noted that Stone Soup now hosts a drive-in at their Third Street Commons location, where people can pick up meals to go.

According to Ingle, right now, Stone Soup is in need of bilingual volunteers, especially

at their south Corvallis meal site.

"We try to recruit bilingual people, and our website is bilingual, and we do most of our posting as bilingual," Ingle said. "But it's best if we have bilingual people on hand for taking orders and greeting people. Of course you're gonna feel more welcome if you can understand the people we are interacting with."

Even if you aren't bilingual, you should still try to volunteer to help out, because anything you can offer Stone Soup is likely more than enough and will certainly make a difference for those you serve.

Each day, Ingle said they serve upwards of 100 meals a day. In September and October, Ingle said they served approximately 4100 and 4900 meals respectively.

One of the volunteers that works at Stone Soup is Alivia Morris, who came on to work for a Human Services class she was taking. However, she felt like the work was less a requirement and more of something to enjoy.

"I do see myself continuing to volunteer after the required service hours," Morris said. "Just because it is very fulfilling to be here and helping people. Everyone here is really kind and nice and really fun to work with. So you're also making good relationships with good people."

Morris said she finds her work satisfying because of the important service she offers people who are houseless in Corvallis.

"I think even in the brief interactions, we can see how it can really change people and help people with such a minor thing that we take for granted," Morris said. "One of the best things we can do as humans is help each other out. And I think mutual aid is really important, that we help our neighbors and it's super fulfilling. I would just say it's worth it. It's important. So come volunteer."



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Paige McClain, student at OSU, pouring dressing during the preparation process of salad to feed diners of Stone Soup Corvallis, Ore. One priority of Stone Soup is to not just provide warm meals to their diners, but to provide them meals that meet nutritional needs as well.

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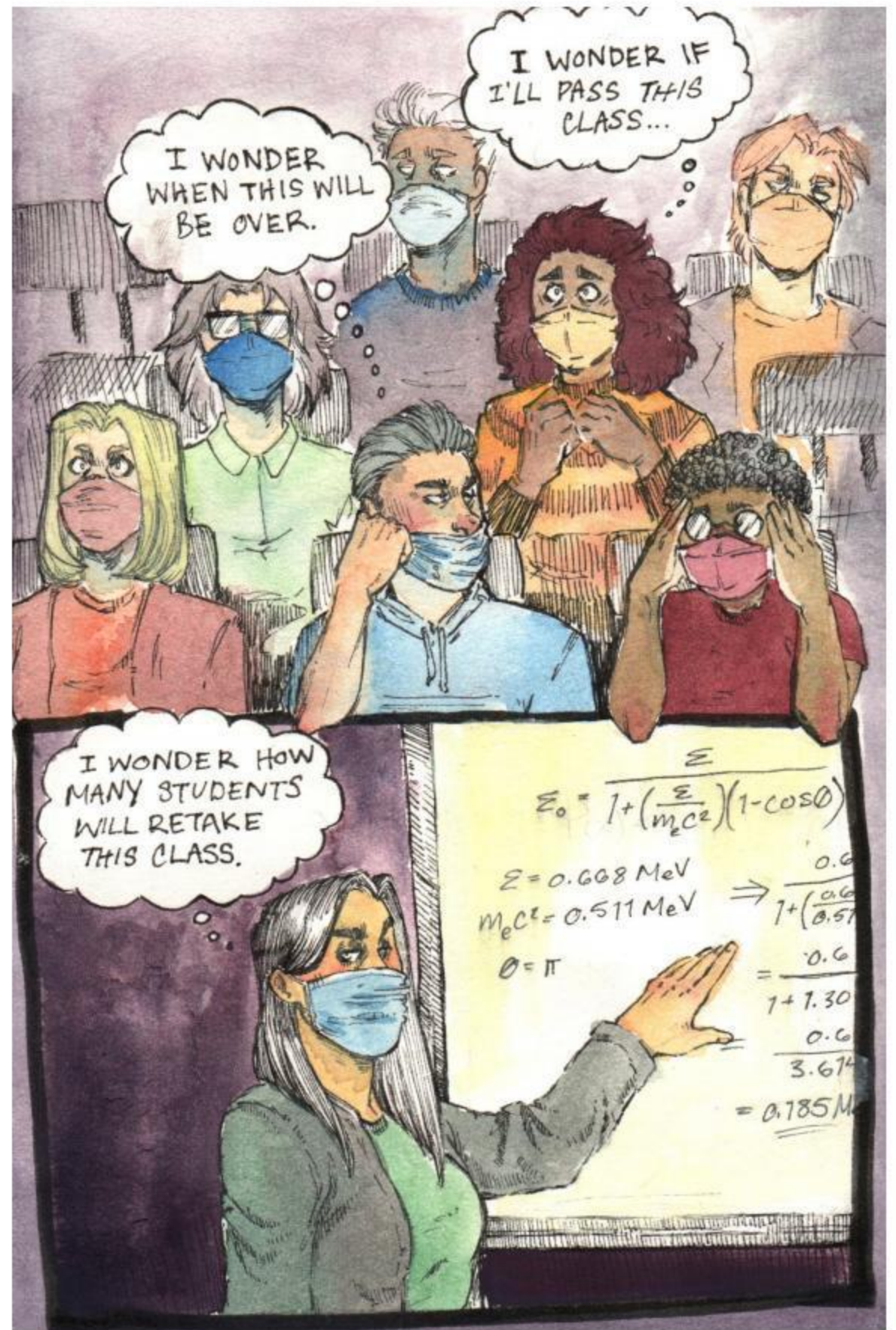
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The Barometer lists OSU's favorite and least favorite things this month.

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- Yay to reuniting with friends on campus.
- Yay to OSU's 40th annual MLK Day celebration on Jan. 17.
- Yay to Beaver basketball, wrestling and gymnastics.
- Yay to syllabus week.

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- Nay to winter term blues.
- Nay to gloomy days that seem never ending.
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Gemini (May 21 – June 20)
Today is a 9 — You and your partner can advance a collaborative effort with extra energy today. A disciplined push can have an outsized impact. You're a formidable force together.

Cancer (June 21 – July 22)
Today is a 9 — Prioritize physical health and fitness. Successes come through your own energy and effort, despite the impulse to run away. Maintain practices to fulfill long-term goals.

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Today is an 8 — Have fun despite distractions or complications. Align actions and intentions for a matter of the heart. Creativity solves a puzzle. Connect with beloved people.

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