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Kaitlyn Danna, graduating senior and interior design major, places her graduation cap on her head. Danna, along with the 2017 graduation class, will be able to attend the OSU commencement ceremony June 17, 10:30 a.m.

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COVER: OSU students throw graduation caps into the air. The OSU commencement ceremony for graduating seniors will take place June 17 at 10:30 a.m. Photo and photo illustration by Zbigniew Sikora.



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Outgoing Editor-in-Chief Riley Youngman and incoming Editor-in-Chief Lauren Sluss stand in the SEC Plaza. Sluss will take over in the fall, while Joe Wolf (not pictured) will oversee the three upcoming summer editions of the Baro.

Thank you, Beaver Nation

By Riley Youngman, Outgoing Editor-in-Chief

Gratitude. If I had to narrow my experience as editor-in-chief down to one word, it would be gratitude.

Over the past year, we have done a lot here at the Baro. We have transitioned from a daily to a weekly paper. While this change took some time to adjust to (both as a staff and as an audience), I believe we have hit our stride and are closing in on what our new identity as a publication is. Our daily news coverage has moved online, but we have implemented daily News Blasts as a way to further broadcast stories. We have also created more multimedia content than ever before, and our engagement on social media is increasing steadily. We've even won some national awards. This is exactly where I wanted to be when I took on this position last June.

Yet, the journey to this point was not always an easy one. As I wrote a year ago in my incoming letter, I was likely going to encounter failure at some point over my term—and fail I did. On more than one occasion, too. Among others, one of the biggest mistakes was the printing of the headline on our Nov. 14 issue's cover as "Rhetoric and reactoin." As you probably know, "reactoin" is not a word, but we published this on 12,000 printed issues. Oops.

Sticking to the theme of learning from failure, we were able to use this issue as a way to recruit over 20 applications for a new copy editor position, and in turn brought on two new staff members. One of them, Joe Wolf, quickly grew in the organization and is now set to take over the Baro as the 2017 summer editor-

in-chief. While of course I wish "reactoin" had not been printed, I could not be happier with the way we rebounded as a team. Above all else, I hope my staff has been able to adopt and understand this healthy attitude toward failure into their lives.

As I move on to my next adventure here at Oregon State University, I want to thank everyone for this opportunity. This year has been one of the most challenging, trying and stressful of my life, but it has also been one of the most rewarding. I leave now with fresh perspectives, new ways of thinking and relationships that I know will last my lifetime. Thank you to my entire team (who I could NOT have done any of this without), my advisers and those that have supported me in any way. Most of all, thank you Beaver Nation for sharing your time, your thoughts and your stories with me. You have trusted us to listen and to share your lives with our audience. It has been an honor and a pleasure serving you.

You are in good hands with the staff that is taking over. Joe Wolf and Lauren Sluss have worked tirelessly this year to learn and I have no doubt they will accomplish more than I can imagine.

I part with one last reflection—at the end of the day, remember every one of us has a unique story, and each one deserves to be heard. Continue to rely on the Baro and Orange Media Network to be an outlet for compelling, engaging and inclusive story telling.

You have a voice, ensure it is heard.

Looking to the future

By Lauren Sluss, Incoming Editor-in-Chief

The most intimidating adversary is a blank screen.

I can't recall exactly how many times I've stared at the blinking cursor on my open Word document. I had finished the interviews, chosen the quotes I liked and had all the information I needed.

But I didn't know where to start the story.

I've been working for the Baro for the past two years—the entirety of my Oregon State University career. I joined in fall 2015 as a reporter when the Baro still printed daily, and I wrote three to four stories a week. As managing editor this year, I have worked closely with everyone on our staff, overseeing day-to-day operations and picking up the notebook and pen myself when a last-minute story needed to get done.

After two years of working as a reporter and with reporters, I still find that cursor blinking on my blank computer screen to be daunting. But at the end of the day, the story is written because it needs to be. I have come to understand not only the thrill journalism carries, but also its necessity.

I certainly don't know everything there is to know about journalism. However, I do know more now than I ever have before. With this knowledge in hand, I am excited to serve as next year's editor-in-chief.

If I had to boil down what I have learned during my experience at the Baro into one takeaway, it would be the importance of community, respect and understanding. We as a staff strive every day to provide the most accurate and fair coverage of campus communities, not just of the loudest voices, but of the ones that need to be heard.

I am fully aware that over the

course of the Baro's history, relationships with communities on campus have been strengthened, and some have been tainted. Moving forward, myself and my staff will work closely with campus communities to forge and maintain strong relationships and understanding of one another's perspectives.

Next year we will continue our cycle of weekly print editions and daily News Blasts. Additionally, we will be expanding our interactions with the other five mediums in Orange Media Network to create a Life Section, which will be a source of entertainment through pieces on music, opinion, campus life and fraternity and sorority life.

This year has been a transition year for the Baro, moving from daily print to weekly. We experienced many successes, but have also dealt with failure more than once. Looking back, our failures have made us stronger and have helped us hit our stride.

I have no doubt that next year will hold similar experiences, both with our successes and our failures. There will be times when we are staring at the blinking cursor, not knowing what to write. However, no matter what lies ahead of us, I have complete faith in the Baro staff's ability to strive toward improvement each and every day.

As editor-in-chief, I promise to dedicate myself and my staff to providing the most accurate, fair and encompassing news to you, the OSU community.

I'm excited for the coming year and the relationships we will build. The doors to our office are always open and our willingness to get to know our fellow community members will never fail.

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Phillip Rakowski holds his coin given to him by the Collegiate Recovery Community for being a founding member of the sober-living community at OSU.

Oct. 10: On the road to rehabilitation New student housing creates sober-living community

By Carina Burgher, News Contributor

Not even 24 hours after being released from prison, Phillip Rakowski found himself restrained to a hospital bed. His first order of business back in civilian clothes had been to collect on drug debts people avoided during his incarceration.

The chaotic life Rakowski had lived finally dealt a return blow. Driving away at 90 mph after a violent confrontation, Rakowski later awoke in a hospital bed with a state trooper standing above him. Then, for the first time in the approximately 15 years he spent in and out of the penitentiary, Rakowski did not drink upon release. Instead, he spent the time using methamphetamines. With his life spiraling out of control, Rakowski made a visit to his grandfather, sharing his dream of going to college and realizing that his lifestyle was a barrier to his bright future. This was the beginning of many "firsts" that ultimately led Rakowski to Oregon State University.

A key factor of his success in recovery was

becoming a member of the Collegiate Recovery Community. The CRC has been working through Student Health Services for the last three years to provide support to OSU students in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse.

Rakowski hopes to open a dialogue about addiction and recovery with the student body and let them know that the CRC and the Recovery Living Community welcome everyone. "When we're dealing with things like recovery, identities and things like that, we're dealing with social equity," Rakowski said.

Students who support recovery or are considering sobriety and membership in the CRC will have access to a public space in the Dixon Lodge, where staff members will be available during daily drop-in hours. Moving forward, the CRC wants to break down the stigma surrounding addiction and recovery. For them, establishing a community space for recovery and sobriety is only half the battle.

Nov. 14: Rhetoric and reaction Students respond to Donald Trump's election

By Brian Rathbone, Richard Steeves,
Lauren Sluss and Riley Youngman

What started off as just a handful of students at 1:45 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, turned into upward of 100 Oregon State University students peacefully protesting in the Memorial Union Quad. The group grew, concluding with over 400 students and community members marching through the streets.

"The recent results of the election have made a lot of the people feel that their existence is not okay, and they feel very unsafe," said Tabitha Pitzer, a junior in political science who was leading the protest.

Although the protesters' actions may seem disruptive, they can fall under acts of free speech, according to Christopher McKnight Nichols, an associate professor of history and

director of the Citizenship Crisis Initiative.

"As a general principle, Oregon State is a public university. It is the government and therefore there can be no restrictions on freedom of expression at Oregon State," Nichols said.

For many traditional students, presidential elections are often the first time they have the opportunity to have their voice heard and vote, according to Drew Desilet, the ASOSU faculty adviser.

Desilet said that although students may not always get what they want, people in power tend to listen to them, so it should not stop students from voicing their opinions.

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Student marchers hold a sign on campus during a Nov. 9, 2016, rally to spread messages of solidarity, peace and unity in the aftermath of the presidential election.



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(Above) Julien Brentley celebrates the Civil War victory by crowdsurfing. OSU students and fans rushed the field at Reser Stadium after the Beavers beat the Ducks. (Right) Running back Ryan Nall scored four touchdowns in the game and rushed 155 yards.

Nov. 28: Victory

The Beavers defeat the Ducks in the Civil War 34-24



The Beavers rode a four-touchdown, 155 all-purpose yard performance from sophomore running back Ryan Nall to defeat the Oregon Ducks in the annual Civil War for the first time since 2007. The final score of the game was 34-24.

OSU finished the 2016 season with an overall record of 4-8, but finished above the Ducks in the final Pac-12 standings. The game, held in Corvallis, saw a steady downpour for most of the second half. However, after the clock expired the students and fans that had braved the weather rushed the field. Head coach Gary Andersen and his players celebrated with the crowd before heading to the locker room.

Andersen and his team will kick off the 2017 OSU season on Aug. 26 at Colorado State.

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Student protestors lead students and community members down Monroe Avenue as part of the walkout planned in response to President Trump's inauguration.

Jan. 23: 'Rise, resist, love, create'

Hundreds stage walkout, march through Corvallis

By Joe Wolf and Lauren Sluss

"Build bridges, not walls" was one of the slogans employed by marchers in the Oregon State University walkout Jan. 20, starting on the OSU campus and spreading throughout Corvallis. Several hundred students, faculty and members of the wider Corvallis community gathered in the Student Experience Center plaza and Central Park, before combining forces and walking through downtown Corvallis, ending at the riverfront and Odd Fellows Hall.

There were many different groups represented, and people from all walks of life. According to the event's Facebook page, the walkout was inspired by disappointment in the election and inauguration of President Donald Trump.

One of the leaders of the chants, including

a call-and-response, "Show me what democracy looks like; this is what democracy looks like," was junior political science major Tabitha Pitzer. Even though she marched at the front of the group, she did not describe herself as an organizer of the event.

"There's been a lot of hateful rhetoric around the election," Pitzer said. "I think that it's important that we come together and we unite to show members of our community that just because we have a governing body that does not support all, that we have a community that will support all."

Another unifying cheer was "rise, resist, love, create," a distinctly non-violent rallying cry, in stark contrast to the protests that erupted into chaos and vandalism in Washington, D.C. earlier that Friday morning.

Feb. 6: Closed borders, open campus

Following President Trump's executive order and travel ban, OSU community members speak out

By Lauren Sluss and Joe Wolf

For Mohammad Pakravan, America was a shining beacon promising a better life. This was the promise that drew him into the U.S. in 2012. Born in Iran, Pakravan moved to Oregon to get his master's degree in renewable and clean energy. Now, he is a Ph.D. student in humanitarian engineering at Oregon State University. As an Iranian, Pakravan was directly affected by President Trump's overturned executive order banning travel from seven Muslim-majority countries. According to Vice President of University Relations and Marketing Steve Clark and the OSU Office of Institutional Research, there are 146 students currently enrolled at OSU from six of the

seven named countries, as of November 2016. Although the executive order was blocked by a federal judge, the ban had lasting impacts on OSU community members, according to Clark.

"These are real people with real needs who are being impacted and the associated uncertainty is causing them not only to stress, but it may impact their ability to remain enrolled here," Clark said.

Along with students and OSU staff members, Oregon politicians also weighed in on the ban and expressed a commitment to protect Muslim-Oregonians, including state Sen. Sara Gelser of Senate District 8, calling the executive order both "un-American" and "immoral."



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Sara Mahdavi, Vahid Mahdavi, Mohammad Pakravan and Leila Ghorbanzadeh, all Iranian students at OSU, pose in the Memorial Union.

Feb. 27: Hidden hardships

Although resources for the homeless community in Corvallis exist, more could be done to help

By Jamie Chin, News Contributor

For many people, getting a roof over their head and easily accessible meals is anything but easy. Tyler James Waggoner, 20, is one of the many people struggling with the crisis of homelessness within the city of Corvallis.

"About 1,000 people are experiencing homelessness in our local community. Of course, this is just a ballpark guess," said Kari Whitacre, executive director of Community Outreach Inc.

Jackson Street Youth and Next Steps are two of the many local nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping homeless and poor people. Along with these organizations, COI works directly with homeless people,

according to Whitacre.

"Homelessness—it's there, but hidden, compared to other cities," Whitacre said. "We have a small population of chronically homeless folks, but we have a pretty significant population of unhoused families and youth."

One of the varieties of homeless populations is homeless students. A resource specifically tailored to Oregon State University students is the Human Services Resource Center.

"Collectively, there are around five to seven homeless students that stay at the Community Outreach Center every night. There are around 50-75 in the Corvallis community," Whitacre said.



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Homeless Corvallis community member Tyler Waggoner stands in front of the First Christian Church, a frequently-visited spot for the homeless community.

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Student protesters interrupted a Board of Trustees meeting, joining hands in a circle in the middle of the room. The protest delayed the tuition decision until May.

March 20: Meeting adjourned

Student protest forces Board of Trustees to delay tuition decision

By Tiffani Smith and Jamie Chin, News Contributors

Protesters interrupted a Board of Trustees meeting set to decide and vote on various fiscal year 2018 university budgets, including the possible increase of tuition. At approximately 12:25 p.m. on March 17, 14 protesters entered the Memorial Union Horizon Room, forming a circle and chanting their demands for university administration and staff, which ultimately caused the meeting to adjourn.

According to Steve Clark, OSU's vice president of university relations and marketing, although students should be given the ability to voice opinions and concerns, it needs to be executed properly.

"This is America," Clark said. "Free speech is protected and Oregon State University has principles that support freedom of expression. The university also has time, place and manner policies regarding when and where free expression can be conducted without disrupting education, research or other activities and operations of the university."

The meeting was rescheduled and took place on April 21 telephonically where the Board voted to increase undergraduate tuition by about four percent for in-state students and two percent for out-of-state students.

May 30: Corvallis stabbing puts five victims in the hospital

OSU and community help injured, provide resources for those affected, raise funds for medical bills

By Tiffani Smith, News Contributor

On May 22, Corvallis Police Department officers responded to a residence on NW 27th Street for a reported stabbing. The suspect was later identified as 24-year-old Benjamin Leland Bucknell, a former Oregon State University student.

Multiple victims were transported to Good Samaritan Hospital directly after the incident with serious injuries, and one victim, Jesus Valencia, was life flighted to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland where he underwent two surgeries. All victims have since been released from medical care.

As of Sunday, June 11, Bucknell has been charged with 20 different criminal offenses. Bucknell's bail has also been set at \$1 million by the state of Oregon.

According to Steve Clark, OSU's vice president for university relations and marketing, the university offers programs and services to OSU community members that feel affected by the incident.

"When matters such as these occur, we're very mindful and our primary goal is to first and foremost provide a safe campus for our students, faculty, staff and guests," Clark said.



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Nolan Butuso, one of the victims of the stabbing, talks with a CPD officer. Butuso and his roommates were attacked in their home, located a few blocks from campus.

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Graduating seniors reflect as the end approaches

Students blossomed at Oregon State University, are excited for the future

By Delaney Shea, Columnist



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This graphic is comprised of words from 20 seniors graduating in 2017. They described both their time at Oregon State University and their thoughts regarding the future after graduation.

It's amazing how time can enrich perspectives. People's worldviews are constantly evolving as they are exposed to new ways of thinking, which allow them to view the actions of others, and themselves, differently. With that in mind, it makes sense that each graduating senior has a unique story of their time at Oregon State University, and a mentality that has likely evolved since their first year.

According to Sarah Koonse, a graduating fourth-year majoring in zoology, her time at Oregon State was magical.

"OSU has been a whirlwind and a magical getaway since the very beginning. Living in the international dorms my freshman year allowed me to hear crazy, magical stories from around the world and dancing on the Elite Dance Team gave me a magical feeling of a dance family," Koonse said via email. "Not to mention how lucky I am to get such an awesome education and learn so much in the field of zoology!"

To earn a degree from OSU, students must complete and pass at least 180 credits' worth of classes, complete the Baccalaureate Core, maintain at least a 2.00 GPA and complete course requirements for their specific major or majors. Students, like Miranda Raw, a graduating fourth-year senior majoring in exercise and sport science, have to work hard to achieve their goal—a degree.

"If I could describe OSU in one word, it would have to be the word 'ambition'. I say this because when I first came to OSU I wanted to work hard enough to become a pharmacist, but then it wasn't for me because of chemistry," Raw said via email. "Even when I didn't know what I was doing, I still had the utmost desire to find what I was best at in order to get the best grades that I could get, while enjoying what I loved. I ended up being an exercise and sport science major and I love it every single day. I still commit myself just as much as I did freshman year to achieve the biggest goal, which is a college degree."

Graduating seniors did not just focus on grades—they went out and engaged in activities that helped them find a sense of belonging and community.

"The atmosphere at OSU is amazing and I think everyone has a chance to find a niche here," said Ivan Kallevig, a fifth-year majoring in political science, via email.

However long graduating seniors spent at Oregon State, it made an impact on those years and how students grew. According to Steven

Nemer, a fifth-year double-majoring in finance and accounting, his time at OSU could be described as 'holistic'. Besides his two majors, he was very involved in fraternity and sorority life, specifically the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and the Interfraternity Council, and Hillel, a Jewish campus life organization.

"OSU gave me more than a textbook education. It provided me with the opportunity to engage in the community and develop the soft skills that will help in my life and career," Nemer said.

Whether students had a magical time at OSU or one that had some things they would change if they could go back, soon-to-be-graduates are facing a future full of different directions they can choose from.

Koonse is not yet certain what her path forward will be, but she knows it will take her south, into new situations.

"The future is a little uncertain. All I know is my next adventure will be in sunny San Diego, Calif. No matter what, I'm sure it will be filled with wonder," Koonse said via email.

Exciting, yet uncertain, and perhaps a little scary, adventures were a fairly common theme among graduating seniors. After a few years of stability, soon-to-be grads are about to set off in pursuit of new goals.

"I currently have applied for two jobs that look promising, but until I hear back from either of them, I do not know what I am doing. It will be an adventure!" said Kelsey Hilsenteger, a fourth-year chemical engineering student, via email.

Besides the newfound freedom to pursue new adventures, some students are excited about other types of freedom as well.

"(I feel) liberated: I should have plenty of opportunities within the tech industry with my degree. Also no homework, oh thank God, no homework," said Tanner Fry, a fifth-year student in applied computer science, via email.

According to Ben Appleby, a fourth-year student in chemical engineering, his future looks serendipitous. According to Appleby, in college, the experiences people have are somewhat homogenous. He is excited to see the OSU class of 2017 go out into the world, find themselves through tackling new challenges and accomplish great things.

"I think the future looks exciting, because I'm looking forward to what myself and my peers will be able to accomplish. Up to this point we've all shared similar experiences in the school system,

and as everyone goes into the real world, their own personal approach is going to define who they become," Appleby said via text.

This is not to say that students are going to fearlessly find their calling right after graduation. Many students are a little apprehensive, and rightly so.

According to Gio Fiorenza, a fifth-year student majoring in kinesiology, his future after graduation looks "scary as hell," despite having some idea of where he's going.

"I got a really good job in Washington, but it's

in a place where I know nobody," Fiorenza said via text message.

In another five or so years, after confronting their fears and going on plenty of escapades, grads will have a brand-new set of words to define their lives. They will meet others who see the world in different ways, and they will have more time to reflect on how they form opinions, and how they put their experiences and perspectives into words. But for now, they get to celebrate their success.

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of university services that I could utilize to help me with child care, housing, and stress management. He has never put me in a position where I had to choose between what is best for my family and what is best for his lab." Thank you Dr. Deluc!



NEWS

OSU enrolls thousands of students in Graduate School

Research opportunities provide learning enrichment

By Tiffani Smith, News Contributor

As one of the only institutions in the nation designated as a land, sea, sun and space grant university, Oregon State University is dedicated to creating an environment centered around academic excellence, specifically through research. One of the leading ways OSU students can get involved in research is by enrolling in the Graduate School.

As of the most recent enrollment report in winter 2017, the unduplicated headcount of graduate students was 4,293, according to Rosemary Garagnani, the assistant dean of the Graduate School at OSU. Additionally, in fall 2017, 223 of newly enrolling graduate students had prior OSU degrees.

OSU's Graduate School currently offers 85 majors, including graduate certificates, with the largest number of graduate students in the College of Engineering, according to Garagnani.

"Our staff often refers to the difference between undergraduate and graduate study as the transition from being a consumer of knowledge and information to being a creator of knowledge. Graduate study is available in many varieties, including degrees comprised of coursework only, master's degrees requiring a project or theses and doctoral degrees," Garagnani said in an email.

The OSU Graduate School also offers graduate-level certificates, which are shorter time commitments, on the Corvallis campus, as well as the Cascades campus and through the Ecampus.

Before becoming the OSU summer session marketing program manager, Ali Duerfeldt was enrolled in OSU's College Student Services Administration graduate degree program, where she completed her master's of education. According to Duerfeldt, she wanted to pursue graduate school because she wanted to specialize in working with students in higher education, and graduate school would allow her to gain experience in the field of student affairs, through both classroom learning and practical applications.

She chose OSU for graduate school because of the cohort model of learning, which allowed her to pursue her degree alongside a small group of students, according to Duerfeldt.

"It created a strong sense of community within the program," Duerfeldt said in an email. "Additionally, Oregon State stood out to me because of its commitment to inclusivity, diversity and social justice, which were vitally important components of the type of community I was looking to be a part of."

Those within the group Duerfeldt worked with ranged from students moving directly from undergraduate programs to graduate school, to individuals who have already been working in their field for some time, according to Duerfeldt.

"The diversity within my cohort helped me to become a better practitioner and generally a better person, learning from so many different types (of) people and their unique perspectives," Duerfeldt said via email.

Attending graduate school, according to Duerfeldt, helped set her apart from others entering the workforce and made her a



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Adrian Gallo, a graduate student studying soil sciences, examines soil cores from various sites around the U.S.

more competitive applicant for the jobs she was interested in.

"The depth and breadth of my graduate program had an immediate impact on my success in my career, as I had a strong foundation to build from. I felt competent and confident to pursue my professional goals, because of my time in graduate school," Duerfeldt said in an email. "I had such a positive experience as a graduate student at Oregon State that I returned a few years after graduating to take a full-time job here."

Adrian Gallo, a current graduate student, recently completed his master's degree in sustainable forest management, and is now working toward a Ph.D. in crops and soil science. Gallo has been studying soil science since his undergraduate years at OSU.

"I was very lucky to find something that I enjoyed that challenged me right from the beginning of my undergraduate career," Gallo said.

According to Gallo, he decided to attend graduate school because of the vast amount of information he learned during his time as an undergraduate student.

"I did take five years, but I doubled (majors) so I think it was worth the extra year," Gallo said. "However, my curiosity was not satisfied. By the time I was taking the 400 and 500-level classes, I realized that 'Yes, I can get a job and I wouldn't have a problem finding a job, but I would not be intellectually satisfied.'"

When making the decision to enroll in graduate school, according to Gallo, it is important to study a field you are interested in and want to learn more about.

"Don't come into graduate school thinking you're going to be making big bucks because you have a higher degree. Don't come into graduate school because you want the higher degree, because you want the initials in front of your name," Gallo said. "Come into graduate school because you're curious about something you're passionate about."

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BEAVER ON THE BLOCK

As spring term comes to a close, Orange Media Network photographers Lucas Raab, Bao Truong, Andrea Mitev and Logan Howell went out into the Oregon State University community to ask students of all backgrounds and experience levels about their time at OSU. The seven students featured were asked two questions to help them reflect.

Q1 “What advice would you give your freshman self on the first day of school?”

Q2 “What are you most proud of at OSU?”

A photo story by Logan Howell, Bao Truong, Andrea Mitev and Lucas Raab



VALER POPANTON

International Business, 3rd Year

Q2

“I would say my proudest accomplishment is definitely the fact that I wasn’t afraid to talk to new people and OSU is a great place to extend your network. You never know what the connections you make now will bring you in the future. Especially in an environment like that, where most of your friends will be future engineers, businessmen, athletes, etc.”

YIFEI ZHAO

Computer Science, 1st Year

Q2

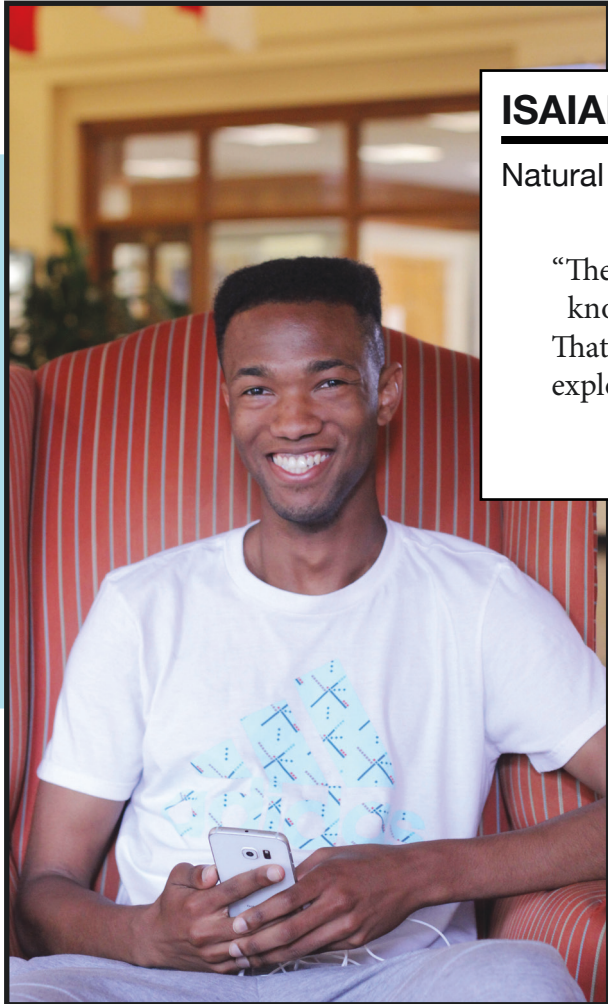
“I joined the Chinese Student Association and the university has been providing a lot of support for us. When it came to planning events that became a huge help. We had an event called ‘The Year of the Rooster,’ which celebrated Chinese New Year, and I got really involved in hosting the event. Both international students and the other students of the OSU community came together and tried food and cultural activities and everybody really enjoyed the event.”

PETER STROHMAIER

Mechanical Engineering, 1st Year

Q2

“It’s cool to be able to work on projects with a bunch of other people.”
“That’s something that’s really different and really cool to be able to do now, there’s a whole collaborative aspect with people.”
“Music is a big thing for me...playing in the jazz band.”
“Marching band was really cool as far as getting to meet people and everything.”



ISAIAH SAVAGE

Natural Resources, 5th Year

Q1

“The advice I’d give freshmen is if you don’t know what you’re gonna do, just explore. That’s what college is for—experience—and explore avenues you really enjoy and things you’d want to do in the future.”

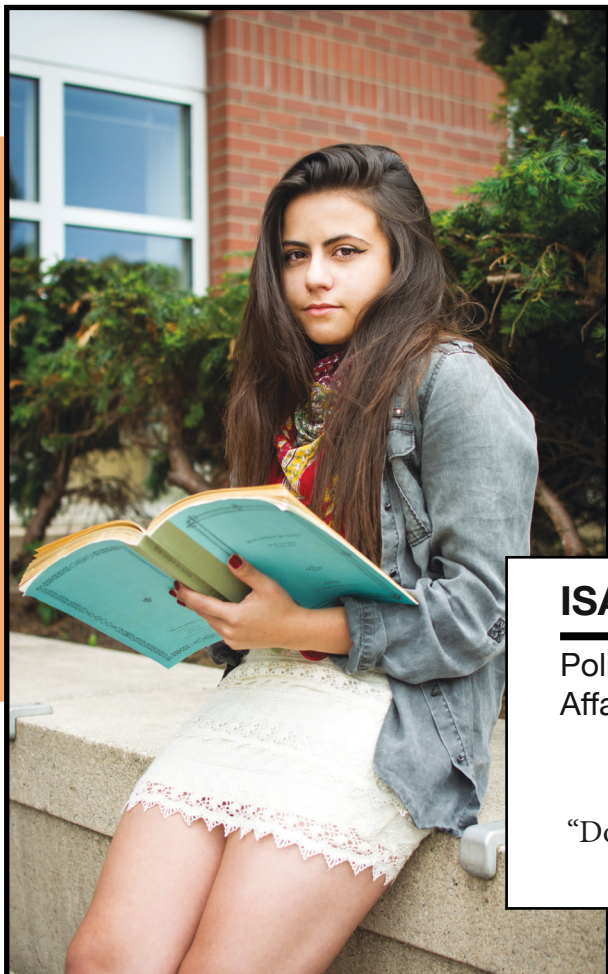


BROOKE EIDE

Business Marketing, 2nd Year

Q2

“In the last year, I have done a lot of volunteer work with Be The Match at Oregon State. If I could go back to the beginning of the year and tell myself one thing it would be to get as involved in as many things as possible. Even if you think you are too busy, you always have enough time to try to improve someone else’s life.”



JENNY SIMOPIAREF

Public Health, 1st Year

Q1

“Just put up with the weather. I’m from Papua, Indonesia, which is a tropical island. It was difficult transitioning to the weather at OSU because it’s so different from back home. Also, stay easygoing and try to make friends.”



ISADORA CARDOSO

Political Science and International Affairs, 2nd Year

Q1

“Don’t forget where you come from.”
“Don’t give up my authentic self.”
“Don’t try to get people’s approval...be your authentic self.”



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Michael Gretler and KJ Harrison celebrate after Harrison hit a three-run homerun in the third inning on Friday's Super Regional game against Vanderbilt, his eighth of the season. The Beavers went on to beat Vanderbilt 8-4 on Friday and 9-2 on Saturday, winning the best-of-three series.

Off to Omaha

Beavers head to the College World Series after sweeping Vanderbilt in Super Regionals

By Brian Rathbone, News/Sports Chief

Nate Yeskie walked from the dugout to the pitching mound to talk with Jake Thompson in the seventh inning.

He asked his pitcher "Where do you want to go?"

"Omaha," said the junior right-hander during Friday's game just before the assistant coach took the ball from him.

Thompson got his wish. The Beavers are headed to Omaha, Neb. to play in the Greatest Show on Dirt--the College World Series, after sweeping Vanderbilt in the Super Regionals with a resounding 9-2 victory over the Commodores after beating them 8-4 on Friday.

"We went out there fearless, and it's a great feeling to be able to go out there and compete at a high level," said junior first baseman KJ Harrison.

Once the final out was caught at the base of the right field wall by sophomore Steven Kwan, freshman catcher Adley Rutschman charged Fehmel, wrapped him and took him down with a tackle that would've made OSU football coach Gary Andersen proud as the rest of team piled on top in the middle of the Goss Stadium infield.

"I didn't feel anything," said sophomore right-hander Bryce Fehmel, who struck out a career-high 10 Commodore batters in a complete game

effort. "It's all a blur."

"Omaha Bound" hats were passed out, and the 54-win Beavers took a victory lap around a capacity Goss Stadium for the final time this season, where the team lost only once during the season.

Fehmel's performance was reminiscent of his 2016 season, when he earned several all-American honors after going 10-1 with a 2.31 ERA as a freshman.

"We never dreamed he'd go nine," Casey said. "He was so good that I almost fell asleep."

Fehmel got to start after the OSU pitching rotation was thrown a curveball when Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year Luke Heimlich elected not to pitch in the wake of an investigative report by The Oregonian/OregonLive that unveiled that Heimlich, at the age of 15, had sexually molested his then six-year-old cousin.

Fehmel did not know until Yeskie sent a text message to him asking "gray pinstripes?" on Saturday. Pitchers get to choose which uniforms the team wears when they pitch. Fehmel would get the start for the first time since May 6.

"I've been ready to be in this situation," Fehmel said. "Getting to Omaha has been our goal the whole entire year. I was ready for this moment."

Fehmel returned to his 2016 form and sty-

mied the Commodore hitters by getting into pitcher's counts, and keeping hitter off balance by throwing his breaking pitches for strikes. Fehmel finished with 10 strikeouts and didn't walk a single batter.

"That's nice to hear," said Vanderbilt's head coach Tim Corbin, talking about Fehmel's career game.

"It was absolutely warrior mentality from him, for not having started for so long," Casey said. "Nate told me in the seventh, 'He's going to finish this thing.' We were considering closing with Drew (Rasmussen) or (Sam) Tweedt if it was close. Bryce just made it easy for us."

Fehmel was so good that even the umpire couldn't help but make sure that Pat Casey left him in for the ninth inning.

"I went out to make a change (in the field)," Casey said. "And the umpire said, 'God I Hope you're not taking that pitcher out.'"

While Fehmel kept the Vanderbilt bats at bay, the Beaver offense jumped out to an early 4-0 lead on Vanderbilt's junior pitcher Kyle Wight, who could be the No. 1 overall pick in Monday's MLB Draft.

For the second game in a row, Harrison hit a three-run home run early in the game to give OSU an early cushion.

"I was just trying to be as relaxed as possible," Harrison said. "Going into this Super Regional, we knew Vanderbilt had a lot of good arms both starting and in the bullpen...I went in there, and took a deep breath and competed. I told myself to relax and put a good swing on the pitch."

The Beavers would knock around Wright for seven runs and eight hits over 6 2/3 innings.

Through five postseason games, the Beavers have outscored their opponents--Holy Cross, Yale (twice) and Vanderbilt (twice)--by a combined score of 44-7.

The Beavers will head to the College World Series with 54 wins and will enter the series with the 11th best winning percentage of all time--best since 1982 (Texas).

The entire season, OSU would break their team huddles by saying "Omaha," with two 20-plus game winning streaks under their belts, the team, that was left out of last year's postseason, is now five wins away from capturing the program's third national title since 2006.

"I always say 'You don't have to have all the best players, but you have to have the right players,' Casey said. "We have the right players. I give them the credit 100 percent. I feel blessed to be able to coach them. Now we're looking forward to the next challenge."



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Megan Jimenez performs on the beam during a March 5 meet against Washington.



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Max Engelbrekt pitches during the baseball Civil War on May 12.

Moving forward

Gymnast Megan Jimenez looks to future career in media

By Ellie Magnuson, Multimedia Contributor

From the age of three, Megan Jimenez has had one focus and passion: gymnastics. 19 years ago, Megan Jimenez accompanied her mother to her brother's first gymnastics class. At first, she was shy and scared, but once she built the courage to venture away from her mother's hand, the future Beaver gymnast was ignited.

"As soon as Megan saw the gymnastics equipment, she let go of my hand and continued to move forward. From day one, we knew she had found a passion," Mary Jimenez, Megan Jimenez's mother, said. "She was really strong at a young age and she flew through all the levels."

Megan competed on the vault and floor early in her college days and the beam in her later career. She competed in 46 out of 49 career meets and 'hit' 63 out of 66 routines in her career. She also received PAC-12 All-Academic Honorable Mentions three out of four years at OSU.

Megan is graduating this year with a degree in Digital Communication Arts, with which she plans to pursue a career in the media. She is retiring from her life-long career and passion, gymnastics. After graduation she is moving to Atlanta, Georgia with her boyfriend and former Beaver offensive lineman, Sean Harlow, as he begins his professional football career with the Atlanta Falcons.

"I have a lot of media experience and I have done a lot with media, but it is just tough figuring out that perfect fit of what I think I am going to be good at," Megan said. "I have yet to find that perfect match that I know is exactly what I want to do."

Taylor Ricci, a senior majoring in exercise and sports science, met Megan on

their first official visit to the campus and they have stuck together ever since, whether they are at practice, in the weight room, or just relaxing.

"I expect very bright things for that girl's future," Ricci said. "She has worked incredibly hard. For all of us girls, gymnastics has been our lives for 17 or 18 years, so closing that chapter is going to be a transition, but she has her eye's set on what she wants to do and what she wants to accomplish and she has that passion behind it," Ricci said.

Megan was recruited as an all-around because she could compete on every apparatus, however her limits were pushed with several knee injuries throughout her career. The hard impact of the landings in gymnastics can take a toll on one's body.

"It is hard to see your daughter suffer those types of injuries and watch her push through even though she is in pain, but Megan and I share the same mental toughness; it's a characteristic that she has always had and it helped her fight through when everything seemed to be going wrong," Mary said.

Mary has been teaching elementary school for 29 years. She helps kids every day find their potential just as she did with her own. Mary Jimenez tried to get to as many of Megan Jimenez's competitions, whether they were at OSU or if they were traveling from her home in Temecula, Calif.

"These four years have blown by and it is bittersweet," Mary Jimenez said. "It's hard to say goodbye to gymnastics because it has been Megan's passion for years, but she is strong and she is the driving force behind all her decisions and if she is happy then I am happy."

Dual threat

Max Englebrekt dominates field, classroom

By Mitchell Monge, Multimedia Contributor

Embodying what it means to be a student-athlete is hard, but doing it while pitching for the best team in college baseball is even harder.

Meet Max Engelbrekt.

Engelbrekt joined the OSU baseball team in 2013, a squad that also made the College World Series. After getting his undergrad in finance, Engelbrekt is pursuing his MBA in data analytics while simultaneously pitching for the No. 1 team in the nation.

"I learned how to manage time well, between school and between baseball, especially in grad school this year," Engelbrekt said. "I've really learned how to manage my time and know what my schedule is, know what we have in a given day, when I can leave, what I can miss."

Engelbrekt's schedule is not an easy one. Between grad school classes, practices and homework, he doesn't have much free time.

Freshman pitcher Jake Mulholland, in his first year in the program, has witnessed the effort put forth by Engelbrekt.

"He's probably going to go to a two-hour class right after this, so he's always gone doing homework, and that's something you have to really respect," Mulholland said. "He's definitely dedicated in both baseball and school."

Engelbrekt's work in the classroom earned him Pac-12 All-Academic First Team for 2017. Teammate and roommate Drew Rasmussen has witnessed Engelbrekt's hard work throughout the season.

"He works just as hard mentally as he does physically," Rasmussen said. "He understands the game, and on top of it, he's fun to be around at all times."

Engelbrekt has been an anchor in the bullpen for the Beavers. This season, he owns a 0.48 ERA in 18.2 innings pitched, and has struck out 18 batters. His innings have declined from his 37 innings last season. Engelbrekt attributes it to the deep bullpen OSU has.

However, the times he has pitched, he's been spectacular. Against Oregon, Engelbrekt pitched 3.2 shutout innings, allowing one hit while striking out three Ducks en route to the Beavers clinching the Pac-12 title.

Engelbrekt hopes to continue baseball after college, but is focusing on his degree going forward.

"Hopefully I get drafted," Engelbrekt said. "That happens next week, so we'll see how that goes. I don't know, I've got another term to finish my MBA in the fall, so I'll be back here until December. I'd like to stay on the west coast, I'd like to work for an analytics firm, or work at a big company."

But with Engelbrekt's work ethic, he can ultimately do whatever he wants to going forward.

"I don't know how he does it, because that guy comes to practice from like one to four, and then has class from six to nine at night," Rasmussen explained. "It just sounds like an awful schedule, especially on the days we have weights at like seven a.m."

In his five years, he has developed a good relationship with the coaching staff, and has become an assistant coach of sorts, with all the experience he has.

"As far as how he manages his time, and how he involves the other guys and helps them improve, I don't think it could be overstated how important he's been to this program over the last five years," pitching coach Nate Yeskie said. "I jokingly ask him all the time, 'Hey, you sure we can't find another (year) in there?'"

If Engelbrekt stayed another season, Yeskie likely wouldn't be upset. Engelbrekt has left an obvious impact on the OSU baseball team. From his college successes, it would be difficult to imagine a person with such great character and work ethic being unsuccessful in anything that he does.

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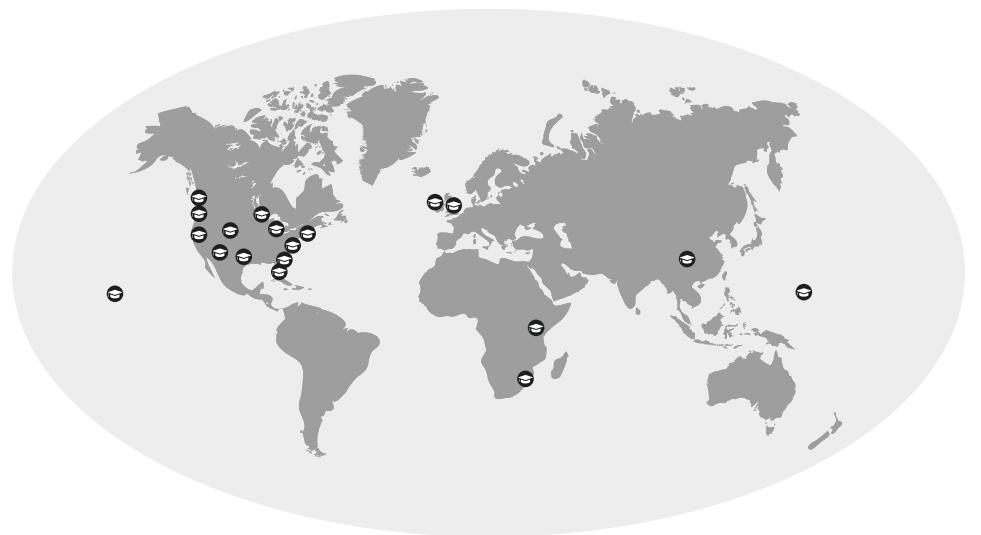


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Information courtesy of the OSU Alumni Association website. Each hat represents an area which graduates have indicated they are moving post-graduation. However, this graphic does not represent all of the new OSU alumni population.

OSU Alumni Association works to keep track of graduates

Students find opportunities to further their studies around the world

By Sydney Sullivan, News Contributor

An Oregon State University student is sitting in a Parisian cafe sipping a cappuccino. In walks someone they have never met before, but the apparent stranger is wearing Beaver gear. After their time at school, OSU graduates can end up anywhere.

According to Matthew Fenstermaker, the alumni relations director at OSU, a recent poll was sent out by the OSU Alumni Association to graduating students, asking them where they will be going after graduation.

"We're providing a resource for our recent graduates to help them stay together," Fenstermaker said.

Fenstermaker added that the Alumni Association has created a map on their website located under the tab for "Students" and drop-down menu "Where will you be?" in order to display the information visually, as well as to help students see where their peers will be going in the near future.

Where students are going is also important to Fenstermaker and the other members of the alumni relations team in order to better understand what programs the Alumni Association should be focusing its attention on, according to Fenstermaker.

According to the Alumni Association's website, there are currently two directors from the Alumni Association who help to run the travel program at OSU: Julie Schwartz, an associate executive director of programs, and Kate Sanders, the alumni programs director. The travel program, located on the Alumni Association website under the tab for "Get Involved" and the drop-down menu "Alumni Group Travel," has traveling activities that range from "Light—some walking required" to "Very Active—physical fitness required, long walks, uneven terrain, possibly very cold weather."

While the Alumni Association works to bring Beavers together from all over the globe, Regional Networks has a special emphasis

on California, Portland, Ore., Boise, Idaho, Seattle, Wash. and greater Oregon. These networks are made possible by volunteers that help to run regular events planned by professional staff. There have also been groups established in Asia and Europe thanks to help from volunteers, according to the Alumni Association website.

On the brink of graduating himself, digital communication arts major Erik Passow says he will be spending his summer in London studying theatre arts at the University of Westminster.

"I wanted to go out with a bang," Passow said.

Passow will be going solo on his journey to London and does not yet know anyone from the area. He says he will miss the connections and friends OSU has given him over the past five years, but is excited to do something new.

Zoey Nelson, a zoology major at OSU, will be on a similar journey abroad as she travels to Dublin, Ireland. After graduation in the spring, Nelson will be going to Ireland to study veterinary medicine at University College Dublin. According to Nelson, OSU has given her great classes, professors, clubs and volunteer opportunities.

"One of my favorite clubs was the Pre-Vet Club, which allowed me to volunteer in the Large Animal Hospital at OSU's Veterinary School," Nelson said.

According to Nelson, the thing she will miss most about leaving OSU is the town of Corvallis.

"I have found Corvallis to be a welcoming home and the perfect place to be a college student," Nelson said.

According to Fenstermaker, this is only the second year the Alumni Association has collected information on where graduates will be going for the summer, but will hopefully help former students stay connected.

"Beavers stay together," Fenstermaker said.

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ASOSU President Simon Brundage and ASOSU Vice President Radhika Shah stand in front of the Memorial Union. Brundage and Shah hope to gain feedback from students on what their foci should be for the upcoming school year.

Brundage, Shah lay out plans for the future

Fellow students,

First of all, we would like to thank former President Rachel Grisham and former Vice President Brett Morgan for their service to the Associated Students of Oregon State University (ASOSU), and for their mentorship and guidance during our transition. We are excited to hit the ground running, and are immensely grateful that Rachel and Brett provided resources and precedent for future successes.

The vision statement of ASOSU states that “a better campus, a better community, (and) a better experience happens when we come together. You are a student. You have a Voice. Make it known.” We believe this to be true. History has proven that change occurs when we act as a collective, and not as individuals. Cultural anthropologist Margaret Meade said we should “never doubt that a small group of dedicated citizens can change the world for the better.”

As such, we hope you all participate in our student-needs survey in the fall. You will be able to exercise your voice regarding what issues you would like our administration to focus on in the upcoming year. While our campaign platform may guide our agenda, we were elected to serve the students, with the goal of better representing all groups on campus. Our actions are governed by you—it is not the other way around.

Transparency was an important element of our platform, and will be one of the primary goals of our administration; we believe it is important that you all know what projects your student government will be undertaking over the summer.

One of the main concerns we expressed during our campaign was the lack of information on and the inaccessibility of the ASOSU website. Frustrations with the website are not uncommon—we will be working to fundamentally revamp it, offering updated congressional meeting minutes, a list of all administrative committee and congressional vacancies,

resources for students to learn more about the OSU budget and a fully updated version of the ASOSU Constitution. Not to mention, we also plan to make the interface of the website more user-friendly and navigable.

Another effort we plan to pursue this summer is bringing ridesharing to Corvallis. Ideally, we hope to see ridesharing companies like Uber and Lyft arriving in the fall, prior to classes resuming. In coordination with the previous administration, we have been in correspondence with the public affairs director for Uber, and recently gave testimony to the Corvallis City Council supporting a ridesharing ordinance. The ordinance for ridesharing has been adopted in Salem and Bend, and it is looking likely that a similar policy will be adopted by our city. However, students must lead this effort. Ridesharing will provide students more transportation options, with the ultimate aim of reducing wait times for SafeRide, while also promoting job growth and safe alternatives for students to get home.

Lastly, we plan to develop a comprehensive agenda for the upcoming year, with goals such as restructuring the Student and Incidental Fee Committee budgeting process, enhancing ASOSU outreach and awareness, filling student vacancies on administrative committees, creating an ASOSU steering committee to address budget gaps at both the university and state level and more. We are looking forward to the upcoming year, and see great potential for positive, meaningful change. Our efforts this summer are just the beginning—and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with all of you to improve the student experience at OSU.

Congratulations to all graduating seniors, and we wish you all the best of luck with finals!

Sincerely,

Simon Brundage, ASOSU President
Radhika Shah, ASOSU Vice President

OSU remains committed to addressing climate change



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OSU President Ed Ray sits in his office in the Kerr Administration building.

Faculty, staff and students,

Last week, the Trump administration announced that the United States will withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change mitigation. I want to assure the Oregon State University community that we remain steadfast in our resolve to advance our institution's commitments toward the global challenge of climate change. We are resolute in our work to reduce the institution's carbon footprint, to pursue world-class research that improves knowledge and informs strategic actions and to empower our students and communities through education and capacity building.

Ten years ago—in April, 2007—I signed what was then known as the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, now known as the Carbon Commitment. It set Oregon State on an ambitious path to reduce and ultimately eliminate the university's planet-altering institutional carbon emissions.

Over the last decade, OSU has reduced its annual per-student carbon emissions 38 percent. We must proactively continue to invest to decrease these emissions even further, and thus we have no intention to

reduce or defer our commitment to climate action. Additionally, as a sun grant university, we are committed to continuing our research efforts to develop renewable and low-carbon sources of energy including wave, wind, nuclear and solar energy systems.

As the home of the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, OSU also participates in a network of more than 150 researchers throughout the state, including partners in state and federal agencies, who are on the forefront of working to find solutions to many climate issues.

Reducing carbon emissions is a shared task. We can each participate in OSU's strategic efforts around institutional emissions, as well as take simple personal steps to help. To participate in Oregon State's strategic initiatives, visit this link for the new Carbon Planning Toolkit for university units. For an approximate measurement of your own emissions and tips on how to reduce them, please see the customized carbon footprint calculator for members of the OSU community (see below). If you have further questions, please contact Brandon Trelstad via email or at 541-737-3307.

Let me assure you that we are unwavering in our commitment to address climate change, one of the world's most pressing issues. We will continue to be a strong partner and collaborate with other universities, cities, states and key federal entities. With our collective and continued resolve in these efforts, I am confident that Oregon State will continue to be a leader in climate change research and sustainability to provide a healthy planet for all of us.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Ray
OSU President



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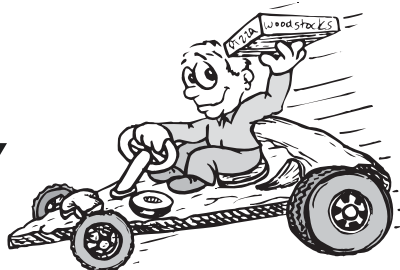
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HOROSCOPE

Monday, June 12-Sunday, June 18, 2017

Aries: March 21-April 19
Jupiter is telling you to take it easy. Don't allow your family members or friends to pressure you into making a crazy decision in your love life. Maybe you're not ready to have kids or make a commitment just now. Be true to yourself.

Taurus: April 20-May 20
You could feel a powerful spiritual connection to someone. The moon is highlighting subconscious influences that link you to other people. Maybe you'll have a dream about a former flame, and then you will run into him or her when you least expect it. Is it a coincidence?

Gemini: May 21-June 21
You're engaging in some flirtatious banter with somebody sexy. Mercury is increasing your desire to communicate in provocative and intelligent ways. You could engage in spirited dialogue with a handsome or cute friend who holds different views

than you do.

Cancer: June 22-July 22
Don't make any sudden moves. Mars is tempting you to force an outcome to a stressful situation in your personal or private life, but this isn't a good idea. Instead, take a step back. Allow events to unfold, and remain detached until the smoke clears.

Leo: July 23-Aug. 22
A moon opposition has you questioning your current romantic path. It's a healthy thing to contemplate your life. Consider talking things over with an objective outsider. Try consulting a therapist, minister or spiritual counselor.

Virgo: Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You're in a thoughtful mood, thanks to Jupiter. You're flooded with memories from the past, but you're also considering lots of different paths for your future. Let go of people, romantic ties and goals that no longer serve you.

Libra: Sept. 23-Oct. 23
You need some rest and

relaxation. Think about taking a day trip or making a weekend getaway with your honey. Mercury is urging you to lighten up and have some fun. You've been way too serious lately, and it's time to lighten up.

Scorpio: Oct. 24-Nov. 2
You could be inspired to start a new health regimen as Mars, the planet of physical health, boosts your energy. Consider changing your nutrition or exercise routines. Encourage your romantic partner to join you at the gym or go for a long hike or bike ride.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22-Dec. 21
With the sun opposite your sign, you could be feeling a little bummed out. Don't obsess about the relationships that didn't work out or the career situations that didn't bring you success. In another four weeks, you'll feel much more energized and optimistic.

Capricorn: Dec. 22-Jan. 19
It's vitally important that you focus on taking care of you. You have a tendency

to be a provider, being generous with your time, money and emotional energy. But this also means you tend to attract energy vampires. Mars reminds you to be more cautious.

Aquarius: Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You could be attracted to someone who has a history of addiction, mental illness or physical health problems. Even if he or she is a good person, the moon is encouraging you to be very careful about making a commitment to him or to her.

Pisces: Feb. 19-March 20
Your creative energies are picking up and the moon is inspiring you to be more poetic and imaginative. You could write a love poem for your honey or compose a romantic song for your partner on the guitar. Do something that shows your warm, dreamy side.

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Across

- 1 Aesop's lazy grasshopper, for one
- 6 One of many in an ovation
- 10 Critter catcher
- 14 "Stars and Stripes Forever" composer
- 15 Hashanah: Jewish New Year
- 16 Beatles meter maid
- 17 Classic violin
- 18 Eight-armed mollusks
- 20 Challenging response to provocation
- 22 Like many a villainous fictional scientist
- 23 Baseball tool
- 24 Strut on a runway
- 28 Newsman Huntley
- 30 Word with chick or split
- 33 Ruthless strategy
- 36 Operatic highlight
- 37 America's National Tree
- 38 Fish-catching bird
- 39 Nestlé chocolate chip treat
- 44 George Carlin hosted the first one, briefly
- 45 Yours and mine
- 46 Warned, like a cornered cat
- 47 Appropriate

Down

- 1 Words to an old chap
- 2 "arigato": Japanese "thanks a lot"
- 3 Bash with tiki bars
- 4 This, to Juan
- 5 1988 Hoffman title role
- 6 Ballpark filler
- 7 With 55-Down, monster's lake
- 8 Regarding
- 9 Ditz "Friends" friend and singer Snow
- 10 Bond between friends
- 11 Stand up
- 12 Chowd down
- 13 Kent and Kettle
- 19 Aristotle's teacher
- 21 "The Banana Boat Song" word
- 24 755 HRs and 2297 RBIs for 25-Down, e.g.
- 25 Slugger Hank
- 26 Mastery
- 27 Recover from wounds
- 28 Tactless
- 29 Walk on a trail
- 30 Exec's extras
- 31 Bert's buddy
- 32 Plant ___: start something
- 34 Do the honors, at a winefest
- 35 Modernists, briefly
- 40 Wished
- 41 Render obsolete
- 42 Transportation secretary Elaine
- 43 Drillers at sea
- 47 Throat-clearing sounds
- 48 Take unlawfully
- 49 Plug on the small screen
- 50 Norse king
- 51 ___ Field: Mets' stadium
- 52 Camaro ___-Z
- 53 Poet Teasdale
- 54 Tabloid couple
- 55 See 7-Down
- 56 Chicken serving
- 57 Altar vow

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NEWS

Many students at OSU change majors

Data shows high rate of undergraduates switching majors as they explore their options

By Erin Dose, News Contributor

Nearly 40 percent of first-year students entering Oregon State University in 2009 changed not only their major, but their college within the university, before graduation.

This data comes from the OSU Office of Institutional Research's 'Movement in Primary College' study of the cohort of incoming freshman students from the fall term of 2009. According to Salvador Castillo, the director of the Office of Institutional Research, the data displays the frequency with which OSU students change majors.

"The biggest takeaway is that students switch majors at a high rate," Castillo said.

The most recent data is from students who began at OSU in 2009 due to a six-year time frame for graduation.

"This is a universal standard, the six-year graduation rate, and that can be controversial. We want to capture as many students that we can that have graduated, so you can compare it to other years," Castillo said. "You don't capture everyone, but you capture the vast majority. You could go out 10 years and capture more."

According to Kerry Kincanon, head adviser for the University Exploratory Studies Program, some students change their major based on their surroundings.

"When there are students who are not happy in their major, it's because there is a disconnect between them and the environment," Kincanon said. "Interests, values and skills are foundational, and your major should fit them."

Lyndsey Dixon, a third-year agricultural business management major, struggled to choose a major.

"I was very indecisive because people always give advice on how they would do it. My interests ranged far and wide, and since I was constantly getting conflicting opinions, my decision was made twice as hard," Dixon said.

After exploring her major options, Dixon managed to find the right major for her.

"I stumbled across agricultural business management. This has managed to incorporate a lot of my past interests, in a way that is malleable for whatever I decide to do in the future," Dixon said. "I am able to use my agricultural roots, but I can push them the way I need them to be."

According to Allison Daley, a fourth-year double-major in digital communication arts and psychology, she had to try multiple options

before settling on her major.

"I had to try science, philosophy and other subjects to figure out what I was most interested in," Daley said.

According to Kincanon, some students need time to explore.

"It's good to reflect on your experiences and how those things are fitting with your interests and values and skills," Kincanon said. "If taking a

course helps you realize you don't want to do something, that's valuable. It helps you, in the long run, get to the right place."

Castillo says the data reflects the importance of exploration.

"The main thing is that it's not necessarily bad that students switch majors. We want students to explore and find the one that fits them the best," Castillo said. "When you come out of high school, how do you know what you're going to like best?"

While the data from the 'Movement in Primary College' study shows that almost 39.5 percent of those who graduated from OSU switched col-

leges, Castillo says there is some error in the statistics.

"We take the primary major and report by the college. It makes a simpler read, but it could also be misleading because it doesn't count for multiple majors," Castillo says.

Another error in the data could come from major programs being reassigned to other colleges, according to Castillo.

"A major that was in one college may move to another college. They haven't really switched majors, but the major moved organizations," Castillo said.

According to Castillo, the UESP may also have skewed the numbers.

"In these percentages, everyone in UESP has to move eventually, so that can be a little misleading in the number," Castillo said.

Overall, Castillo said switching majors is to be expected with a large portion of students.

"It's just part of the OSU experience," Castillo said.

For more information on the 'Movement in Primary College' study, visit the Office of Institutional Research's page on OSU's website.



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Salvador Castillo, the director of the Office of Institutional Research, sits in his office. Castillo believes that the frequent major changes can help students choose a major that is a good fit for them.

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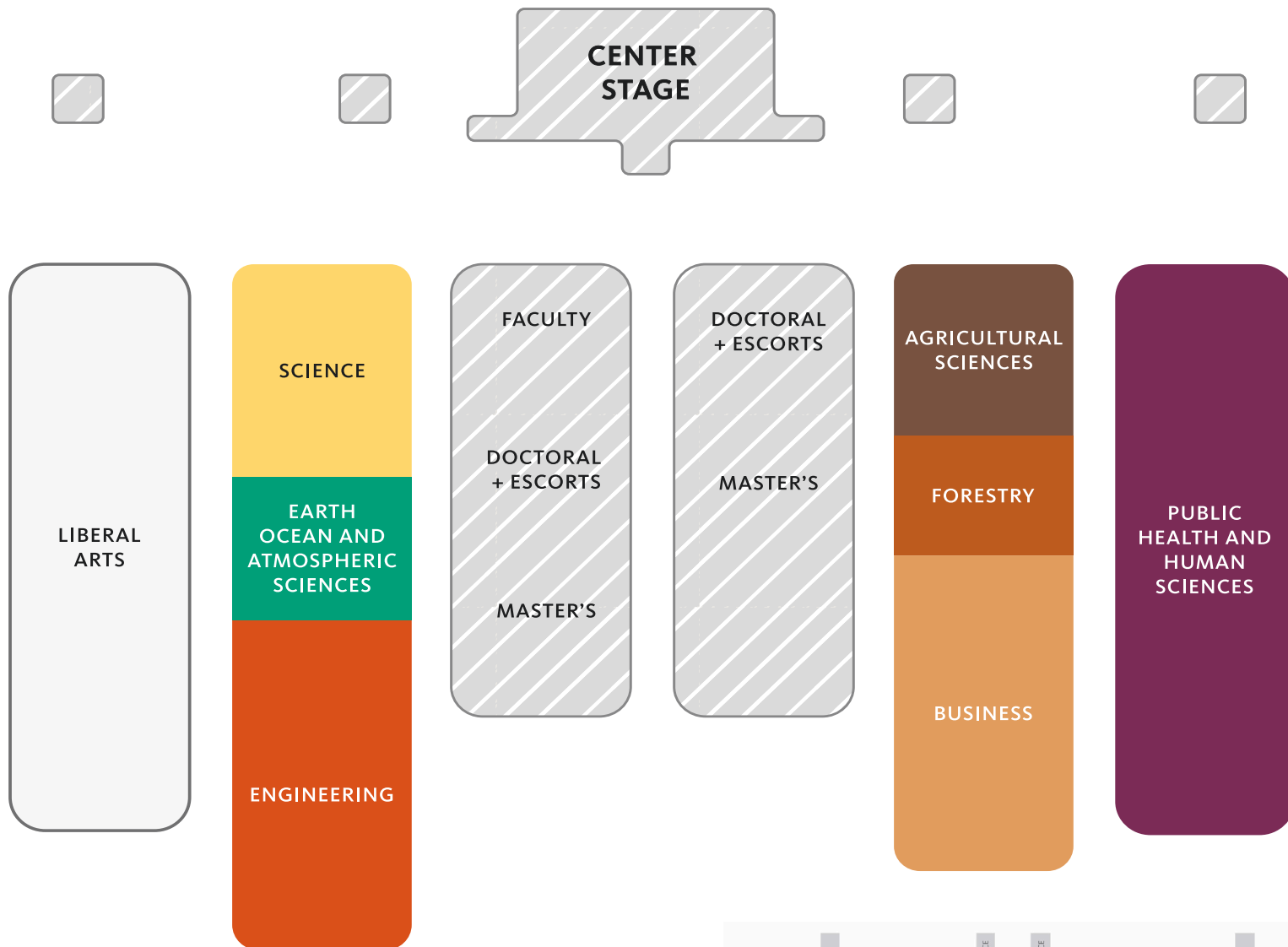
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**Oregon State
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Graduates' Seating Map



OSU's 148th commencement ceremony

Information courtesy of Oregon State University

Oregon State University will graduate a record 6,807 students during its 148th commencement ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 17, at Reser Stadium in Corvallis.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. for the event, which is free, open to the public and held rain or shine. Tickets are not required.

The 6,807 graduating students will receive 7,097 degrees, according to OSU Registrar Rebecca Mathern. (There will be 276 students receiving two degrees and seven who will receive three degrees.) They will add to the ranks of Oregon State alumni, who have earned 243,081 degrees over the university's history.

The commencement address will be given by Hüsnü M. Özyeğin, who arrived at Oregon State in 1963 with only \$100 in his pocket. He

graduated and went on to become a highly successful business leader and philanthropist in Turkey and Europe. He also will receive an honorary doctorate in civil engineering.

Özyeğin has made significant contributions to the global community with extensive work in social entrepreneurship, education, women's rights, equity, child and youth development and arts and cultural preservation.

Of the 7,097 degrees that will be awarded, 5,590 will go to students receiving baccalaureate degrees; 1,066, master's degrees; 311, doctor of philosophy degrees; 76, doctor of pharmacy degrees; 51, doctor of veterinary medicine degrees; and three doctor of education degrees (The doctor of pharmacy and doctor of veterinary medicine degrees are awarded at separate ceremonies).

