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COVER: An emergency blue light on Campus Way, meant to provide direct phone contact with campus Department of Public Safety for individuals in safety-concerning situations. Photo by Cody McDonald.

ASOSU holds special election

White nationalist Andrew Oswalt runs for seat on Student Fee Committee

By JOE WOLF
News Contributor

The ballot for this year's Associated Students of Oregon State University election became available Thursday, with seven candidates running to fill four open seats on the Student Fee Committee, which oversees over \$30 million of student fees.

The SFC is an independent committee inside the ASOSU executive branch, which reviews the budgets of each of the 10 units that receive student fees and makes a fee level recommendation for the ASOSU Congress to vote on, said incoming committee Chair Theresa Thurston.

The programs, from Diversity and Cultural Engagement and student tickets for Beaver athletic events, to the Family Resource Center and the Human Services Resource Center, appoint liaisons to sit on the committee and advocate for their budgets. The winners of the special election will fill four at-large seats, which are meant to represent the interests of the student body as a whole.

Andrew Oswalt, a former ASOSU graduate representative known for expressing white nationalist views, is running for one of these seats. He used his candidate biography to include links to information regarding intelligence differences between races and anti-Semitic material. Oswalt appears on the ballot under his preferred name 'rex imperator exsulatus,' a Latin phrase meaning "king-

emperor in exile."

The student government, which held a vote to remove Oswalt from his position in Congress last term, has no power to disqualify a student from running for office in the future. Furthermore, the Elections Committee has limited authority to police how candidates choose to present themselves on the ballot, said ASOSU Vice President and Chief Elections Officer Josh Kaufman.

"Because we have no predetermined rules for what could be included in the candidate biography, we felt that we cannot and should not change the rules retroactively to exclude one candidate," Kaufman said. "We also want to be clear that every candidate has the same opportunity to write their personal platform statement, but those do not reflect ASOSU, the Elections Committee or OSU as a whole."

Kaufman said the committee was concerned that treating Oswalt any differently than another candidate would set a dangerous precedent for excluding students from seeking election based on their beliefs.

"I will personally say that I find Mr. Oswalt's views reprehensible and every other member of the Elections Committee does as well, but we are not in the business of censoring what candidates say," Kaufman said. "As someone who personally holds an identity that Mr. Oswalt mentioned in his candidate statement and biography, I understand the harm that this can cause, but ultimately it is a decision that the Elections Committee had to make and did

not take lightly."

Austin Carsh, another candidate for one of the four seats and the current executive director for government relations within ASOSU, was not aware that Oswalt was running when he declared his candidacy, but said this knowledge added a sense of urgency to his campaign.

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Josh Kaufman
ASOSU Vice President and
Chief Elections Officer

From his experience on the University Budget Committee, which is involved in the tuition-setting process, Carsh sees himself as an experienced candidate, but expects the race to be competitive. As the co-chair of the Student Budget Advisory Council, he heard concerns

from students about tuition and brought them to the University Budget Committee in general.

"In my time on the UBC, reviewing the proposed CAPS increase and looking at Student Health Services fee, I think I have good experience balancing the widely-felt impact of taking students' money with the deeply-felt impact of who these units are helping," Carsh said.

For Thurston, who served as a member of the SFC this year, successful members are able to take in complex information about each of the units and hear others' perspectives.

"A service that may seem trivial to one person is an incredibly important experience to another—being able to balance extremities into options that best serve the student body is very important," Thurston said in an email. "Most importantly, committee members must be willing to commit time to thoroughly examine the information provided in order to best serve students. This expectation is what I will work to ensure as chair."

The incoming chair believes voting for the candidates they align with is an important way for students to have an input on their fees, Thurston said.

"The lack of candidates that we had in the last election seems to indicate that OSU students don't have on their radar that this is where students can influence fees," Thurston said via email. "If you think that it's valuable to have student influence on student fees, please vote."

How to Vote in the Special Election

Students can vote through a link sent to their ONID inboxes. The election closes May 25 at 10 p.m.



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(LEFT) Incoming SFC chair Theresa Thurston listens to a budget presentation at an open hearing fall term. (RIGHT) Current committee chair Peter Schwartz moderates the discussion.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebrates culture

Month of May highlights history, offers chance to engage

By ANGEL XUAN LE
News Contributor

Asian Pacific American Heritage Month abbreviated as APAHM, is a time for celebrating the traditions, culture and history of Asian and Pacific Islanders Americans throughout the U.S., said Daisy Truong, a second-year student at Oregon State University.

During this month, APAHM is celebrated to acknowledge the accomplishments of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that have supplemented our nation in many different ways. The Asian-Pacific-American community has a rich history that has contributed to American culture along with its unique perspectives and diversity.

Truong believes that by going to events held by the Asian & Pacific Cultural Center, participating in activities from cultural groups and being educated it will help the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

"This occasion strengthens the role of Asian-American culture in my life," Truong said. "I feel like I learn something new about the API community every year because of this month. My immediate family encourages me to assimilate to American culture to be successful, which sometimes overpowers the need to be educated about my heritage."

Asian Pacific American Student Union Co-President Anthony Pech, a fourth year sees the month as a way to highlight and give recognition to the API community for its contributions. Historically, the community has been discriminated against.

"I think it strengthens the roles of Asian-American culture because people often don't realize the contributions that multiple cultures have had on America today," Pech said in an email. "So by bringing those to light, it really does strengthen what the API community has done."

The reason APAHM is celebrated in May is

the historical context of Japanese immigrants first arriving to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, said Abby Pasion, a peer facilitator at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center and fourth year student. Another important historical event is the completion of the transcontinental railroad through the work of Chinese laborers on

I consider myself to be a lifelong learner, meaning that there is always something new to be discovered, and so that is what this month does for me.

ABBY PASION
Peer Facilitator for the
Asian Pacific Cultural Center

May 10, 1869.

APAHM used to be celebrated for a week, but President George H. Bush officially made it a month-long celebration. This month pays tribute to the rich culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders alike, Pasion said.

"This month brings me a lot of pride," Pasion said in an email. "APAHM is just another reason on top of many to embrace your culture of being Asian and Pacific Islander (API). This month reminds our community of those who came before us to fight for our existence in this country as Asian and Pacific Islander-Americans, and we celebrate because we cannot let our histories and legacies in America be erased or diluted."

According to the U.S. Census in 2016, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up about

nine percent of the U.S. population. However, its population grew more rapidly than any other race since 2010.

Pasion believes that this month is an opportunity to learn about an individual's own API identity and educate the community about API history.

"I consider myself to be a lifelong learner, meaning that there is always something new to be discovered, and so that is what this month does for me," Pasion said in an email. "And I take that newfound knowledge, whether that be the model minority myth or the militarization of the Pacific Islands, and I take that with me everywhere I go--in my classes, in conversation with peers or family, and in the work that I do planning culturally engaging events at the Asian & Pacific Cultural Center."

APAHM assists in strengthening the role of API culture in Pasion's life. Her role as a peer facilitator is to plan projects and events for the APCC.

"While APAHM is technically every month, every day of the year, this month is a prime opportunity for the community to really come together," Pasion said in an email. "And in today's politically tense, frankly white-supremacist, oppressive country, the community needs to come together in solidarity now more than ever. Whether it is history, music, art, or rallies that bring us together, we are a force to be reckoned with. And this month definitely amplifies that."

There are plenty of opportunities throughout the month to become more engaged with the community and be enriched with one's global

perspective, said Pasion.

Nicole Asato, a fourth year student and student ambassador/graphic designer for Diversity and Cultural Engagement, feels that this month is a chance to learn about the unique cultures and backgrounds within Asian culture. She's passionate about the issues surrounding the API community and appreciates how the month shows acknowledgement for the community.

"It helps me to pause and think carefully about my opportunities that I have now that are made possible because of my parents and their sacrifices," Asato said. "At times Asian Americans are perceived as a perpetual other, a model minority but yet not American enough, which is why I think it's really important for Asian Americans to feel OK however they are."

Asato has been involved with the Asian Pacific American Student Union and was excited to see the talents of the API community be shown to the greater OSU community through the event Culture Shock. Culture Shock is an event held by the Asian Pacific American Student Union that highlights and shows the diverse talents of the API community.

"It's an amazing opportunity for students from the OSU and nearby Oregon communities to share a little bit of the culture with others at OSU," Asato said.

For more info about events for APAHM month, a list can be found on the APCC's Facebook page or stopping by the APCC for more information.



Tina Vo (Left) and Abby Pasion (Right), are peer facilitators at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center. The month of May is Asian Pacific American Heritage month.

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Search for sanctuary

'Here to Stay' fights for undocumented student support



ISABEL SCHOLZ | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK

Bryan Rojas talks about his experiences in education and activism throughout his college career in the Native American Longhouse, May 15 2018.

By ERICA BALDWIN
News Contributor

Judge John D. Bates of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia ruled April 24 that the protections of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, otherwise known as DACA, would stay in place for an additional 90 days, pending a better explanation for canceling the program, according to the New York Times.

As Oregon State University is a sanctuary campus, the court ruling and any further legislation may have an impact on that status, but that remains to be seen.

Janet Nishihara, the director of the Educational Opportunities Program, often works with undocumented students and helps them find resources. She has also been working to determine the impact of the court ruling on OSU students.

"If the recent court ruling has an impact on OSU students, it's in that in less than 90 days, there may be more students eligible to apply for DACA in addition to those who need to renew," Nishihara said in an email. "It's all sort of in limbo right now. They're still renewing applications for students, and I think they're still taking new applications for students. But there's still also lots of raids on families, trying

to find people."

In her work with the undocumented students in EOP, Nishihara has advised and collaborated with the newly formed Here To Stay club, which advocates for the support of undocumented immigrants and DACA recipients, on both a local and national scale.

OSU claims to be a sanctuary campus; however, the policy is very vague as to who can and cannot be on campus.

PRISCILA NARCIO
Here to Stay President

Priscila Narcio, the president of Here To Stay and DACA recipient, began the club after the success of her similar organization at Chemeketa Community College.

"When I finished at Chemeketa, I planned

on creating (a club) once I enrolled at OSU because there was a need for students to have support at a university, and there was nothing like this already created," Narcio said in an email. "I myself am a DACA recipient, and I know that having a support group for students like myself is helpful because accessing higher education while being undocumented is nearly impossible. Our group is focused on advocating for the undocumented community and fighting for access to higher education."

Anna Park, the vice president of Here to Stay, spearheaded policy work projects within the university, such as working to change the wording of the sanctuary campus laws.

Customs and Border Patrol tabled at EOP's non-profit opportunities career fair last term, startling staff and students alike.

"Border patrol can be a terrifying organization for people who are undocumented or from mixed-status families because of the connotation," Park said. "It kept people from going to the event who may have been interested in non-profit work, or who wanted to speak with the companies that were there."

Narcio was concerned and upset by what she saw as a failure of OSU to fulfill its duties as a sanctuary campus.

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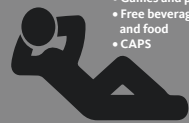
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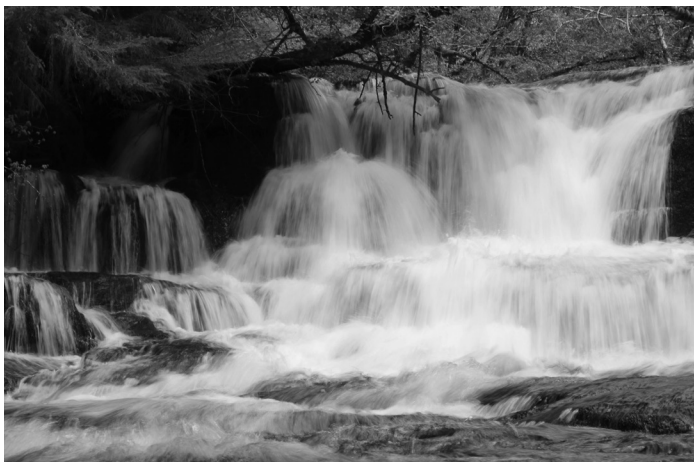
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“OSU claims to be a sanctuary campus; however, the policy is very vague as to who can and cannot be on campus,” Narcio said in an email. “The message that is sent when CBP is on campus is that undocumented students, DACA recipients and students from mixed-status families and their families are not welcome.”

My focus is on identifying what successes keep undocumented students here at institutions so we can complete our degrees and become contributing members of society.

JUAN NAVARRO
 Graduate student, OSU's
 College Student Services
 Administration Program

After speaking with the Career Development Center about not allowing border patrol back, Narcio and Park found that they were planning on tabling again at the spring career fair. In response, they decided to stage a protest.

“We don't think it's inclusive or celebrating the diversity that we're supposed to have on campus, which is in the values of our university,” Park said.

Narcio said Here To Stay threatened with a student-led demonstration to protest CBP being at OSU.

“After the CDC heard about our protest, they contacted CBP to let them know about the student demonstration,” Narcio said in an email. “CBP pulled out of the career fair, which was what we wanted. However, it was not the CDC that told them that they could not come, but was instead the CBP's choice to remove themselves from the situation.”

In later interactions with the university, Narcio and Park were told CBP could not be prevented from coming to campus due to the vague wording of the sanctuary campus statements.

Nishihara said the university can't discriminate a federal agency from participating in the career fair if they meet the criteria for involvement, which CBP does.

“We do have a plan being developed for which employers will be invited to participate in the non-profit fair in the future,” Nishihara said.

To prevent CBP from coming back, the Here To Stay Club has been working on a policy proposal for the sanctuary campus statements.

“After meeting with the CDC, they expressed that they could not change the policy allowing CBP to come to campus due to the unspecificity of the sanctuary campus policy,” Narcio said in an email. “We hope to work with Ed Ray and other administrators to refine this policy and define what it truly means to students for OSU to be a sanctuary campus. We hope to prevent

CBP from returning and to ensure that our campus is safe and inclusive for all students.”

Juan Navarro, a graduate student in OSU's College Student Services Administration Program, is learning about the programs the university has to help its undocumented population.

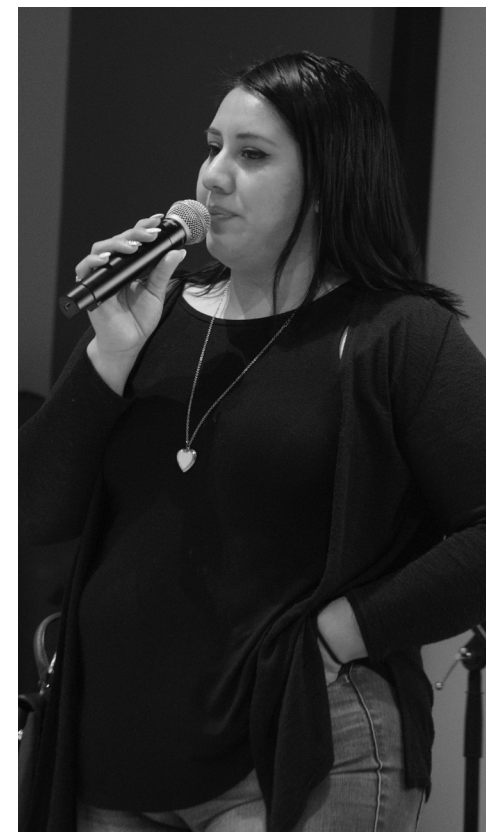
“The university has had an undocumented student taskforce that has been made of faculty members and staff from various departments and job titles who come together and create a plan for how to better the experience of undocumented students,” Navarro said. “One of the things they do is they work alongside us students; if we need help writing a proposal, they'll point us in the right direction for what needs to be in it and who it needs to be presented to, so we can create the best end product.”

Nishihara, who is part of the taskforce, said she does her best to connect the students with resources once on campus.

“If a student is undocumented but is not DACA, they can't work, so that's a big concern. How do we help students find support, how do we coordinate with other offices that are providing support for students, how do we make people more aware of the issues that some of these students face?” Nishihara said. “Everyone has been really understanding so far, everyone's been really supportive across campus. Unless they're federally funded, they're able to support the students, so that's been really good.”

Navarro is working to determine factors that keep undocumented students in school and on track for graduation.

“My focus is on identifying what successes keep undocumented students here at institutions so we can complete our degrees and become contributing members of society,” Navarro said.



ISABEL SCHOLZ | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK

PCC student Petrona Dominguez speaks about her experience advocating for the DREAM Project at PCC in the Native American Longhouse, May 15th 2018.

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Emergency blue lights provide nighttime safety

OSU Corvallis campus ranked safest college campus in country

By STEFANIE GAMBOA
Practicum Contributor

Universities and colleges have been installing blue light systems throughout campuses for a number of years. These emergency lights allow students, faculty and members of the public to have a convenient and clearly visible way to get in contact with emergency services if a threat is present.

According to Suzy Tannenbaum, chief of Public Safety, the emergency blue lights system is one aspect of the overall detailed and expanding efforts to provide for public safety at OSU.

"Many blue light campus systems were installed well before mobile phones and personal communication devices were available for students, employees and the public to carry on their person," Tannenbaum said.

Steve Clark, vice president for university relations and marketing said that the color blue is used because of the visibility of the colored light from any distance and it's coordination with law enforcement and emergency services. When a button is pressed on a blue emergency light, the Department of Public Safety dispatch center is called. If the call is deemed an emergency then an officer is dispatched to the location of the light.

Currently, 21 blue emergency lights are located throughout campus. Fifteen of these lights are in directly-lit paths, while six are on the outer edges of campus where lighting is sparse. In theory, when standing at a blue light, individuals should be able to see the next blue light.

Carol Saleta, a senior studying human development and family science, said the emergency blue lights system is beneficial, but the university needs provide more information and awareness regarding their uses.

"How to use them appropriately? 'How long do I have to wait if I am truly in an emergency for help to come?' 'Can I leave that specific spot?' Are some of the questions that come to me when I think about these blue lights around campus," Saleta said.

These lights are to be used if imminent danger is present, currently happening or being witnessed. When the button is pushed, officers from the Department of Public Safety, as well as Oregon State Police, are notified of the exact location, said former Director of the Department of Public Safety, Jack Rogers.

After pushing the button, an individual will immediately be put in contact with a dispatcher and can be heard through the speaker in the blue light system.

Former Campus Public Safety officer Michael Mitchell said if it is safe to stay in the location to should do so. If it is not possible to stay in that location and are in danger, run and find another light and push the button again. If an individual is able to communicate to the dispatcher at any blue light what is going on, it is encouraged to do so, otherwise, silence will be treated like an emergency. Mitchell advises individuals, if they are running, to push blue light buttons as they pass, as Public Safety can track the path of the runner.

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you are able to clearly
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AMY VO
Senior studying business
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"Just say something, because as soon as you hit (the button) we treat it as an emergency and if we don't get a response, we're all coming," Mitchell said.

OSU continuously is reviewing and updating safety procedures and systems, Clark said. One example is the expansion of the number and locations of the emergency blue lights.

"About five years ago, we were approached by students who asked for more blue lights to be installed within the west side of campus, west of 30th Avenue," Clark said. "We reviewed their request, and responded that yes we would."

The distance between each light is determined by how far they are from one another, as well as its accessibility to pedestrians, Clark said. It is important that an individual is able to see the location of the blue lights or see the direction they must go to get to them.

"The presence, immediacy and location of blue lights throughout campus are not only a public safety system, but evidence that the OSU

community believes safety is a priority for this university," Clark said.

Amy Vo, a senior studying business information systems, said that the lights are beneficial.

"When it is late at night, you are able to clearly see these emergency blue lights and they make you feel safer while walking home," Vo said.

While many people attending and working at OSU carry their own cell phones for emergencies, the presence of the blue lights throughout campus are an option for any situation where the Department of Public Safety or police are needed, said Tannenbaum.

Safety around schools is an ongoing topic in recent times, especially due to the occurrences of sexual assaults, school shootings and other safety-concerning incidents, Saleta said.

"I think that we are getting by just saying that, 'We have it all handled,' when in reality, I do not think this is the case," Saleta said. "I think we have to become more aware of the concept and teach students what the steps are when it comes to an emergency—any emergency."

Clark said OSU's campus was ranked as the number one safest campus in the nation, according to a study released by yourlocalsecurity.com. Kylie McQuarrie, author of "Your Guide to the Nation's 25 Safest Universities," uses The Campus Safety and Security and FBI Uniform Crime Report to rate college campuses for safety. McQuarrie also looks at factors such as campus size, type of campus, location and types of crimes.

"I want all of our students and faculty, staff and visitors to know that Oregon State Corvallis campus is a very safe campus," Clark said. "But we do not take safety for granted. As the world changes, we will always make safety our number one priority."



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Steve Clark is the Vice President of University Relations and Marketing. He said the blue light system on campus is evidence that safety is a priority for Oregon State University.



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Currently, 21 emergency blue lights are located throughout the OSU campus.



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Intramural hosts track meet

Students compete in nine different races at Whyte Track



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Intramural track meet participants lineup before the race on Saturday at Whyte Track. There were a total of 25 students competing.

By **GUNNAR BOAG**
Sports Contributor

With a chance to show off speed and stamina, students laced up their spikes and headed to Whyte Track for the annual Intramural Track Meet on Saturday.

The meet had around 25 athletes participating. There were no field events included, but students could participate in any of the nine track events. Students also received free snack bars as Gatorade sponsored the event.

The first race of the day was the 4x100 meter relay. The race came down to the wire, ending with a literal photo finish. After checking the instant replay, Daniel Trinh, Justin Moss, Devin Distant and Cam Vansant were awarded the narrow victory.

"I heard his breathing right next to me for the final stretch and I made sure to stick my head out at the end," Trinh said. "I think I won by just a hair."

Natally Okhovat, Kenon Kahoano, Jenna Scheeland and Alec Carmona were awarded the title for the CoRec 4x100 relay.

For the 1500-meter race, Jonathan Fookes was able to beat out the competition and take home the title.

The 100-meter sprint was up third, and it was the most attended event of the day. There were two heats, with the top two sprinters from each heat moving to the finals. The runners were neck and neck in the final, but Minato

Holman came away victorious after rolling into the finish line.

"The only way to finish is to tumble into the finish line," Holman said.

For the women's 100-meter sprint, Okhovat claimed her second victory of the day over Scheeland.

In the 800-meter race, Gunnar Boag and Isaac Kulonis trudged through the two laps almost evenly, but Boag prevailed in the end.

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Daniel Trinh
4x100 Meter Race Winner

For the 400-meter dash, it came down to the last 100 meters. Joey Fraser and Lyubo Gankov were shoulder to shoulder, but Gankov turned on the afterburners and closed out the victory.

"I hadn't run the 400 in two years, so I suffered for it," Gankov said. "But it was still fun."

Next up was the 4x200 meter relay race.

Trinh, Moss, Distant and Vansant picked up their second relay title of the day in a landslide victory.

With everyone exhausted from the previous races, only a few brave souls stepped up for the 3000-meter race. Logan Dickey finished on top, earning the seventh title of the day.

The individual races finished up with the 200-meter dash. The competitors got off to a fast start and were deadlocked for the entire stretch. Distant gained a slight lead and was able to hold it all the way into the finish line, earning his first individual title of the day.

Scheeland and Okhovat met again in the women's 200-meter dash. This time Scheeland got the better of Okhovat and pulled away for the victory.

The meet ended on the 4x400 relay. Two teams competed in the race and they could not seem to get separation from one another. Anchors Daniel Trinh and Kulonis used their last bits of energy, but Kulonis pulled off the miraculous photo-finish victory.

"I was thinking of every track coach I've ever had, their voices ringing in my head," Kulonis said. "Why reach for the stars when you can reach for the finish line."

The next intramural event will be the Sand Volleyball Doubles Tournament. The tournament will take place June 2-3, so get your partner and sign-up soon.

Editor's note: The reporter of this story, Gunnar Boag, participated in this Intramural event.

Opinion: Be mindful discussing mental illness

Being part of a support network requires reflection, reaching out

By DELANEY SHEA
Columnist



Connecting with individuals who grapple with mental illness can be difficult. The fear of not saying enough, compounded by the fear of saying too much, can be stressful. Ultimately, what people need is someone to listen and tell them it is OK to feel how they are feeling.

However, some phrases, many of which are commonly recommended as the best thing to say, can actually decrease the feeling of security which is needed for someone to speak out honestly about mental illness.

One such phrase is, "If you need to talk, let me know." A strong support network with open, honest communication is one of the most, if not the most, important factors in mitigating the effects of mental illness. Unfortunately, movies, books and TV shows portray the individual valiantly struggling with mental illness on their own as a muted, romanticized figure, making people more likely to keep their anguish to themselves.

The word "need" in the phrase, "If you need to talk" means that the person coping with mental illness must believe that they have reached a limit and can no longer cope on their own. It is difficult enough for an individual to acknowledge even the possibility that a mental illness might be more than they are able to cope with alone. Oftentimes, while someone may desire to reach out, they may feel that their problems are not pressing or legitimate enough to "need" to speak out.

According to the Oregon State University Suicide Counseling and Psychological Services website, suicide is the second highest cause of death for college students. Moreover, in the span of one year, almost 40% of college students will report feeling so depressed that they have difficulty functioning.

David Kerr, associate professor in the OSU School of Psychological Science, says that direct requests to spend time with and talk to someone

can be a good way to be supportive.

"Also, withdrawal from friends and responsibilities is very common for people with a mental illness, and it can make their situation worse," Kerr said via email. "So another way you can be supportive is to gently nudge them to do something with you. People are less responsive to open-ended vague offers, like 'Let me know if you ever want to hang out or study or something.' So instead try something specific, like 'Let's go to Grocery Depot and eat something random,' or 'Come with me to Many Hands--I have to buy something for my mom.'"

Jim Gouveia, a staff counselor at OSU's CAPS, says that empathy and acceptance are key to creating an environment where people feel good about speaking out about their mental illnesses.

"Use empathy, not sympathy," Gouveia said via email. "Level the playing ground; be a witness, not an expert."

Mental illness is not necessarily a weakness. People who struggle with it have a deep strength and a special perspective. Nor is mental illness a hobby for people to be "so interested in," which is another phrase which can make people less likely to share their pain. Thinking of people with mental illnesses as victims or fascinating creatures is highly detrimental to breaking down the stigma holding so many captive and silent.

Gouveia also suggests avoiding labeling words, used in sentences such as, "You must be depressed."

Kerr points out that it is crucial to recognize the multidimensionality of people, and understand that mental illness is just one facet to so many people around us.

"A person's diagnosis is a description of something they're struggling with, but it doesn't define them," Kerr said via email. "She is a student, friend, RA and distance runner, and she also has depression."

Nobody said that achieving a culture where detailed discussions about the effects of mental illness would be easy. It will require constant refinement of the way we think about people with mental illnesses and introspection as well. This is only a start.

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Opinion: English degree writes in success for students

Liberal arts is valuable at STEM school, English majors will always be in demand

By GENESIS HANSEN
Columnist



The value of the English degree has been underrated and anyone pursuing it is conscious of the stereotypes associated with their field.

"Some people make a joke out of studying English; 'Oh, you already

know the language,'" Sydney Sullivan, a senior studying English and minoring in writing, said. "But I've had dozens of people come to me and ask for help on their papers, write for them or get them through the process."

An English degree offers students cultural insight, creative career options and is always going to be in demand. Attaching English or writing coursework to a degree gives you critical thinking skills, helps you solve problems and immerses you in a variety of voices and style.

"No matter what kind of research you're doing, you need to be able to translate that to others," Sullivan said.

Oregon State University's foundations were built on the title of being an agricultural school in 1890, adopted liberal studies in 1932 and engineering in 1935. The sands of time have eroded this primary focus and the university has broadened its scope.

According to the enrollment summary for spring term, OSU has about 7,926 students committed to the College of Engineering, 4,041 to the College of Liberal Arts and 2,500 enrolled in the College of Agriculture.

Humanity majors have nationally been on the decline, according to Inside Higher Ed, with an 8.7 percent decrease between 2012 and 2014. In the College of Liberal Arts there are only 173 committed English majors at OSU.

Writing and reading are soft skills not often taken seriously, despite their being the foundations of our society and culture.

"It's a really beautiful thing to be able to read so many different human beings' experiences of the world. You're experiencing their thoughts, their passions and the thing they needed to write down because they couldn't help themselves," Sullivan said.

English is a universal degree. Some people's prospective careers begin and end with teaching, when in reality there's a variety of things one can do, from scientific and journalistic writing to legal and advertising work.

Ethan Heusser, a senior studying English with minors in writing and computer science, is heading to the University of Iowa to study fine arts in poetry in the fall to pursue academia and fulfill his aspirations to be a poet.

"I think it's true that English does a good job at developing soft skills. It's difficult for a job to single-handedly make you a good writer because it takes many years of practice on its own. You're building muscles here that you'll use for the rest of your career," Heusser said.

OSU's literary program has been highlighted for a variety of awards, including the Poetry Foundation's Award for best poetry of the year, as well as the Whiting Award, which recognizes the nation's top 10 emerging writers.

"The faculty are objectively pretty incredible. They do reputable and interesting research,

they have good relationships with students and care a lot about their teaching abilities, and everyone is invested in student education and well-being. The current challenge that the department faces is in spreading awareness in what OSU has to offer," Heusser said.

English degree is about shaping not what you earn, but who you are. Keep in mind that just because there isn't a single clear path ahead that doesn't mean that there are no paths, it means that there are an infinite number.

Ethan Heusser
English Major
Senior

Since OSU prides itself on research and scientific exploration, liberal studies students lose identity, while prospective students miss out on learning the great things in the program.

"I can see how majors might feel lost at a school where it's STEM-oriented. The buildings we are in are smaller, older and a little more worn down, whereas the STEM schools are a

little more grander," Sullivan said.

Physical differences aside, OSU markets the department differently. Adopting the image as a STEM research school fails to address the large student population in humanities programs.

"[OSU] is known for that highlight (agriculture) but is not defined by it," Heusser said.

Yet, instructors and professors dedicate their time and energy to their students, devoting themselves wholeheartedly, bending traditional approaches to material.

"The teachers in the program are really good about the analytical sense of reading and being able to give you an experience with a book even if you've read it before, which is really beautiful and fun and what really makes it click," Sullivan said.

Getting an English degree gives one freedom and allows creativity for after graduation.

"If you're an engineer it's pretty obvious what you're going to do with your degree. I think that people get scared with the uncertain or unknown and English falls in that category, because you can do a lot with that degree and people either don't realize that or don't want that kind of freedom," Sullivan said.

Choosing English as your degree doesn't limit you to a stereotypical career; it opens up possibilities for students and adds breadth and depth to the professional world.

"English degree is about shaping not what you earn, but who you are. Keep in mind that just because there isn't a single clear path ahead that doesn't mean that there are no paths, it means that there are an infinite number," Heusser said.

Opinion: Alison Wonderland is going to rock DAM JAM

Alison Wonderland to be first female headliner to perform at DAM JAM, June 2

By ALEX JONES
Columnist



Oregon State University's annual concert, DAM JAM, is upon us, and the artist lineup has been released. It seems as though many students are not just worried about rapper, KYLE's appearance, but

DJ Alison Wonderland's appearance, as well.

However, Alison has been known to put on incredible performances wherever she goes.

Whether it's the Electric Daisy Carnival in Las Vegas or Coachella, the Sydney-born EDM DJ knows how to hype up a crowd.

According to David Jefferies of All Music, Alison actually started out as a classically trained cellist. Later on she took on DJing for a few years until finally dropping her debut single, "Get Ready," back in 2013.

Since then, she has made a name for herself and is not only one of the top DJs, but also one of the top EDM artists in the industry.

Her unique sound and mixing skills, paired with an array of flashing lightworks, create an experience like no other for the audience.

Aiden Littau, a junior studying environmental engineering, has been listening to Alison Wonderland since she came out with her first album, "Run," in 2015.

"I think she will be a really good artist for Dam Jam because I've seen her live and I know she can get the crowd going," Littau said.

Alison, being the first female headliner and first EDM artist DAM JAM has ever had, plans on bringing that experience to OSU.

"We have never had a female Dam Jam Artist, so we really wanted to pick a female," Kendall Coughay, Oregon State University Program Council music and concerts coordinator, said.

For the last several years EDM artists have been in high demand for DAM JAM.

"EDM is the second genre that the student body has picked when we polled them, so we thought it would be a good year to incorporate EDM," Coughay said.

OSUPC was incredibly excited to book an EDM artist, who is also a female, as one of this year's headliners, making this year's DAM JAM

different than any before.

"I think the fact that she's a female and does EDM makes her pretty unique, but she also has a good mix of super chill songs and songs that will really hype you up," Littau said.

Her latest album, "Awake," just released on April 6 and is considered to be her most personal and honest work to date, according to the DJ Magazine Staff.

This is exciting news for OSU students attending DAM JAM, as she will have a combination of her older hits and newer songs to play from.

Alison will not only be performing at DAM JAM this year, but she will also act as a symbol of women in the music industry and how they can do a male's job just as well, if not better.

Dam Jam's festival will take place in Parker Plaza from 2-6 p.m. and the concert will take place in Reser Stadium from 7-10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the welcome desk in the Student Experience Center. Tickets are \$15 with a valid OSU student ID, \$25 for alumni and \$35 for the general public. Alumni and general public tickets can also be purchased online.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Seeking student input on library hours reduction

On January 18, Ed Ray released a campus-wide email reminder to students to vote in an upcoming election. At the bottom of the email, he left a list of times the Valley Library would be open for ballot drop-off.

The problem was that the President listed last year's library hours. It seemed he failed to understand that our most valuable resource--the library--has been operating at reduced hours since Fall term. It wasn't open for ballot drop-off the next Saturday morning. Standing outside the doors, I saw several students shuffling in the cold with ballots in hand.

Library hours were reduced this year for budgetary reasons, and administrators decided on weekend mornings because other spaces are open. But for many students, those spaces do not replace the library. When friend launched a petition to reverse the decision, she received

feedback from hundreds of frustrated people.

Since the petition, a team of students and library staff has come together to write recommendations on improving access next year. As one member, it's my personal agenda to convince decision-makers to increase library funding and restore weekend morning hours. This can't be accomplished without overwhelming support from the student body.

If you have an opinion on this issue and want your thoughts represented by the task force, I encourage you to answer our Library Hours Survey (links and QR available at circulation). Without feedback, administrators might have no awareness for how their policies affect students' lives.

Kelsey Cronin
Senior, Biology Major

OSU should end its partnerships with HP

In 2005, a coalition of Palestinian civil society organizations started the Boycott-Divest-Sanctions movement, or BDS. BDS is a peaceful protest movement modeled after the boycott movement which contributed to the fall of apartheid South Africa. Palestinians urge institutions world over to end their relationships with corporations contributing to Palestinian oppression. The demands they hope to achieve with these actions are: An end to the illegal occupation, full rights under the law and the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their indigenous lands.

One of the primary targets of this campaign is HP, a close partner with OSU in research and funding, and the major contractor involved in surveillance, control and imprisonment of the Palestinian population in Israel. We may appreciate the help that HP has lent to OSU in

past decades, but it pales in comparison to the suffering the Palestinian people have endured. The moral thing to do in this instance would be for OSU to formally end its partnerships with HP, and do so explicitly in solidarity with the Palestinian people against the oppression they face, facilitated by HP. Now, when the wanton slaughter of innocent protesters is capturing headlines, is the perfect opportunity for OSU to take the necessary steps. The arc of history tends toward justice, and this horrid oppression will come to an end sooner rather than later. It would be an unerasable scar on the school's reputation to still be onboard that dismal ship when it sinks, the time to act is now.

Nathaniel Owen
Corvallis, Ore.

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"What's in it for me?" is the question you'll keep asking this week. Mercury has you focusing on taking care of yourself. You're tired of being taken advantage of by people at work. And you have zero tolerance for loved ones draining your energy.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20

Stick to your ground and don't allow others to sway you. Deep down, you know what's right and what's wrong. Mercury is reminding you about issues like loyalty, honor and consistency. This could play out in a romance where these matters rise to the surface.

Gemini: May 21 - June 21

The sun will be in your sign for four weeks, marking your spiritual new year. It's a great time to let go of the past and to focus on creating a brighter future for yourself. Don't allow past disappointments, financial setbacks or relationship problems hold you back.

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

Saturn has you doing a lot of soul searching about what you want to be when you grow up. There's a difference between working for a paycheck and fulfilling your life's purpose. And it's one thing to date people casually, and quite another to fall deeply in love.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

Your creative energies are strong right now, thanks to the moon. No matter what problem you've been facing, you'll find a way to solve it. In relationships, you could offer advice to friends and loved ones who are going through a tough time.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You could be tempted to get back together with an old sweetheart. The sun is reminding you of good times you had with somebody special. Even if the relationship with this person didn't work out, you might still have fond memories of him or her.

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

You're a fool for love this week, courtesy of a forward-looking sun. You're in an optimistic mood about romance. You could be falling for someone, edging toward something more serious with this special person. You're willing to embrace a major relationship.

Scorpio: Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

With communicator Mercury opposite your sign, be kinds with your words. You could be tempted to snap at people a lot over the next few weeks. Try to mind your temper. And make sure that you don't pick petty fights with your significant other.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You're ready to make a change to your image, your personal energy or your lifestyle. As the sun continues to travel opposite your sign, you're preparing to make some big shifts. As you try new things, you'll begin to attract more members of your spiritual tribe.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You'll have some strong insights as psychic Neptune enhances your perception. Maybe you'll finally figure out what is going on with a mysterious colleague or shy friend. Or you could discover something important that will help your love life.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You're likely to be attracted to several people at once. The sun is pulling you in different directions. You might reconnect with a former flame, while at the same time, you're falling in lust with somebody new. It's an exciting time.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

A moon opposition has you questioning what is happening with your domestic life. Maybe you've been living with somebody, but the relationship doesn't feel like it is moving forward. Or perhaps you're living with toxic roommates. Make a change.

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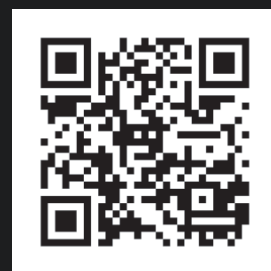
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ASOSU SPECIAL ELECTIONS

IMPORTANT INFO

CAMPAIGNS START:

MAY 7TH
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7:00 AM

BALLOT OPENS:

BALLOT CLOSES:

MAY 14TH
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12:01 AM

MAY 25TH
@
10:00 AM

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