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With your help, we have gathered your favorite places and things to do in Corvallis. From your favorite place to get a quick bite to your most beloved live music venue, the "Best of Beaver Nation 2018" showcases what you, our readers, voted to be the best in Corvallis.

This annual special edition works to compile the best of food, entertainment, necessities and on-campus activities in Corvallis and on the Oregon State

University campus. We thank you if you participated in one of our "Best of" surveys over the past couple months. If you missed it this year, you'll have another shot next year to get your vote in.

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Best late night eats: Beaver Hut

By MICHAEL EUBANKS
News Contributor

It might not be surprising that a burger restaurant named The Beaver Hut is popular with Oregon State University students, but the name isn't the only thing that gets the OSU community excited.

The family-owned restaurant, which is located just across the street from OSU, offers a wide variety of food and drinks at an affordable price.

In fact, the first thing that may catch the eye of a passerby of the restaurant is the sign out front that reads "\$2 Burger, All Day Everyday."

"Those are definitely one of our biggest hits," said Assistant Manager J.D. Pinion, son of owners Paul and Jill Pinion. "It's really big for its price. We make it fresh."

In addition to the \$2 burger, budget minded-students looking for a cheap and delicious meal should consider taking a look at the restaurant's daily specials.

"Our weekend special is a breakfast burrito and biscuits and gravy for \$6.50," Pinion said. "Our breakfast menu is a huge hit."

But a student won't have to wake up early or skip a morning class to order something from the breakfast menu, as the restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner all day. The restaurant also serves sandwiches, hot wings, milkshakes and many other comfort foods.

Pinion said the restaurant's close proximity to campus makes it incredibly popular with the student body.

"We have a great location, so a lot of students are able to just walk right out of their classes and it's less than a half a block to our front door," Pinion said.

The restaurant is open until 2 a.m. on the weekends, which makes it a great spot to enjoy a Friday or Saturday night. The restaurant also features "Dam Growlers," which serves a wide variety of beers.

Pinion was very excited and thankful to hear that The Beaver Hut was voted as one of the best late night eats in Beaver Nation.

"It's definitely good to have our customers show us that they like our food. It means a lot and we're just going to keep on cooking good food for all of them," Pinion said.

The Beaver Hut is located directly across from OSU at 108 NW 16th street and is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 9-2 a.m.



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The Beaver hut offers "\$2 burgers, All Day Everyday" and is located on Monroe Avenue.



2nd Buffalo Wild Wings



3rd Taco Bell



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Sugoi Sushi, located on Ninth Street, offers over 58 kinds of sushi.



2nd Thai Chili



3rd Sugoi Sushi

Best value: Local Boyz

By NOAH NELSON
News Contributor

The under \$15, they came up with the following local nominations: Sugoi Sushi, Thai Chili, and Local Boyz.

Local Boyz is a Hawaiian, counter serving restaurant that offers large portions of traditional Hawaiian food, like sweet shoyu chicken and ono chop steak. Seth Nelson, a fifth year student at OSU, says that Local Boyz is a top spot in town.

"Local Boyz is definitely a local favorite. My friends and I like to come here a lot," said Nelson. "For under 15 bucks you can get a massive portion of food, with enough to save for later."

Every plate comes with scoops of rice and their homemade mac salad. The sizes

of dishes are in Hawaiian, one of which has a mythological back story.

Menehune is a mythological race of very short people who live deep in the forests of Hawaii, away from human contact. Their name is used to denote a small plate.

Sugoi Sushi is a conveyor belt sushi restaurant located on 9th street. On their sushi conveyor belt, they offer over 58 kinds of sushi, from rolls to nigiri. All someone has to do is sit down, and the plates of sushi will come to them on the conveyor belt ready to be eaten.

Sugoi Sushi also boasts a large menu with over 70 items, including special orders of ramen bowls, miso soup, 11 types of Japanese appetizers, and sashimi plates. Along with this, they offer 25 different

kinds of sake and beer, and to finish a meal, offer mochi ice cream.

The next nomination is Thai Chili

Thai Chili is a family owned restaurant that offers authentic thai food just a block from the OSU campus. They offer Thai cuisine like red, green, and massaman curry along with a wide selection of noodle dishes like their pad thai and pho. Thai Chili is also one of the only spots in Corvallis to find duck curry.

This restaurant offers a collection of different drinks like thai iced tea and thai coffees, seven different kinds of bubble teas with flavors like green tea and strawberry, and juice from guava, mango, lychee, and coconut.

Best coffee: Dutch Bros.

By JADA KRENING
News Reporter

The chatter among customers, the whirl of the espresso machine, the taste of warm, fresh pastries and the smell of rich coffee beans suffuse the air.

Corvallis coffee shops create a warm atmosphere and sense of belonging, bringing students, staff and the community at large together. For this year's "best of food: coffee" selection, three establishments were selected by the Oregon State University students and community: Coffee Culture, Dutch Bros and Starbucks.

Coffee Culture has been serving the OSU and Corvallis community since 1993. Originally opened as a drive-thru location, the cafe has since expanded to four locations throughout the city of Corvallis.

Lisa and Paul Tostberg, the owners of Coffee Culture, focus on building and nurturing relationships with the local community, in addition to their high standards and mission of sharing quality, sustainably-sourced coffee and ensuring top-notch customer service at their cafes.

"We serve, employ, participate in events and cherish our OSU students and community," the Tostbergs said via email. "They are a huge part of our business and what makes it great."

The Tostbergs were very excited to have their shop selected for the 2019 Best Of awards.

"We are absolutely honored," the Tostbergs said via email. "We work hard to make that final cup of coffee the best it can be. To be acknowledged by a huge portion of the Corvallis community is wonderful."

Next on the list, Dutch Bros was originally founded in 1992 by Dane and Travis Boersma, and Corvallis Dutch Bros has been serving the community since 2002. Regional Manager David Walser emphasized the importance of the connections and relationships made by the baristas and OSU community, and described his excitement about being recognized as a "best of coffee" location.

"We are honored to be selected as a Best of Coffee (honoree), and we hope to continue to serve the community as best we can," Walser said.

Moreover, Starbucks has several locations around Corvallis, all with the same company-wide mission: "To inspire and nurture the human spirit -- one person, one cup and one neighborhood at a time."

Kristi Treichler, a supervisor at the Starbucks located on Ninth and Garfield, shared why she thought Corvallis Starbucks locations exemplify the company's goals.

"I feel like Starbucks in Corvallis really lives up to that mission because we really make an effort to get to know each and every person, to get to know their orders, to know about them," Treichler said. "We try to make each experience personal, and I think that students and everyone in Corvallis recognizes that, and they find it a comfortable place to be."



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Dutch Bros., selected as the 2019 Best Of food: coffee winner, has been part of the Corvallis community since 2002.



Starbucks



Coffee Culture

Treat yo self: Yogurt Extreme

By NOAH NELSON
News Contributor

In a recent polling, the Oregon State University community has nominated three Corvallis businesses as the top spots to “treat yo self.” The nominations are: Yogurt Extreme, Cold Stone and Benny’s Donuts.

Managed by Emily Fleshman, Yogurt Extreme is a self-serve frozen yogurt bar located on Monroe, just a block from the OSU campus. Boasting 39 different flavors of frozen yogurt and sorbet, as well as a plethora of different toppings from fresh fruit to candies and hot fudge, Yogurt Extreme offers a wide variety of frozen yogurt and topping combinations.

This establishment also has flavors for those who have certain dietary restrictions, including sugar-free frozen yogurt and dairy-free sorbet.

Yogurt Extreme employee, Alexandra Bakkom, said she enjoys working there, and that all kinds of OSU students come into the shop.

“We get a pretty diverse crowd of customers, but mostly our demographic is college students since we’re located directly across from the university,” Bakkom said. “It is a popular spot for sororities, and awkward first dates.”

The next nomination on the list is Cold Stone Creamery.

Cold Stone is an international ice cream company that, while simultaneously running locations on multiple continents, maintains a location here in Corvallis.

Cold Stone is an old-fashioned style creamery, where ice cream orders are prepared right in front of the customer. Just pick a flavor of ice cream and toppings, or choose from one of their many popular recipes, and watch the ice cream be prepared and combined with a variety of ingredients, such as cheesecake, brownies and fruit.

If someone doesn’t prefer ice cream, they can always choose from a variety of homemade milkshakes, smoothies, and even cake, all of which are offered there in the store.

The next and final nomination on the winners’ list of places to “treat yo self” is Benny’s Donuts.

Benny’s Donuts was founded by an OSU graduate from the class of 2015 by the name of Benny Augeri. Their mission upon founding was to open up a “donut delivery service by a student for the students,” according to their website.

Since opening their doors in 2016, Benny’s Donuts has been serving the Corvallis community homemade donuts with made-in-house glaze, and artisan coffee to go with it. This donut shop has some classic donut recipes, like chocolate glaze with sprinkles, but they have also branched out and experimented with less common donut toppings. Lemon lavender and marionberry with rosemary being just two of these flavors.

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A cup of frozen yogurt from Yogurt Extreme is topped with gummy bears (top). An array of donuts from Benny’s Donuts sit on a rack (left). Ice cream in a waffle cone from Coldstone is held aloft in front of the store (right).

1st



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A breakfast bowl from Broken Yolk sits on a plate, accompanied by toast.

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Best breakfast: Broken Yolk

By MICHAEL EUBANKS
News Contributor

There may be no better way to start a day than with a fresh, hearty breakfast.

Corvallis is home to many places that serve breakfast, including many fast food restaurants that offer a quick option for those on the go, but for some there is nothing that compares to a fresh, homestyle meal.

The Broken Yolk offers just that, and the popular eatery, which has been open for nearly twelve years, is located just a short walk away from campus in downtown Corvallis.

“We’re kinda like a funky little breakfast joint. We’ve been here in the community for over a decade. It’s a nice eclectic blend of food from all different flavor pallets,” said Manager Jessica Gordon.

The Broken Yolk always has breakfast on the menu, and on weekdays they serve lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This restaurant serves breakfast classics

that many would expect, from pancakes to cinnamon rolls to omelets, but the most popular item on the menu is a unique meal from Gordon’s childhood.

“The number one item ordered, hands down, twelve years in a row a running, is our Hobo Hash. That has been the college favorite. It’s been the hangover cure. It’s what Sean Mannon (former Oregon State University quarterback who now plays for the Los Angeles Rams) eats. It’s a very popular one,” Gordon said.

The Hobo Hash is a mixture of fries with scrambled eggs and ham, bacon, onions and tomatoes mixed together with sliced cheddar cheese sprinkled on top. The meal also includes toast with a homemade strawberry jam.

Meals like the Hobo Hash have made The Broken Yolk a very popular destination for OSU students, which Gordon said make up a large amount of the restaurant’s customers.

“We definitely know when they’re on vacation to say the least,” Gordon joked.

“But, yes, the majority of our customers are students, or alumni.”

Gordon is happy that The Broken Yolk has become a well-known breakfast spot, particularly for family weekends at OSU.

“The athletes love to eat here. This is where people bring their parents for family weekend. We’re just really blessed and really thankful to be ‘the spot.’” Gordon said.

Gordon was very pleased to hear that The Broken Yolk was voted as one of the best breakfast spots in Beaver Nation, but she said that in addition to the student body, she had a few other people she needed to thank.

“I not only want to say thank you to the community but also thank you to my employees because I can’t do anything that I am able to do without my employees. They make it all go around as well,” Gordon said.

The Broken Yolk is located at 119 SW 3rd St. and is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Best residence hall: International Living-Learning Center

ILLC equipped to create an international, multicultural residence hall experience

By JAYCEE KALAMA
News Contributor

On the Oregon State University campus, there are 16 residence halls available to the students. Through a poll, the OSU community voted just a few of those 16 as the best residence halls to live in.

The International Living-Learning Center and Tebeau Hall were voted the best OSU residence halls for the 2019 Best Of.

Although Tebeau Hall is available to all OSU students, many Beaver athletes choose to live there. A large majority of the rooms in Tebeau Hall are suite-style doubles and a small percent of singles.

Kristina Schneider, a first-year international student and member of the swim team, said, "Tebeau is a pretty new building, so it is clean and beautiful. It gives me a sense of feeling at home."

Tebeau has the office of Student Health Services on the main level and features a large shared kitchen on each floor. Again, there are multiple large lounges in the hall where students can gather, study and socialize. An interesting fact about Tebeau Hall is that it is named after William Tebeau, OSU's first male African-American graduate.

All OSU students are eligible to live in the International Living-Learning Center, although it also houses most international students. Students who are admitted to the College of Business and have an interest in international affairs may also choose to live in the ILLC. The residence hall offers suite style doubles, doubles, singles, and triple rooms. The ILLC is home to offices for INTO-OSU and also contains classrooms and meeting spaces.

On the ground floor, you can find Cascadia grocery market and the coffee shop, Pete's Coffee. Every floor in the ILLC is equipped with a large shared kitchen, The ILLC has multiple large gathering spaces, including lounges on each floor.

Sonica Gupta, an academic learning advisor for the ILLC and third year computer science student explained "From what I've seen in the past term, I think there is a strong sense of community. After classes you can see residents cooking together in kitchens, hanging out in the lounges and coming to and from extra curricular activities together," said Gupta. "I think that's really important, especially for first year students who are going to a new school in a new environment."



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The International Living-Learning Center, home to many international students as well as domestic students, was voted best residence hall.




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Tebeau Hall was voted second best residence hall. Tebeau is home to many student-athletes.

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Rules. The literary work may be fiction, poetry, drama, or creative nonfiction written for a general audience. The prize is open to currently enrolled undergraduate students at Oregon State University who may submit their own work or have work nominated by faculty members. Submissions must be the student's original work, typed, no longer than 14 double-spaced pages for prose or drama, or eight manuscript pages for poetry, and include full name, year in school, current mailing address, phone number, and student I.D. number of the author.

Deadline. Submit work to Prof. Keith Scribner, Chair of the Provost's Literary Prize Committee - School of Writing, Literature, and Film main office, Moreland 238 - by 5 pm, **Friday, February 15, 2019.**

Announcement. The Provost will announce the winner in May.

Best bathroom: Memorial Union

Pink color, lighting adds to 'selfie status' bathroom

By JAYCEE KALAMA
News Contributor

It is well known on the Oregon State University campus that bathrooms can range widely in quality, cleanliness, smell and selfie factor. The Learning Innovation Center and the Memorial Union bathrooms have been voted the best that OSU has to offer.

The Memorial Union provides the OSU community with many different services and resources to better students' college experience. From events in the quad, to coffee and food venues, to comfortable couches in front of the fireplace, the Memorial Union is a central hub in the middle of campus life. There is another aspect of the MU that has become quite popular that not everyone may know: the bathrooms. The infamous girls bathroom in the hall of flags has been featured in the background of many selfies. This bathroom features a millennial pink tile on the walls, dark color scheme on the ground and a studio-lit body length mirror, suitable for the perfect snap.

Not only are the bathrooms selfie-worthy, but all bathrooms in the MU are clean and have an old-timey, antique feel due to the lack of renovations. There are many factors that lead visitors at the Memorial Union to feel more comfortable inside the space and that feeling is also reflected in the bathrooms.

According to Matthew Macy, a custodial coordinator for the MU, the custodial team strives to provide a clean space for students and visitors and no area reflects that better than the MU bathrooms. They check on the restrooms cleanliness multiple times throughout the day and do a full clean every night after closing to ensure the bathrooms are well stocked and ready for the following day.

"With an increase in use of the restrooms comes an increase in need for custodial and maintenance tasks, as well as renovations," said Macy. "In regards to the bathroom that has the 'selfie status,' we are hoping to renovate in the next five years."

In contrast, the Learning Innovation Center has the complete opposite feel. LINC is one of the newest buildings on campus and has a sleek, modern design. It was built in 2015, while the MU was built in 1928. The four-storey, 134,000 square foot building has 15 new classrooms with 2,300 seats of formal teaching space and 640 seats of student-directed informal learning space. LINC introduces new styles of learning spaces that support collaboration and student participation. This includes study lounges with mark-up walls throughout the building. LINC also features bright colors, high-tech classrooms, large windows and modern bathrooms.



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The Memorial Union features a pink-tiled women's bathroom, known for its selfie possibilities.

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When comparing both buildings, all bathrooms are kept clean and well stocked, but unlike the MU bathrooms, the LINC bathrooms are spacious with multiple stalls and that have bright lighting. Along with the great lighting, there are also large over-the-counter mirrors and plenty of sinks. LINC is a big building, made to hold a lot of people and so are the bathrooms.

Rachel Eilenstine, a first-year kinesiology major said, "I have had a lot of classes in LINC the last two terms and I've noticed that the bathrooms are always kept extremely clean. On another note, unlike some bathrooms on campus, the LINC bathrooms always smell good. I think a part of that has to do with how big the bathrooms and stalls are too."

Eilenstine explained her appreciation for the sense of personal space she gets in the bathrooms of the Learning Innovation Center that you can't find in other buildings on campus.



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Marketplace West, offering Mexican, Italian and Asian cuisine as well as burgers, comfort food and a deli, was voted best on-campus food.

Best campus food: Marketplace West

By ALEXIS CAMPBELL
News Contributor

For those looking for variety in their food choice, Marketplace West stands out for its range of cuisines and restaurants.

According to operations manager Kent Hildebrandt, the food options at West are designed through a partnership between its chefs and a dietician.

"This team works to come up with fresh, delicious meals while providing variety and partnering with local vendors," Hildebrandt said via email.

The options at West include restaurants serving Mexican, Italian and Asian cuisine as well as burgers, comfort food and a deli.

Despite the big crowds of students, faculty and visitors that pass through West each day, it is a staff goal that food is cooked with the same care as a smaller operation.

"Our director Kerry Peterson's vision is centered on cooking small batch, made-from-scratch meals using the best quality, local ingredients whenever possible," Hildebrandt said via email.

According to Hildebrandt, feedback from customers is an important factor that West takes into consideration when developing menu items. One common request is food options that are more balanced and nutritious.

"We try to be proactive and responsive to what's happening in the market, and students are telling us that they want healthy options. We always welcome feedback from our students and faculty and really do take that feedback into consideration when looking at future menu changes," Hildebrandt said via email.

Even at comfort food stop Cooper's Creek, there is healthy food to be found - particularly in its customizable grain bowls.

"Perhaps our single best-selling dish here at Marketplace West are the grain bowls from Cooper's Creek. We sold close to 10,000 of them last term and they are incredibly popular from the moment we open our doors every day," Hildebrandt said via email.

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Best coffee: Peet's Coffee

By JADA KRENING
News Reporter

Coffee is certainly popular among college students, and coffee shops are located all across the Oregon State University campus. Yet, three shops were selected as the very best by the OSU students and community: Peet's Coffee, Java Stop and Java II.

Peet's Coffee was originally founded in 1966 by Alfred Peet in Berkeley, Calif. The OSU location is housed in the International Living-Learning Center. The ILLC building, including its Peet's Coffee location, recently celebrated its tenth-year anniversary. Traci Melton, the operations manager of OSU Peet's Coffee location, described her excitement about the best of coffee selection.

"To be recognized as one of the top coffee places at OSU is really an honor. It's wonderful, it's great," Melton said. "Our team works really hard, we try to give the best customer service we can. Whenever you come in, you're greeted with a smile. We produce a good product, and I'm glad people recognize that. It really is an honor."

Moreover, Java Stop, located in the Memorial Union, has been serving the OSU community since 1994. Erin Carter, the Food Service Manager of the location, states the coffee shop's mission is "inspiring customers and employees to enjoy coffee and connections," and describes the feeling of community which is fostered in the Memorial Union location.

"The student union is a home for everyone and Java Stop plays a large role in welcoming everyone through its doors," Carter said via email. "Our students take great pride in making our customers day. They enjoy building relationships with customers and getting to know repeat customers."



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Peet's Coffee is located on the first floor of the International Living-Learning Center.

Java II, which is located in the Valley Library, is one of the busiest coffee shops on campus and employs 33 OSU students, according to Lee Anne Spivey, the retail food manager for Java II. She describes the values and principles of Java II, which include knowledge, humanity, integrity, responsibility and community. Both the Java Stop and Java II locations are operated by the Memorial Union Retail and Food Services, and Spivey explains that profits from both locations are returned to offset student fees. In addition, a portion of customer tips from both locations are donated to charitable causes.

"Each month all MURFS locations donate tips to a favorite local charity that the student workers have selected," Spivey explains via email. "For January, we are donating to the OSU Human Services Resource Center. The donations will go directly to providing support to the students of OSU."



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Best club: Graphic Design

By ALEXIS CAMPBELL
News Contributor

For any student at Oregon State University considering a career in graphic design or simply wanting to learn about design programs, the Graphic Design Club is here to help.

Daniel Anecito, current president of the Graphic Design Club, has been involved in the club for four years. Anecito organizes the monthly events that teach club members aspects of graphic design.

"Students will come and teach a specific skill they're really good at for the month, and we'll also have another event that teaches a basic skill within a few different programs like Adobe," Anecito said.

According to Anecito, graphic design classes at OSU are mainly focused on the process of design and tend to not teach design programs. The club is an opportunity for students to learn how to use them.

"A lot of people have learned new things, and new tools within the programs," Anecito said.

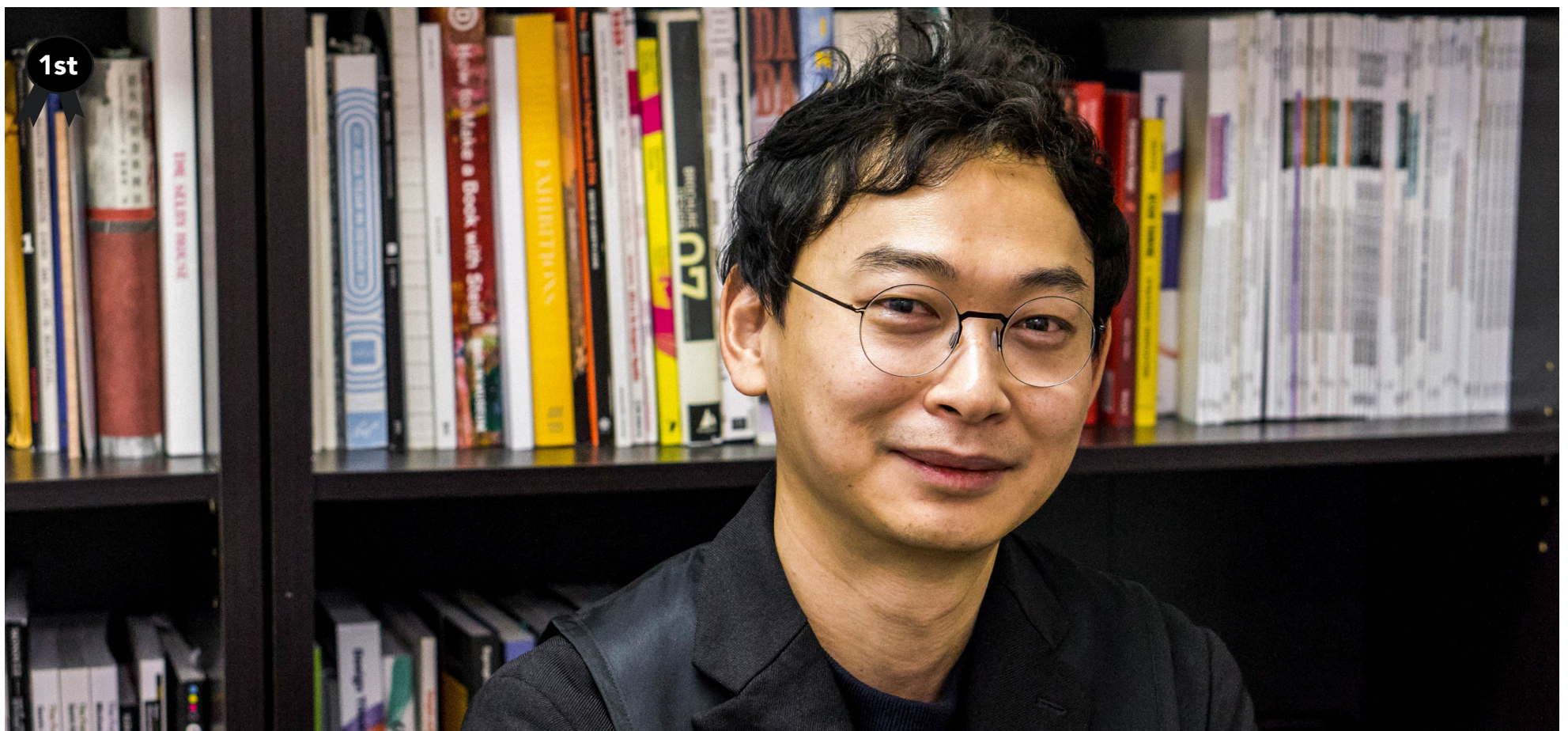
In addition, Anecito tries to prepare students for a future career in graphic design by organizing trips to agencies in Portland. He hopes that these trips will help the members of the Graphic Design Club connect with the graphic design community in Portland.

"What we're trying to do right now is have them talk about their life getting in design, it's a teachable moment because a lot of us don't know what to expect after graduation so learning their paths is interesting," Anecito said.

According to Anecito, the visits to Portland have paid off for some club members. Through tours of graphic design studios, students have managed to connect with agencies and land jobs and internships.

Anecito emphasized that the club is not just for graphic design majors.

"Everyone's welcome to join the club. Even if you don't have any design experience, we love having people come in and learn about it. Design is becoming a really important skill for people nowadays," Anecito said.



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Professor of Graphic Design Jun Bum Shin, voted best professor, said that the culture of Oregon is well-suited to graphic designers, due to the environment's influence on design.

Best professor: Jun Bum Shin

Shin, from South Korea, wants graphic design students to think globally

By ALEXIS CAMPBELL
News Contributor

In Jun Bum Shin's office, he proudly displays items given to him by students: a mug with a drawing of his face on it and a letterboard. Every object has the same catchphrase on it: "Good try."

It has become somewhat of an iconic line for Shin, an assistant professor of graphic design at Oregon State University. He began working at OSU in 2015, after teaching in Virginia for four years. Shin finds that the culture of Oregon is well suited to being a graphic designer.

"OSU is more natural, and more sustainable. When we design, we think of the environment and that is Oregonian thinking," Shin said.

According to Shin, the graphic design we see in our daily lives is an essential aspect of communication.

"We communicate visually. If we didn't have the visual communication of graphic design, then we would have to communicate with only sounds," Shin said.

Shin teaches numerous classes that include typography, web design, and app design. He has quickly become a student favorite, for numerous reasons.

Daniel Anecito, a senior graphic design student, admires Shin's character.

"Jun Bum Shin is a star from another universe. He's soft spoken, beyond fashionable, extremely quotable, super accomplished in his field, and at the core of it all, a good human being," Anecito said via email.

Shin describes being a graphic designer as being a "problem solver." His rigorous teaching methods are meant, in part, to help students survive this aspect of the field.

"I teach them to solve the problem themselves, rather than giving them the key to find it," Shin said.

For Shin, who is from South Korea, it is also important to open his students' minds to graphic design on a global scale.

"You don't need to stay here, you can go further. You can work in London, you can work in China, don't worry about boundaries," Shin said.

According to Anecito, it is helpful to be reminded of this larger global context.

"As students in America we often get sucked into American trends, aesthetics, and design processes," Anecito said via email.

To give them a different perspective, Shin has taken eight students to South Korea with an OSU Faculty-led program, and will offer the program again, called Art & Design in South Korea: A Cross Cultural Study of Creative Thinking, in 2019.

Shin's "Good try" line has become so popular with students that he says two seniors last year even got the phrase tattooed in his handwriting.

"Good try" is another example of how Shin pushes his students to be their best.

"It's not finished yet, it's not perfect yet. Trying is good, but you have to try one more time," Shin said.



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The phrase "good try" is popular with students of Jun Bum Shin, with some even getting a tattoo of it.

Best female athlete: Katie McWilliams

By JARRED BIERBRAUER
OMN Sports Chief

What is the most memorable moment from being a Beaver so far?

"There's been a lot, freshman year we went to the Final Four so that was huge. I would say beating Stanford at home my freshman and sophomore year. Going to the Sweet 16, going to the Elite Eight, beating Oregon at home last year in overtime. Those were probably the most memorable."

What was a major challenge you faced during this season or have faced in your career?

"I would say the biggest challenge is just making sure to come with 100 percent effort all the time," McWilliams said. "You're exhausted, you're tired, but you have to get over that and just know why you're here, what you're here playing for, what you're here to accomplish and do what you can for this program."

How have you grown as a player thus far into your collegiate career?

"I think I've grown as a leader, just being able to be more vocal on the court and just to the team in general, that's been something I've kind of struggled with, being just a step outside my comfort zone and being able to talk to people at times when maybe they needed it," McWilliams said. "Just as a player, I feel like I've grown in terms of being more aggressive and confident."

What are your goals for next season?

"It's one of my goals to win the Pac-12 again for the third year I've been here at Oregon State, and then to win the Pac-12 Tournament and go on to the NCAA Tournament," McWilliams said. "The goal is always the national championship, but to get as far as we can as a team. For next year, my goal as of right now is to play overseas somewhere for a year or two and just to get that experience, to travel, to keep playing basketball and to make some money over there, and then I want to go to massage therapy school."

What will you do to accomplish these goals?

"I have to continue to have a solid season throughout this year and then keep up with my grades. I'm almost done with my degree, so I just need to keep the motivation up to do that," McWilliams said. "For massage therapy school, I feel like I have the tools and the knowledge so I just have to make sure that I am up to date on all of those things. I think I can do whatever I want if I try."

Is there anything else you would like to add?

"I just want to say that I've loved playing for Oregon State and Beaver Nation is an absolute amazing fan base," McWilliams said. "I really appreciate all that Oregon State has done for me and I can't wait for the rest of this year."



Kat Tudor

Senior guard, Katie McWilliams, faces up toward the basket against the Arizona Wildcats.

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Best male athlete: Jermar Jefferson

Jefferson, running back, named Pac-12 Freshman Offensive Player of the Year

By MORGAN MAWN
News Contributor

In a recent online poll, students chose Jermar Jefferson, a freshman running back on the Oregon State football team, as the best male athlete.

However, this isn't the first impressive title Jefferson has received. After his first college football season, he's earned the title "First-Team Freshman All-American" by ESPN. By the end of his freshman season he was amongst the leaders in Pac-12 for rushing yards and broke school records. Jefferson attributes his success to his hard work and his best qualities as a player: his vision, his speed and his athleticism. Although the transition from high school to college football was a little jarring for him, he was able to overcome the challenges he faced during the season and continues to look forward and work to improve for the next season.

"It's a big adjustment from high school," Jefferson said. "The game is faster, everybody is bigger, stronger, and smarter."

Although his season was filled with many accomplishments, Jefferson still finds the most memorable moment of his time with the Beavers to be his first win.

"My first Pac-12 win against Colorado was a big experience for me," Jefferson said.

But it wouldn't be true to say that the season was easy. Jefferson found that the differences between high school and college football were vast and required hardwork and determination to overcome.

When faced with this challenge, Jefferson explains that was able to overcome them by continuing to learn as a player and pushing himself to improve.

"Really coming in and adjusting to the college football system and the faster speed and pacing of the game. Knowing what new stuff to learn was important," Jefferson stated.

Now that his first season has come to an end, Jefferson is still striving to improve his game during the off-season in order to be even more successful and help his team in the next football season.

"My goals for the off-season are just really getting in the weight room, getting bigger and stronger and being more of a leader for the team," he explained.

Jefferson's success during his first season with the Beavers as a true freshman has earned him the respect of his peers and the title "Best Male Athlete at OSU" will be added to his already long list of athletic accomplishments. After overcoming the difficulties of his first season, he continues to look for ways to improve as a player in order to continue to support his team.



Three-way tie

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Freshman running back, Jermar Jefferson, scores a touchdown against Washington State.

Best PAC class: Badminton

By VADA SHELBY
News Contributor

Oregon State University offers Physical Activity Courses every term, and each course offered is unique.

Some of the more popular PAC classes include dancing, bowling, martial arts, weight training and indoor sports. Three classes are being recognized as the best PACs at OSU — bowling, swimming, and badminton. Students said they liked these PAC classes because they offered one-on-one training in physical settings they enjoyed.

“Most of teaching bowling is one-on-one with students,” Bowling Teacher Marc Green said. “I often walk up to a student in class who is struggling to the point that I can tell he or she is getting frustrated. I’ll make a suggestion for an adjustment and sometimes it works, and sometimes I can tell it will work if they just keep trying.”

The Memorial Union basement bowling alley is frequently used outside of bowling classes. The bowling alley has weekly deals on discounted bowling, party events, and reservation options. With its wide range in hours and convenient location, the bowling alley is a great place for those who are interested in honing their skills in their free time. Green used a bowling alley to touch up on his skills the summer before starting his first bowling course.

“I was hired by OSU to teach social dance,” Green said. “Many years ago, the PAC director asked me if I wanted to teach bowling. I said, ‘Sure, but you should know that I’m not much of a bowler.’ She said that I was a good teacher, and I had the summer to learn the game well enough to teach it.”

Although bowling and swimming are polar opposite sports to each other, the positivity and support in both classes are evident.

Swimming teacher Joyce Federiuk believes one of the best parts of her job is watching students encourage each other, even as strangers.

“I have witnessed many thrilling moments in the NonSwim class, such as when a student who was once terrified jumped into deep water and came up with a smile just a few weeks after the start of the class,” Federiuk said. “Students are very supportive of each other and I love to see the friendships that develop from their shared experience of learning to swim. The non-swim class serves the needs of many international students, who may not have had a chance to learn to swim early in life. I really enjoy the diversity of students in these classes and like the way their experiences have expanded my world view.”

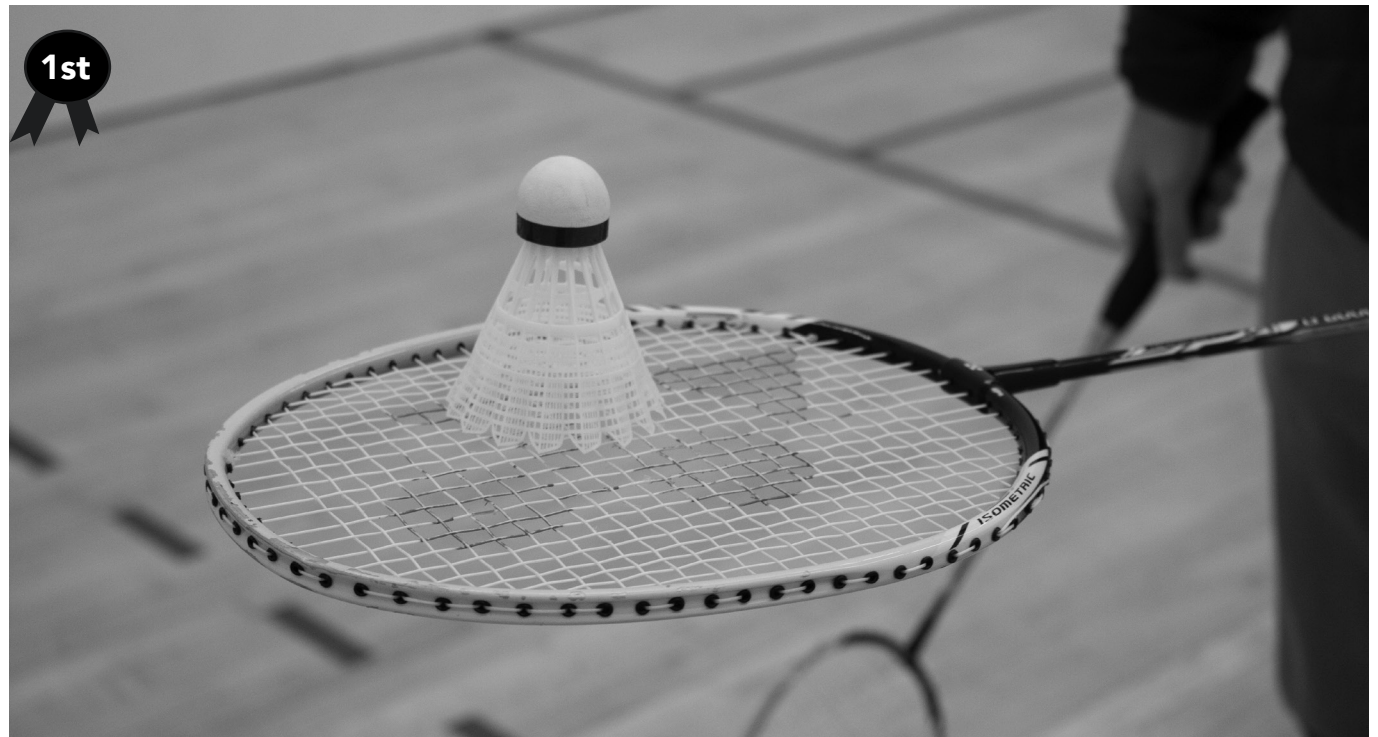
Federiuk has been teaching at OSU for two years and offers swimming classes every term. NonSwim and Swim I meet twice a week for one hour each session.

The last class to be recognized was badminton. Although most students stop to play the game with friends at Dixon, very few people know the actual rules of the sport.

Melinda Amelee’s badminton syllabus highlights components like footwork, court markings, strategies, terminology, and etiquette. Badminton classes are offered every term, including summer term.

“We have a wonderful variety of Physical Activity Courses that students can take, both for credit and non-credit,” Amelee said. “Every one of the instructors loves what they teach. Students have met their lifelong partners and best friends in my PACs. They learn each others’ names and practice good sportsmanship by shaking hands after competing. One of the most rewarding things that happen is when students accomplish a skill that they could not do at the start of the term.”

PAC courses are important aspects to student life because they add physical activity to daily routines without cutting into time used for work or studying. OSU offers such a wide variety of PACs so everybody can find something they are interested in trying..



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Badminton has been voted best PAC class. This class aims to teach sportsmanship, footwork, strategy and more.



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Swimming and bowling were voted the second and third best Physical Activity Courses, respectively. No previous skill in either of these sports is required to take the beginner’s classes.

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Dixon Recreation Center, voted best solo recreation spot, features both free weights and exercise machines for students, faculty and community members to use. Additionally, Dixon offers courts for sports from basketball to sand volleyball, a rock climbing wall, a pool and more.

Best solo recreation: Dixon Recreation Center

By NOAH NELSON
News Contributor

Three Corvallis spots have been nominated as the top 3 solo recreation spots. The top three nominees are Dixon Recreation Center, High Priestess Piercing and Barre 3.

Operating since 1980, Dixon Recreation Center contains two gyms, equipped with both free weights and exercise machines. They have multiple cardio rooms, as well as large, open classrooms that can be used for anything from group yoga to kickboxing. Boasting full sized locker rooms, pools, hot tubs, showers, basketball courts, outdoor sand volleyball courts and even two saunas, Dixon Recreation Center can be a one stop workout destination.

"It feels fantastic to be recognized by the student body!" Marketing and Communications Manager Brian Hustoles said. "Being relevant to students is critical to our mission of inspiring healthy living with engaging environments."

According to Hustoles, Dixon Recreation

Center contributes to the OSU community by providing students with a variety of opportunities to stay physically active, which is a proven contributor to both wellbeing and learning readiness.

Dixon Recreation Center will be adding to its facilities and services soon, in response to the interests of the student body.

"We work hard to understand and respond to student interests," Hustole said. The most current example is our Winter Term Dixon Recreation Center building renovation, inspired by the recurring request for additional and more versatile fitness training space."

Dixon Recreation Center differs from other gyms because it offers multiple classes and services unique to OSU. For example, Dixon Recreation Center is in charge of the student run club sports, as well as 17 different intramural leagues with 35 different events, with a wide range in sports from basketball to martial arts tournaments.

Along with IM sports, Dixon Recreation Center is home to the Adventure Leader

Institute. The ALI gives students a chance to go mountain climbing, hiking, kayaking, and more, all with the ability to receive school credits towards physical activity courses.

The next local nominee for best solo recreation spot is High Priestess Piercing and Tattoo.

High Priestess has been operating in the Corvallis community since they opened doors in 2001. Located just a block from the OSU campus, this tattoo and piercing shop gets its fair share of business from the student body.

"I am flattered to be a nominee," the manager of High Priestess, Savras, said. "It feels great that we are a name in the community."

According to their website, High Priestess has three tattoo artists specializing in a range of styles, all with a minimum of two years of professional tattooing experience, as well as two piercers who also boast a minimum of two years of professional experience. Should anything go awry, the entire staff of artists and piercers are trained in first aid, CPR, and blood borne pathogens from the American Red Cross.

Being located so close to campus, High Priestess has more than a few interesting stories about students who come for a tattoo or piercing.

"When a bet is lost people come in and get a piercing or tattoo to own up what they lost." Savras said, "Sometimes whole on campus groups come and get a tattoo to commemorate the year or their friendship."

According to Savras, it feels great to be part of so many bonding moments for the students who come in to get a tattoo or piercing with their friends.

The last nominee for best solo recreation spot in Corvallis is Barre3.

According to their website, "Barre3 is a full-body workout designed with our signature approach of sustained holds, micro-movements, and cardio bursts that will leave you feeling balanced in body and empowered from within."

Located at 118 NW Jackson Ave., Barre3 is open from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily.

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High Priestess

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Barre3

Best of: Housing

By MICHAEL EUBANKS
News Contributor

For some students, living in a dorm might not be ideal. Luckily, Corvallis has many apartment complexes of varying sizes and prices.

Recent polling of Oregon State University's student body shows the top three most popular options for off-campus housing are The Retreat at Corvallis, Park West Apartments and Oak Park Apartments, in order of popularity.

The Retreat at Corvallis, southwest of campus at 700 Chickadee St., offers a wide variety of living options for students.

The 330-unit complex, which opened in 2015, leases by the bedroom. Both apartment and cottage style units are offered, ranging from one to five bedrooms. Each bedroom includes a private restroom, but the kitchen and living areas are shared.

The complex also includes a pool, gym, game room and golf simulator for residents.

Community events for residents are very important to The Retreat. Such events include 'Taco Tuesdays' and 'Waffle Wednesdays' offering free food for residents, and 'Goat Yoga.'

"We want to be more than just that place where you lay your head at night," said Community Manager Mary Kathryn Doggette.

Doggette said it was an honor for The

Retreat to be nominated as one of the best of Beaver Nation.

"It takes a lot of work run a property this size so it's very rewarding when our tenants in our community feel the same way we do about it," said Doggette. "We would like to thank or residents and everyone who voted. We have really enjoyed our time here".

Park West Apartments are located off of 15th Avenue, just south of campus. Featuring one and two bedroom units, residents who live in the complex have access such benefits as a heated swimming pool, a BBQ area and free Wifi included with rent.

"We're excited and grateful to have been nominated by OSU students as one of the best places to live off-campus," said Lindsay Bartholomew, Assistant Profile Manager of Income Property Management, which owns the 240-unit complex. "Whether you're a freshman in college and it's your first time living away from home...or you're a junior, or even a grad student, we're happy that we can help make your college experience a good one at Park West!"

Located off of 26th Avenue and with Reser Stadium in sight, Oak Park Apartments offers one and two bedroom apartments with rent as low as \$715 a month.

The complex features private patios and decks for residents, and some units include a



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The Retreat at Corvallis was voted the best housing spot in Corvallis. This location offers apartment and cottage style units, ranging from one bedroom to five bedrooms.

washer, dryer and dishwasher.

"A lot of things have changed over the past couple of years, and I'm just glad to hear that some of the improvements and changes that we have made have made a positive impact", said Complex Manager Amber Spain.

The changes, Spain said, were in improving the ease of communication between the complex management and residents, as well as cosmetic changes to the units themselves.

"We keep our tenants at the top of our priority list," Spain said. "We love our tenants. We

love our jobs and we love everything we do so I'm really honored and happy to hear that we are on the top of the list."

-  2nd Park West Apartments
-  3rd Oak Park Apartments

Best of: Grocery Shopping

By MICHAEL EUBANKS
News Contributor

Some Oregon State University students may find themselves with a limited budget for food, but that doesn't mean that they have to live the stereotype of a broke student with nothing to eat but ramen noodles.

The three best grocery stores in town, in order of popularity, are Winco Foods, Fred Meyer and Trader Joe's, according to the OSU community.

Located within the Timberhill Shopping Center off of Kings Boulevard, WinCo foods has been in Corvallis since 1986. The store is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and features a deli, bakery and wide variety of bulk foods.

Though not the closest store to campus, WinCo's competitive prices may make up for the longer drive.

"We strive every day to be the area's low-price leader and we do all that we can to ensure that to our customers," said Store Manager Sam Vandagriff.

WinCo was voted as the number one best grocery store in last year's Best of Beaver Nation issue, and Vandagriff was happy to see that readers have once again cast their ballots for the store.

"[I feel] very excited about it. We try to do a good job for our community and our students and we're hon-

ored that they've selected us. That's really nice," Vandagriff said.

Of the aforementioned stores, Fred Meyer is the closest store to campus, just north of OSU on Kings Boulevard. A Corvallis staple since the 1960s, Freddie's offers food, clothing, homegoods and more.

"It's great being so close to OSU and being able to have a bunch of foot traffic coming over. It is a great area to be in," said Store Director Chris Lindekugel. "I've been here about three years now and in 23 years of retail I have to say it's probably the friendliest, most family-oriented clientele I've ever experienced."

Trader Joe's is located in the Corvallis Market Center off of southwest Ninth Street and has been open since February of 2010.

Rebecca Wall is the store's "Mate," which means she is the store leader. Wall was pleased, but not surprised to hear that her store had been voted one of the best of Beaver Nation.

"We're known for being friendly and inviting and a lot of customers view [the shopping experience] as kind of a family thing," Wall said.

Community outreach is important to Trader Joe's, and Wall said that the store would like to have a greater role with community events at OSU.

"We've been trying to reach out more to students, like going to the different outreaches and things that



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WinCo Foods was voted best grocery store in Corvallis in the annual Best Of survey.

happen at the beginning of the year like the fall festival," Wall said. "We're a little far from campus if students don't have transportation. But the ones that grew up shopping at Trader Joe's obviously will search for us and then come in."

-  2nd Fred Meyer
-  3rd Trader Joe's

Best of health: Student Health Services

By JADA KRENING
News Reporter

Student Health Services was selected by Oregon State University students and the community as the best place to receive healthcare.

First established in 1936 in the Plageman Hall location, the main health clinic continues to operate in the historic hall, but SHS has since expanded to additional locations around campus: Tebeau Hall, McNary Hall, Dixon Rec Center and Dixon Lodge.

SHS offers a variety of services to OSU students, including primary health care and mental health, in addition to clinical services like sports medicine, sexual health, immunizations, tobacco cessation, transgender care and massage. SHS has a full-time nutritionist, laboratory, x-ray services and pharmacy housed in Plageman Hall.



Jenny Haubenreiser, the executive director of Student Health Services, has almost 24 years of experience in the field of college health. "We are here to ensure students

have access to essential health and mental health care, as well as health promotion services. We actively work to create a campus environment that is conducive to safety, health and well-being," Haubenreiser said via email.

Haubenreiser highlighted the partnership with Benton County Health Department during the Meningococcal B outbreak as an example of how important inter-departmental collaborations are for students' health.

In response to SHS's best of selection, Haubenreiser expressed excitement and enthusiasm.

"This is amazing and certainly what we strive to be for our students," Haubenreiser said via email. "Central to our values is working everyday to advance compassionate and student-centered care that is tailored to the unique needs of college students, both individually and as a population. We are committed to ongoing quality improvement and value feedback from students to ensure that we are meeting their needs."

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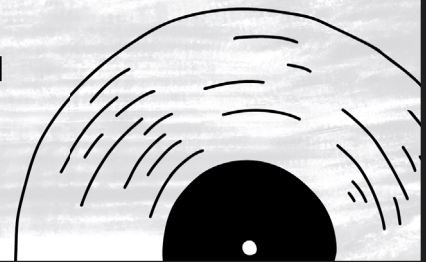
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Grass Roots Books & Music was voted best music store in the Best Of 2019 survey. Grass Roots is located at 227 Second St.

Best music store: Grass Roots Books & Music

Store has sold books, music in Corvallis for 47 years

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In a town of nearly 58,000 residents, Corvallis has no shortage of talent in regards to musicianship. Out of the numerous music-related resources in Corvallis, seasoned songsmiths and aspiring beginners alike turn to the almighty music store, many of which are planted right in the heart of downtown Corvallis. In a recent polling, three music stores have risen to be the best in Corvallis according to Oregon State students. The top 3 nominees are Bullfrog Music, The Fingerboard Extension and Grass Roots Books & Music.

Grass Roots Books & Music has been operating in downtown Corvallis for 47 years as a part of Corvallis' business community, co-owned by Jack Wolcott and Sandy Smith. The store carries a wide range of books along its shelves, as well as a selection of music CDs. While the store continues to carry music in its selection, Wolcott is concerned about how music is consumed in a single-oriented culture.

"I think a lot of people have lost the concept of what an album is. You look at the track sequence—something that could be your least favorite track can be much more nuanced in the context of the album," Wolcott said. "It's not necessarily bad, but the artists have to adapt to that. I think the overall richness and variety and quality is down, because the artist can't really

put that same effort into 10 songs anymore."

Wolcott is grateful to Corvallis for its continued business as Grass Roots has continued to be a mainstay downtown.

Grass Roots Books & Music is located at 227 SW Second St. downtown.

Bullfrog Music has been operating in Corvallis since 2003, but owner Kurt Dietrich has been selling guitars in the Willamette Valley for nearly 28 years. Primarily focused on fretted stringed instruments, a wide range of acoustic, electric and bass guitars can be found lining the teal walls of Bullfrog, along with effects pedals, amps and a standard range of guitar accessories.

"I've been repairing and playing guitars for a while...45 years," Dietrich said. "Nearly half a century of experience."

While his main focus is making sure the store is stocked with guitars up to his standard, Dietrich takes pride in the store doing quality guitar setups, lessons and being a full repair facility, along with maintaining a relationship with customers after they purchase an instrument.

"For as long as you own a guitar you bought from us, the service work and the regular maintenance is always free. Neck adjustments, intonation—everything," Dietrich said. "I don't think anyone else on the planet does that! All you have to do is buy strings."

Bullfrog Music can be found at 310 SW Second St. downtown.

Just a few blocks down from Bullfrog Music is another music store, The Fingerboard Extension.

Started out of owner Keta Tom's home nearly 40 years ago, The Fingerboard Extension on Second Street takes pride in having a grassroots approach to business. It's walls are lined with guitars, banjos, mandolins, and other fretted instruments, as well as having a selection of drums and cymbals. Guitar repairman Roger Cooper expressed his gratitude for working at the music store.

"We're like kids who get to work at a candy store every day because we love guitars," Cooper said. "This store has a strong, musician-oriented culture—we get district attorneys, judges, street people—and always a lot of students. It's kind of a go-to environment to hang out where musicians are at."

A professional drummer himself, Cooper explains that the store offers more to musicians than what you'd find at a corporate or chain music store.

"Let's build a bridge and establish a friendship—if you have a need, or something goes wrong with your instrument, you can come into a non-intimidating environment where we're going to listen and help."

The Fingerboard Extension is located at 120 NW Second St. downtown.



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A wall at The Fingerboard Extension music store is covered in guitars.