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TUESDAY, MARCH. 12

Tuition Open Forum

Memorial Union (MU), 213
3 - 4 p.m.

The University Budget Committee has begun meeting to discuss recommendations for tuition rates for the 2019-20 academic year. The Budget Committee and the Office of Budget & Fiscal Planning are offering a series of weekly open forums to discuss tuition and answer any questions about tuition and the University budget.

Student Talk on Documentary Filmmaking with Arwen Curry

Milam Hall, 33
4 - 5 p.m.

If you've ever thought about making a documentary or collaborating with someone on one, join us for this unique opportunity to talk with a director about the nuts and bolts of documentary filmmaking. Arwen worked with Ursula K. Le Guin for 10 years to create Worlds of Ursula K. Le Guin.

The film is being screened the same night at 7 p.m. in the LaSells Stewart Center.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH. 13

Paws to De-stress

Memorial Union Building (MU), Main Lounge
Noon - 2 p.m.

Finals can be ruff! Take a break from studying to do some self care and hang out with therapy dogs. There is sure to be a "pawsitive" outcome!

Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Biology Seminar Series

Withycombe Hall, 109
3 - 4 p.m.

A talk with Dr. Nicole Gross-Camp, Allegheny College about primates and her journey from chimpanzee seed dispersal to communal forest management in Africa.

THURSDAY, MARCH. 14

ECE Junior Design Expo

Kelley Engineering Center
4 - 6 p.m.

Join us for the Winter ECE Junior Design Expo. This event will showcase the amazing projects of our ECE juniors!

FRIDAY, MARCH. 15

Irish-Inspired Cuisine in Celebration of St. Patrick's Day

Arnold Dining Center
11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Join us at Global Fare at Southside Station at Arnold for Irish-inspired cuisine in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Corned beef, mashed potatoes, buttered peas and carrots and more.



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Oregon State Softball taking on the Washington Huskies at the OSU Softball Complex in their 2018 season.

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Cars are parked in the parking garage across the street from Gill Coliseum. Though students complain about the amount of parking available, university officials say the amount of parking is sufficient, and encourage pursuit of eco-friendly methods of transportation such as carpooling.

University encourages alternative solutions to students' parking complaints

By MORGAN MAWN
News Contributor

Students and faculty facing frustration while finding on-campus parking are encouraged by Oregon State University to consider alternative transportation methods.

The Transportation Services office believes the amount of spaces on campus is sufficient to the needs of drivers. In response to the many students are frustrated by the current amount of parking, Transportation Services suggests pursuing alternatives to driving alone such as carpooling, walking or biking to aid in decreasing the demand for on-campus parking.

The annual report from the Transportation Services Director reported that 30,084 students and employees attended OSU in the fall of 2017, and 36 percent of these people drove alone to campus. Based on this data, 10,830 single drivers on average need spots on campus daily, with only 6,181 commuter and residential parking spots offered. While not all these drivers may be on campus and require parking at the same time, this gap still leaves

some students dissatisfied with the current on-campus parking situation.

Jenevieve Jones, a second-year pre-mechanical engineering major, said the lack of on-campus parking has caused the overflow of OSU drivers to begin parking in her neighborhood, leading to insufficient parking for renters and homeowners in the area.

"It really diminishes the value of living close to campus when I have to park several blocks away from my own home, because everyone else sees the convenience, too," Jones said.

Those looking to find parking on-campus will face an even greater challenge during the middle of the day or game days, the school's busiest times, said Grace Yeo, second-year biochemistry major. Yeo said parking becomes near impossible to find when the campus is busy, forcing her to find more obscure places to park.

"Parking in OSU is a pain during the peak hours on campus, because there are never spots available. Especially on weekdays, parking just isn't even accessible," Yeo said.

Meredith Williams, OSU Transportation Services director, said currently the volume of

parking demanded by the population of OSU purchasing parking permits is met by the number of spaces on campus.

Those who wish to regularly park on campus can purchase daily, hourly or annual parking passes. These passes give access to parking lots on campus that are categorized into four zones: Commuter Zone, Residence Hall, Nonpublic and Non-OSU. The OSU Parking Utilization Study of 2017-18 said Transportation Services has chosen to use zonal parking in recent years to utilize on-campus parking effectively to reduce the overflow of commuters parking in surrounding neighborhoods and streets.

According to the same study, 7,981 annual or monthly passes were sold in fall term of 2018. The parking lots in zones associated with higher parking permit prices tend to have a lower utilization rate. Passes for zones A-1, A-2 and A-3 are sold for \$522 and had only 51 percent utilization while passes for zone C are sold for \$108 and had a utilization rate of 72 percent.

This data and observable trends has led some to believe that the issue for many drivers isn't space, but price. Jones said many of the com-

muters she's met parking in her neighborhood are those without a permit who can't afford to park on campus.

Williams said Transportation Services promotes alternatives to single drivers driving to campus that are a more cost-effective and environmentally sound choice than adding additional parking spots on campus.

"Taking transit, walking, carpooling or bicycling to campus is environmentally sound and helps OSU avoid the need to build new parking spaces that cost an average of \$9,000 per ground-level space or at least \$30,000 per space in a parking structure," Williams said.

Transportation Services is currently working closely with the OSU Sustainability Office and partners with the Student Sustainability Initiative to further improve the on-campus parking situation. Along with encouraging environmentally-friendly modes of transportation, Transportation Services also supports companies like ZipCar, Pedal Corvallis, Beaver Bike Rentals and the Beaver Bus to offer more commute options to students and faculty.

Students on the street: What are your plans for Spring Break?

By Canon Wright, OMN photographer



ASHWIN DEVARAJAN
FIRST-YEAR
PRE-INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Well, my plans for Spring Break are probably go home, eat some home-cooked meals, play some video games, and try to forget about the fact that I have to come back here for spring term.



SAMIR AHMADYAR
FIRST-YEAR
PRE-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Probably gonna play a lot of Fortnite and just stay here and hang out.



CHRIS ALLEN
FIRST-YEAR
PRE-GENERAL ENGINEERING

This spring break, headed home, hanging out with my parents and friends, just gonna have some fun.



RILEY HUMBERT
SECOND-YEAR
PRE-CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

I'm actually going to Paris over Spring Break with my family and my boyfriend. I'm really excited, we're gonna run a 5K while we're there and we're gonna try and go to a climbing gym in Paris, and I don't know, do Paris things.



DANIEL MELENDEZ
FIRST-YEAR
PRE-MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

I'm probably gonna go back, hang out with my friends and family. Uh, definitely see what's up with my shoulder because I recently tore my shoulder. So, that's about it.



MIA GARZA
FIRST-YEAR
PRE-INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Group of friends and I, we're going to Bend to hike for a bit. Then I'm just gonna hang out with my family for the rest, and sleep.



EMILY MANNILE
FIRST-YEAR
INTERIOR DESIGN

I'm going home, haha. To Eugene.



SYDNEY NAMDAR
FIRST-YEAR
APPAREL DESIGN

Going to Washington DC. Just historical stuff.



GRACE STRID
FIRST-YEAR
MATH

I have a dentist appointment. But other than that I'm relaxing.



TAYLOR KNUTSON
FIRST-YEAR
GRAPHIC DESIGN

I'm going to southern California with some of my friends who I live with.

OSU provides academic support for students with disabilities

By VADA SHELBY
News Contributor

Oregon State University Students with mental disabilities are supported academically by Disability Access Services and Equal Opportunity Access, but may still be lacking social support.

DAS and EOA are on-campus resources for teachers and students needing support or special accommodations. Although much of EOA's work is focused on physical handicaps, they work with students that have mental handicaps as well, and are hoping to expand the services they offer to those students.

For one OSU student with autism, school can be an isolating place.

Third-year speech communications major, Jarred Berger, first started noticing stigmas around people on the autistic spectrum when he got to OSU.

"I went to a small Philomath high school where everybody knew everybody, and everybody knew about my struggles to an extent," Berger said. "Once starting college, I noticed people not wanting to take the time to understand. People think we are fine without friends, and I think that's why it's so hard to maintain friendships for me - all the friendships I've had have only lasted around a year."

In the past, Berger has worked with DAS and EOA to get the accommodations he needs. He was offered multiple accommodations, but having a note taker and getting extra quiz time are the two that work best for him. According

to Berger, to take a quiz outside of class, it has to be scheduled online first, and then the test is proctored in a different building. Overall, the setting is quieter, but the quiz is the same and there isn't additional help.

In some of Berger's classes, he uses peer note-taking, offered by DAS. At the beginning of the term, there is an email sent out to the entire class stating a student in their class is requesting a note-taker. From there, any students that are interested can contact the instructor for further details on how to sign up.

Gabriel Merrell is the deputy Access and Affirmative Action coordinator at OSU, and he spends a lot of his time working through EOA to discuss and fix problems with accessibility and equal opportunity. He believes chair lifts and elevators are extremely important, but there are other things he wants to include as well.

"I would like to move the conversation into topics not often discussed within physical access requirements," Merrell said. "This includes accessibility for members of the deaf community, those on the autistic spectrum, and those with environmental sensitivities."

Berger, too, wants to bring awareness to the challenges and stigmas people on the autistic spectrum face.

"People assume that we don't have any specific interests. Maybe they're less common than what other people have, but we all have interests. For example, someone I know on the spectrum likes to ride the max trains in portland for fun, which is seen as unusual to most 'normal' people," Berger said. "People don't think we need support even though we do. Recently, I've



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Martha Smith is the director of Disability Access Services.

been feeling really isolated and I haven't been trying to build new friendships, and I'm not getting the support I need. It's hard to live day-by-day without having interactions with people."

DAS director, Martha Smith, is confident progress will continue to be made in supporting students with mental disabilities. EOA's website

states their goal is to facilitate student experience in any way possible, and Smith said there is still plenty to be accomplished.

"There is much to be done and like all issues related to equity and inclusion, we will probably never be done. We continue to work on issues, as does EOA," Smith said.

Beavs CARE prioritizes student athlete community service

By ALEXIS CAMPBELL
News Contributor

For many student athletes at Oregon State University, one rewarding aspect of being an athlete is the opportunity it brings for community service.

Mikayla Pivec, a third-year on the women's basketball team, started the Beavs CARE program last fall with her teammate Destiny Slocum. Together they decided on the name "Corvallis Athletes Reaching Everyone."

"Destiny and I got back from the Dominican Republic on a Beavers Without Borders trip and wanted to know how we could get more involved in the community here, and how to get the student athletes involved in this community that supports us in so many ways," Pivec said.

For their first service project, the athletes in Beavs CARE gathered at a basketball donor's house and made eight dozen cookies, which they donated to the women's and men's homeless shelters in Corvallis.

Pivec estimated that about 20 students from various sports participated in this first project. According to Pivec, different teams at OSU usually complete their service projects separately from each other, though she aims to change that.

Lindsay Lamont, a fourth-year nutrition



COURTESY OF BEAVS CARE

Student athletes bake cookies for Corvallis homeless shelters.

major and a member of the women's soccer team, has participated in multiple Beavs CARE projects. For Lamont, the opportunity to get to know other athletes while also providing a service to the community was invaluable.

"Even though it was something small, baking the cookies and spending time with people I seriously would never talk to, was a joy in itself," Lamont said via email. "Also knowing that I was able to put a smile on someone else's face by doing something as small as baking cookies made me grateful for the little things."

According to Pivec, one of the most important aspects of being an athlete is having a platform that can be used to give back to the community.

"We're trying to do small things to help the community in any way we can, we have this amazing platform to be able to inspire and make an impact on others and we're trying to maximize that," Pivec said.

Most recently Beavs CARE partnered with Community Outreach, Inc., a Corvallis-based organization helping provide services to people and families in crisis. According to Lamont, the group collected food and hygiene product donations from shoppers at local supermarkets such as WinCo, Market of Choice and Safeway.

"It was very successful and we were able to help out lots of people who use COI's resources," Lamont said via email.

Jamaal May works as the student athlete development coordinator, helping student athletes from all sports to participate in community service. He worked with Pivec and Slocum

to get Beavs CARE up and running. According to Pivec, one of the most challenging aspects of starting the organization was getting the word out, but the student athlete development team helped with this.

May said in addition to the positive impacts on the community, service projects also help with the development of athletes and their character.

"How rewarding and how fulfilling it is to know that you've inspired somebody and you're able to reach them outside your sport," May said.

For May, working with Beavs CARE on this goal has been inspiring.

"I'm proud to work with such a great group of student athletes who are willing to serve others, and to be leaders not only in their sport and athletic community but to be leaders on campus and in their community," May said.

In the future, Pivec is working on organizing a Beavs CARE service project at a hospital and aims to permanently raise the number of athlete volunteer hours per year. She also hopes that Beavs CARE will continue to help build strong relationships between teams.

"Sometimes we see each other in passing at games, but I think through volunteering we can really connect some of those relationships and get to know each other better," Pivec said.



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Ali Ebrahimi (left), Gursharan Kaur (middle) and Mohamed Alsaif (right) run DamDiverse, a blog showcasing diverse Oregon State University voices.

DamDiverse showcases student voices

Student-run blog allows students to be 'honest and unfiltered'

By JADA KRENING
News Reporter

DamDiverse, a blog run by three Oregon State University students, was recently invited to share their work at the Roseland Theater in Portland as part of a show called "Reflect," presented by the independent art organization, Raw, and they are hoping to continue to expand their influence.

Originally established in November 2017, DamDiverse strives to bridge gaps between communities by providing a platform for stu-

dents to share their unique, diverse stories. Their goal is to stimulate conversation, embrace diversity, and unite as one through the sharing of students' personal experiences. Since its start, DamDiverse has featured the stories of around 60 OSU students, and has gained 1,748 followers on Instagram.

Students write their own story and participate in a photoshoot with Alsaif or Ebrahimi before being featured on the DamDiverse page. Students are directly quoted in posts, rather than being edited or paraphrased.

Gursharan Kaur, founder of DamDiverse and

fifth-year studying business administration, was born and raised in England and moved to Salem, Ore. seven years ago. She created DamDiverse after working in Diversity and Cultural Engagement and recognizing the divide between communities on campus. Kaur chose to create an Instagram blog because it is easily accessible to everyone.

After developing the initial idea, Kaur contacted two friends, Mohamed Alsaif and Ali Ebrahimi, who are photographers. Alsaif is a third-year studying industrial engineering, and was born and raised in Saudi Arabia. He decid-

ed to attend OSU for its college town feel and renowned engineering program.

Ebrahimi, a fifth-year mechanical engineering student, also chose OSU for the engineering program, smaller college-town feel and the nature of the Pacific Northwest. Ebrahimi was born in Shiraz, Iran and grew up in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Like Kaur, Ebrahimi noticed the gaps between groups on campus when he first arrived in Oregon, and said this encouraged him to pur-

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sue DamDiverse with a passion.

After arriving in Oregon, Alsaif said he mostly surrounded himself with his own kin in order to feel comfortable in new surroundings. However, after meeting other international students, including Kaur and Ebrahimi, he began reaching out to a broader group of students.

"After I met these guys, it became easier to actually interact with everyone else," Alsaif said.

DamDiverse contacts students to be featured on their page, but also has students contact them, especially as their message and page continues to grow. Kaur attributes this growth to word of mouth and the relationships the team has built with students, groups and organizations on campus.

Since DamDiverse is not affiliated with OSU, Kaur, Alsaif and Ebrahimi do not have many restrictions regarding what students say in their posts. According to Ebrahimi, as long as students are not threatening or causing harm, DamDiverse will publish whatever they have to say, especially in light of the United States' First Amendment.

"In a lot of countries, you don't have that freedom and that privilege to say what you want to say," Ebrahimi said. "So we do encourage people to say what they want to say, to say what their experiences are, and to be honest and unfiltered."

Alsaif said this ability to share students' unfiltered stories is an integral aspect of DamDiverse.

"It's a platform for everyone to be able to express whatever they want to express, just to put their story out there, to show what they're about without having any restrictions or without feeling bounded or limited by any restrictions," Alsaif said.

Tatyanna Statum, a third year studying geography and geospatial science, has been featured on DamDiverse's page. She heard about DamDiverse through a friend, and the team reached out to her after she followed their account.

"I think DamDiverse offers a unique opportunity for diverse voices to be displayed in a more approachable format. DamDiverse also fosters a community of inclusion and makes me feel like there is a community on this campus that values and appreciates the diverse students on this campus," Statum said via email. "I felt proud in my experience to share my story and



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Ali Ebrahimi (left), Gursharan Kaur (middle) and Mohamed Alsaif (right) focus on letting students speak their 'honest and unfiltered' truths through DamDiverse.

I hope that it encouraged other black women on this campus to get involved and be proud of what they have to offer."

Kaur said one of the most rewarding aspects of running DamDiverse is the feedback she has received from students on campus.

"As soon as we started creating this last year, a lot of people started coming up to me and saying, 'thank you for doing this,' because they wanted something like this but no one had done it for them," Kaur said. "We've created that platform for the voices that are not heard."

Kaur, Alsaif and Ebrahimi all said their biggest challenge is financing and balancing Dam-

Diverse with school, jobs and social life, especially because the blog is completely funded and run by the three. Although they do not get paid, Ebrahimi describes his work with DamDiverse as valuable nevertheless.

"It's like a full-time job that we don't get paid for," Ebrahimi said. "But it's valuable. It's a lot more valuable than any amount of money we could get from it."

Looking forward, DamDiverse hopes to expand outside of Corvallis, to cities like Portland and Eugene.

Ebrahimi said DamDiverse is always looking for people who are willing to help with the blog.

Moreover, he encourages students to share their stories with DamDiverse, but also said the OSU community as a whole should make an effort to learn about each other's diverse cultures and backgrounds.

"We as individuals are very different, but when you read about everyone and you talk to them and hear their stories, you learn that we're more similar than we are different," Ebrahimi said. "We are all people at the end of the day."

To learn more about DamDiverse, visit their Instagram page under the handle @damdiverse or their Facebook page.


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OSU sophomore guard, Ethan Thompson (left), sits with his father, Stephen Thompson Sr., to talk about the game.

Thompsons, Tinkles reflect on Oregon State men's coaching staff finds

By EVAN BAUGHMAN
 Sports Contributor

As college basketball programs typically build their rosters by creating recruiting pipelines across the nation, the Oregon State Men's Basketball team found three of their starters no further than their own living room.

From the Thompson brothers to forward Tres Tinkle, the on-the-court father-son connection has propelled the Beavers this season to their highest Pac-12 finish since 1990. However, Tinkle said his first two years with the program were the most difficult since he had to adjust to how the familial dynamic impacted the team. He added that it was easy to talk back to his father, OSU Head Coach Wayne Tinkle, after getting harped at, but Tres knew others on the team were watching how he would react. According to Tinkle, it was necessary for him to learn how to take his father's criticism in order to become a leader on the team.

"Obviously our relationship is different, but if you want to be a leader you have to be able

to take what he is saying and kind of move on," Tinkle said. "I just think I needed to mature and understand where he is coming from, and his perspective as well."

As he has matured, Tinkle has come to earn his spot on the team. With a larger role, more freedom has come his way, and so has more wins as the Beavers have earned a first-round bye in the Pac-12 Tournament. Through it all, Tres said having the opportunity to play for his father has been a special experience.

"At the end of the day, it's my father. Playing for him is special and not a lot of people get to do it," Tinkle said. "One of the main things we don't want is to look back and think this was a bad time, which it never was. But we wanted to strengthen our relationship, I think when we look back we're going to see how special it was."

For OSU Assistant Coach Stephen Thompson Sr., he watched his sons grow up and play basketball, and like many parents, he wanted his kid to do the best in whatever they try to do. For Thompson Sr., his sons' gravitation towards

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basketball was well within his forte.

“To watch them grow as children, moving up through high school, and then have the opportunity to coach them in college is something we dreamed about and prayed about when they were young,” Thompson Sr. said. “For it to happen is an unbelievable feeling.”

For the Thompson brothers, part of their reasoning to play at Oregon State was to play for their father. Prior to coaching at Oregon State, Thompson Sr. played professional basketball and coached at California State Los Angeles. Despite having two sons on the team, Thompson Sr. said that he has treated them no differently than any of the other players.

“On the court, we’re all Beavers -- we’re all one team. I treat them no differently than I would treat anybody else. All of them are my sons when we are on the court,” Thompson Sr. said.

Senior guard Stephen Thompson Jr. recalled following his father during his basketball career. Stephen would accompany him during games, practices and workouts. Eventually, basketball

would become a big part of Stephen’s life.

“It was always a dream of ours. We always talked about it. And then he finally got the Division-I coaching job,” Thompson Jr. said.

Now in his final season, Thompson Jr. has finished his career with 1757 points, 399 rebounds and 307 assists in the 93 games he has started in.

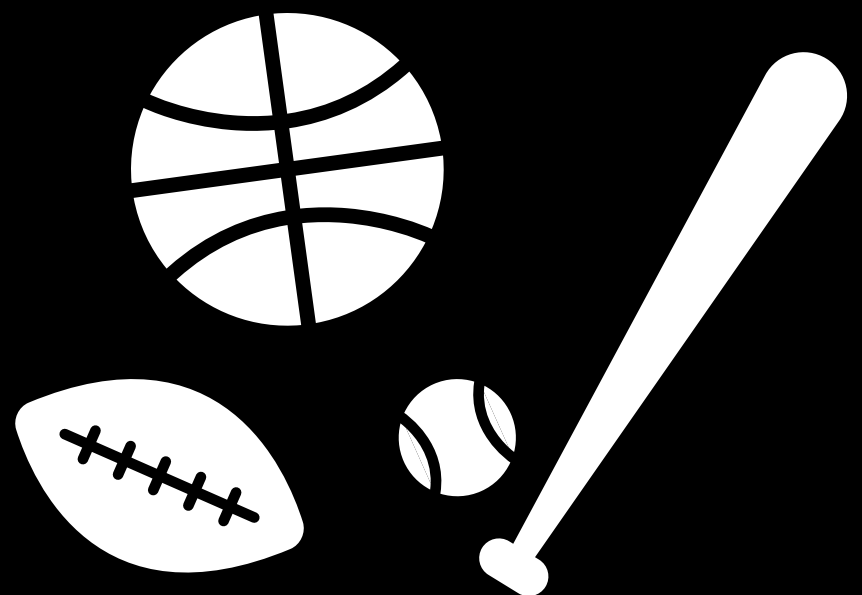
As Thompson Jr.’s collegiate career comes to a close this year, it will also be the last time the Thompson trio will be together on the court underneath the NCAA lights. For his brother, Ethan Thompson, the imminent closure of this chapter for his family makes every moment a bit more special.

“I’ve just been trying to take every game, just playing hard every game, just enjoying it with him,” Ethan said. “Just knowing that this is the last for sure time that we will be on a team together, just makes every moment special -- Every big shot that he hits, or something like that, I just enjoy it a little more.”

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Comeback kid in the outfield

Elliot Willy earns first home-start after finger amputation

By LILLIAN NOMIE
Sports Contributor

After being in recovery for six months, redshirt-sophomore outfielder Elliot Willy of the Oregon State Baseball team had his first official home start this season March 1, against West Virginia, a moment that was inches away from never happening.

In the summer of 2017, Willy was working 30 feet up on top of his grandfather's grain bin in Pullman, Wash. because it wasn't shooting grain correctly. Since there wasn't much for him to hold on to, he balanced himself by putting his hand on the machine, but it unexpectedly started before he could clear his hand. When he accidentally got his hand caught in an auger wheel and lost a part of his right index finger.

"Once I realized what was happening, I pulled my hand out and that's when everything was all cut up," Willy said. "My index finger was cut and hanging on by skin threads, my penden and my middle finger were lacerated, my ring finger was broken and my pinky was just bruised," Willy said.

Initially, Willy's first reaction was to sit on top of the 30-foot grain bin and wait for help. Be he realized that he was the only person who could get himself down. Once he got down, Willy went to his mom, Theresa Willy, and the two of them tried to stop the bleeding and rushed to the hospital. According to Willy, the doctors claimed they did not have the tools or training to save any part of his finger, so he and his mother life flighted to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

According to Willy, the life flight surgeon told him that if the pieces of his finger were not getting at least 60 percent oxygen, they were going to amputate it.

"I was hoping that the doctors could fix what they needed to fix. I was trying to be optimistic," Theresa said.

Willy added that not only was his injury a physical adjustment, but dealing with the mental aspect of recovery was just as hard.

"They said they had done a partial amputation and I didn't really know what that meant until I took the bandage off a week later," Willy said. "During the first couple weeks, mentally understanding it's gone now and there's nothing I can do about it and mentally grasping the fact that I don't have a finger there anymore was one of the biggest things."

Willy said that some of his biggest fears about the injury were not being able to do activities such as play baseball, but Elliot's father, Roy Willy, helped ease his son's doubts by putting a rubber band around his own finger to mimic Willy's damaged hand.

"He went out in the backyard and played catch with my little brother and he told me don't worry about baseball, you're going to make a full recovery and you're going to be the same player you were before you lost your finger," Willy said. "Every step of the way, there was no doubt in his mind that I was going to play again and since he believed it, I believed it."

According to Roy, he never doubted his son would play baseball again, as Willy still had much talent and determination left with his nine and a half fingers.

"It didn't look like it was a substantial impediment,

There were people out there that doubted I would play baseball again, let alone for Oregon State at the D-I level, and that was always eating at me and kind of bugged me. So to finally get back out there and do what people said I wasn't going to be able to do was really fulfilling.

Elliot Willy
Oregon State Infielder

so I think that may have motivated him even more," Roy said. "It was not a question of if he had what it took, it was a question of opportunity."

After his surgery, Willy was unable to play from August 2017 to February 2018, and during that time he was itching to get back on the field.

"It felt incredible to be back at Goss," Elliot said. "Beaver fans are the best in the country and will go to battle with you."

During his recovery, Willy said he couldn't wait to get back on the field again and prove that his injury wasn't going to hold him back from being the player he knew he was.

"There were people out there that doubted I would play baseball again, let alone for Oregon State at the D-1 level and that was always eating at me and kind of bugging me," Willy said. "So to finally get back out there and do what people said I wasn't going to be able to do was really fulfilling."

According to Roy, after seeing his son play again for the first time, he felt relieved, not because he didn't believe he would be able to get back on the field but because he knew that's where Elliot wanted to be.

Interim Head Coach, Pat Bailey, said he felt what happened to Willy was tragic and is glad to have him back on the field.

"For him to come out and even play baseball again I give him credit. He is a tough minded guy, a hard worker and just a great young man," Bailey said.

According to Theresa, about 24 hours after the incident, she got a call from Jeremy Ainsworth, the assistant trainer for the baseball team, assuring that her son would be back on the field.

"He said we can handle this, Elliot is going to be in good hands and that actually made me feel really good," Theresa said.

Roy said the he and the rest of the family were grateful for the trust and support from the coaches.

"Props to the coaching staff for not making any assumptions of what impact, if any, it would have on his abilities," Roy said. "They put everyone on a level field and that is much appreciated by the whole family."



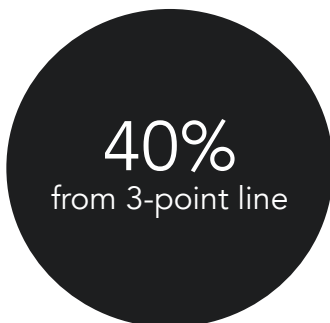
ELLIOT WILLY, OSU BASEBALL INFIELDER

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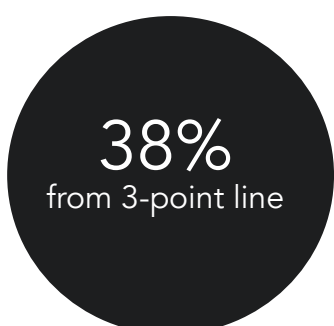
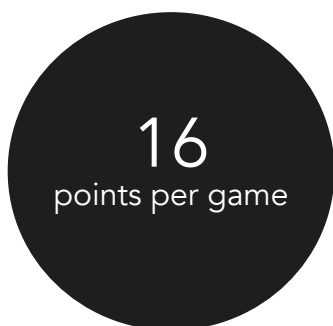


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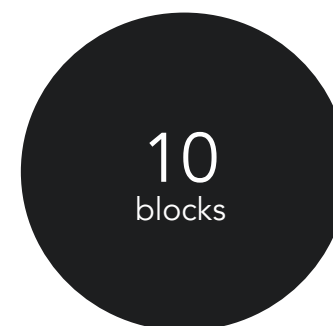
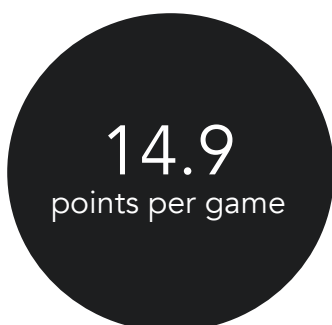
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Oregon State softball begins conference play

Team looks to improve upon last year's 9-14 conference record

By LILLIAN NOMIE
News Contributor

The Oregon State University Softball team, who currently has an overall record of 12-4, begins their Pac-12 season on March 15 against Arizona State in Tempe AZ.

Last year, the softball team had a conference record of 9-14 and an overall record of 30-28.

According to OSU Head Coach, Laura Berg, the team's success so far in their season can be attributed to the players' hard work and their drive to win.

"They have a chip on their shoulder and they really want to show the world what they can do," Berg said. "They're very talented and they have a lot to prove."

Senior outfielder Shelby Weeks has been on the team for four years and said accountability has played a big role in the Beavers' success so far. According to Weeks, the team set three core values they were going to focus their season around at the beginning of the year. These values were respect, unity and accountability.

"For the most part, we have all really stuck by those rules and those values. Accountability is one major factor that we haven't had in the past," Weeks said.

Weeks added that, in the past, when something would go wrong, it wasn't addressed properly or in the correct way.

"I think this year, addressing the small things in the beginning is really going to help us in the end," Weeks said.

Outfielder, Jessica Garcia, a senior who has been on the team for four years, said one difference from last season is the diversity in talent and support from the bench.

"I think, compared to this year, and last year we have a lot of girls on the team with different talents," Garcia said. "We have depth on the bench which is something that we've never really had in the past, so I think that's something that drives us to have good success."

According to Berg, new forms of technol-



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ogy have changed the way the team practices and gives the athletes a better understanding of what they need to improve on. New programs such as Blast, a device placed on the players bat to gather swing speed and launch angle, and Rapsodo, a video device that allows the athletes to watch their hit, has helped the teams performance.

"One difference between last year and this year is we are using a lot more technology," Berg said. "Athletes are very visual, so if they see the numbers they can acknowledge what I'm trying to tell them."

Both Weeks and Garcia said that as a team, their goal is to make it to the College World Series.

"I really want to see our team surprise everyone in our conference by beating teams that we don't normally beat or are not expected to beat," Weeks said.

OSU Softball will have their first home game series of the season against the Arizona Wildcats on March 22-24, at 5 p.m. at the OSU Softball Complex.

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How to use lube

By SHS SEXUAL HEALTH TEAM

Q: What's the purpose of lube? I thought only older people needed to use it.

A: Sex lubricants are used to do just what you would assume, lubricate.

The idea that only older folks, or those with sexual dysfunction, use or need lube is completely untrue.

Many individuals experience vaginal dryness, for a number of reasons, all of which are completely normal.

Lube is also used in ways other than vaginal intercourse.

Lube can be also be used to increase pleasure and decrease friction during anal intercourse. Friction, often caused by inadequate lubrication, can cause pain and irritation.

The use of lube can enhance a variety of sexual activities and can help some begin to enjoy sex more than they ever have before.

Before you start exploring the world of lube, there are a few things to keep in mind.

Lubricants typically fall into four groups, water based, oil based, silicone based, and hybrid. Each group has its pros and cons, so it's important to pay attention to the ingredients.

Water-based lubricant is easy to use and safe for all forms of sexual activity. Water based lubricant does not break down latex and doesn't cause irritation in most folks.

If you're just trying lube for the first time, water-based lubricant is a good place to start. Water-based lube can also be used with silicone toys.

Some folks find that they need to apply water-based lubricants during sexual activity more than other types, and prefer to go with a lubricant that will not dry out.

Oil-based lubricants tend to last longer, and will not dry out during sexual activity. They can also be used during foreplay activities, such as massage. Sounds great right? Not always.

Oil-based lubricants cannot be used with latex condoms, as the oil breaks down the latex, creating microscopic holes in your condom, leaving you vulnerable to STIs and unintended pregnancy.

Silicone-based lubricant also won't dry out, and can be a good option for those with very sensitive skin. Since silicone doesn't break down in water, it can be a good option if you're in the shower or bath, a place where our natural lubrication tends to dry out quickly.

A very important thing to remember about

silicone-based lube is to keep it away from your silicone sex toys.

The silicone in the lube bonds to the silicone in the toy, and can create a porous surface, which can harbour bacteria, and cause infections during later use. Silicone lube also tends to taste bad, and is hard to get out of fabrics, such as sheets or clothing.

Hybrid lubricant is just what it sounds like, a hybrid of the bases described above, typically water based with added silicone.

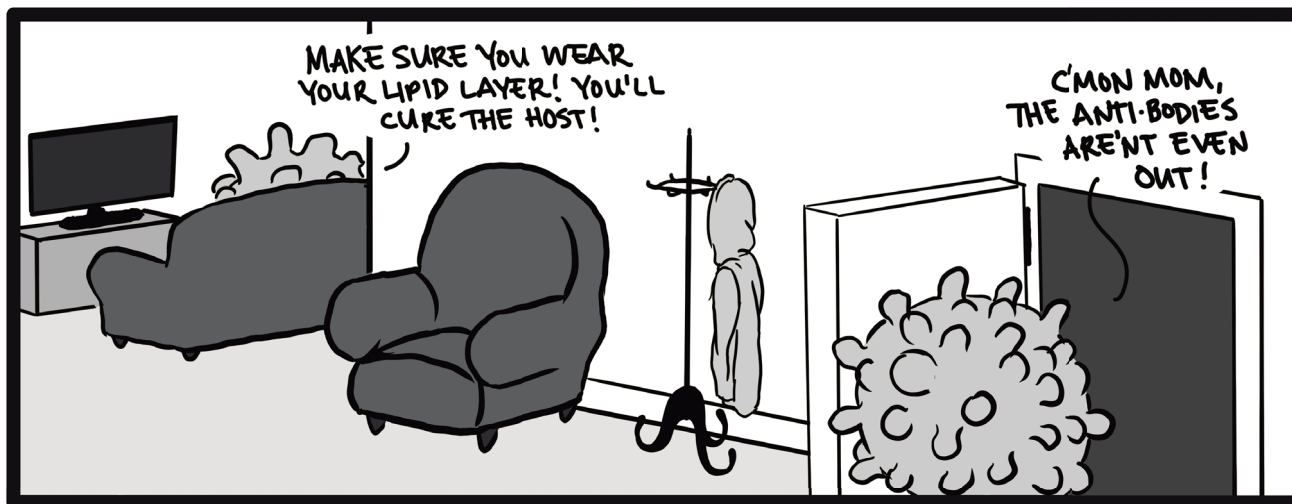
When using a hybrid, keep in mind all of the things above. A water based lube with added silicone may not dry out as quickly as purely water based, but still is unsafe to use with your silicone toys.

When exploring the world of lubricants, you might also see flavored lubes. Keep in mind that flavored lubes (as well as flavored condoms) are meant to be used only for oral sex, and should not be used for vaginal or anal intercourse. The flavoring in these lubes contain sugar, which can easily irritate genital tissue.

There are hundreds of different kinds of lube out there, and each body is different, so it might take you a while to figure out what kind works best for you, but sometimes the journey is half the fun.

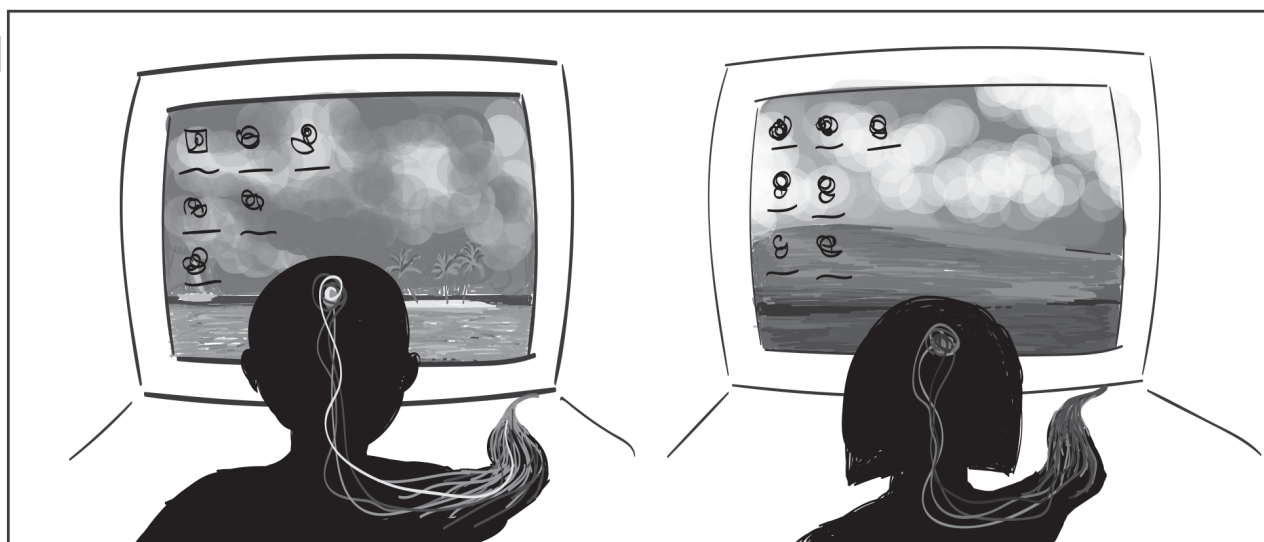
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The Barometer lists OSU's favorite and least favorite things this week.

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- YAY to Stephan Thompson Jr. for winning the Pac-12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- YAY to all the Womens Basketball players who won awards

NAYS

- NAY for week 10 and all the pain it brings
- NAY for losing an hour in Daylight Savings Time
- NAY for spending a lot of money on fast food because you spend all your time studying and don't have time to cook or grocery shop

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Taurus April 20 – May 20

Today is a 9 – You know what you want; go for it! Make powerful requests. Help coordinate the action. Acknowledge supporters graciously. Dreams come true with leadership and commitment.

Gemini May 21 – June 20

Today is a 6 – Peaceful productivity suits your mood. Organize and make plans behind closed doors. Plot your course toward realizing a dream. Visualize getting what you want.

Cancer June 21 – July 22

Today is a 9 – Offer encouragement and a positive vision. Your team is especially hot! Set long-range goals, and share possibilities. Invite participation, and find solutions together.

Leo July 23 – Aug. 22

Today is an 8 – A career opportunity comes into focus. This could be a lucky break. Major obstacles are in the past. Listen to your dreams. Blend positive impact with fun.

Virgo Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Today is an 8 – Travel and action flow more freely. Pay attention to what's going on. The news can affect your itinerary or route. Make a long-distance connection.

Libra Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Today is a 9 – Invest in the highest quality you can afford. Make plans for long-term growth. Collaborate with someone who shares your interests. Resist the temptation to spend frivolously.

Scorpio Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Today is an 8 – Work quickly and carefully with your partner. Coordinate your response. Avoid provoking jealousies. Provide a stabilizing influence. A rush job could preempt scheduled programming.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Today is an 8 – Find ways to increase the efficiency of your routine movements. Physical energy can surge when inspired by a dream. Balance action with peace and stillness.

Capricorn Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Today is an 8 – Emotions could surge with a loved one. Address an uncomfortable situation head on. Get advice and make your own decisions, sensitive to another's needs. Relax together.

Aquarius Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Today is a 7 – Things get busy at home. Make household repairs and upgrades to reduce the impact of a potential breakdown. Keep your patience, humor and cool.

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