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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, MARCH. 4

### Auditions: *Sense and Sensibility*

Withycombe Hall, 153

3 - 8 p.m.

Auditions for Oregon State University Theatre's Spring 2019 production of *Sense and Sensibility* will be held March 3 and 4 at 6:00 pm on the Withycombe Main Stage on the Corvallis campus. Withycombe Hall is located at 30th and Campus Way.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH. 6

### Beaver Chill

Student Experience Center (SEC), 112

3 - 6 p.m.

Join Student Leadership and Involvement for relaxation and stress relief activities before finals with the help of CAPS, Academic center, free food and massage.

## THURSDAY, MARCH. 7

### 2019 Undergraduate Student Success Summit

Memorial Union Building (MU)

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join other faculty and staff at the Undergraduate Student Success Summit, where OSU innovators and thought leaders will discuss their methods to improve student outcomes and experiences. This dynamic day long retreat will provide multiple formats for engagement, including lightning talks, roundtable discussions and longer breakout sessions. Pre-registration required online.

### Winter Improv Jam (Comedy Performance)

Wilkinson Hall/ Gillfillan Auditorium

7 p.m.

We think we are pretty dam funny, come decide for yourself! Laugh along with us and if you want to jump on stage and try improve yourself YOU CAN at this performance. You can also just sit back and chill!

## FRIDAY, March 8

### Power Chord A cappella Annual SING-OFF

Milam Hall, Auditorium

7 - 9:30 p.m.

If you love A cappella, this is the show for you! Power Chord wants you to come watch multiple groups from around the area perform some of your favorite songs pitch perfect style!

### Willamette Apprentice Ballet presents *Carnival of the Animals*

LaSells Stewart Center, Austin

Auditorium

7:30 p.m.

Guest Performers include Charlotte Headrick, Character, Modern and Chinese Dance classes from Corvallis Academy of Ballet. This event is free and open to the public.



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Brent Klumph, a timber program manager at Peavy Arboretum, uses a clinometer to measure angles and the height of the trees.

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**COVER:** Photo by Erick Branner. Brett Klumph, a timber program manager at Peavy Arboretum, works in the forest.

# Memorial Union takes action after bathroom privacy incident

Plans include adding barriers to inappropriate phone usage, routine inspections of bathrooms

By VADA SHELBY  
News Contributor

After the second recently-reported incident regarding on-campus bathroom privacy violations, the university will be inspecting bathroom security and considering potential changes.

On Feb. 26, Oregon State University students and staff received an email informing the community of an invasion of privacy incident. A person has attempted to record occupants of the Memorial Union first floor men's bathroom around 2 p.m. The person was described as a 5-foot-6-inch Asian male wearing a black puff coat, black pants and black shoes with white stripes.

This comes less than two months after an OSU employee was arraigned for filming a man in a Valley Library bathroom stall without consent.

MU Director Deb Mott was working at the time of the incident, as well as Buildings Operations and MU Assistant Director of Facilities Mike Mayers. According to Mott, a person reported to the information desk saying somebody had tried to record them in the first floor bathroom.

"Based on the information provided and the report taken, I further connected with campus partners to inspect the bathroom in question and make sure the installed stalls and hardware



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The Memorial Union hopes to find the person who is said to have been attempting to record occupants of the first floor men's bathroom.

weren't posing a further risk to our population," Mayers said, via email.

Mott and the Memorial Union staff in general works closely with the Department of Public Safety.

"As soon as they came to us, we brought them into the Information Desk Office to get a description and make sure they were alright,"

Mott said. "The best we can do at this point without the person being identified is keep an eye out for somebody who fits that description and hope we solve this issue."

Mayers described the efforts already taken to prevent situations like this from happening in the future.

"We inspected the bathroom and the stall

involved, and made a plan with our Building Services department to fabricate and install an additional physical barrier to make it harder for an individual to intentionally use their phone in such a way," Mayers said, via email. "In the meantime, we continue to routinely inspect and monitor our bathroom hardware and infrastructure to ensure the privacy and safety of our guests."

Chief of Public Safety Suzy Tannenbaum has been working on identifying privacy concerns in the University's bathrooms and planning changes to prevent them. Since Tannenbaum was working when the incident was reported, she helped file the report and consider alterations that may improve bathroom security.

"As we stated in the alert, the University is reviewing bathroom facilities across campus to determine if changes need to be made in order to provide increased security and privacy," Tannenbaum said.

According to Tannenbaum, similar work has already been done this year and will continue to be. Factors like space between stalls and the floor could play a major role in the safety and security of people using the bathrooms on campus. The DPS along with local law enforcement will continue to work at identifying problems and concerns with bathrooms around campus and implement changes accordingly.

# Pulitzer prizier winner visits campus, discusses book on white nationalism

By EVAN BAUGHMAN  
News Contributor

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Eli Saslow, visited the Oregon State University campus Thursday afternoon, discussing his new book "Rising Out of Hatred: the Awakening of a Former White Nationalist."

Saslow, who won a Pulitzer in 2014 for explanatory reporting on food stamp usage in America, engaged in an hour-long discussion with students and faculty at the LaSells Stewart Center. He spoke on details regarding his investigative report chronicling former white nationalist Derek Black. Saslow said he thought the discussion he brought to OSU was relevant to the college's own recent racial tensions.

Black, who is the son of prominent white supremacist Don Black, reformed his ideology upon enrolling in New College of Florida. Saslow traveled around the country conducting interviews with Derek Black and those who knew him, including people who helped indoctrinate him into white nationalism and those who influenced him to change.

Saslow began the discussion explaining to the audience about Derek Black, his family history, and the fact that he has renounced white nationalism. He then went on to explain other concepts such as the definition of white nationalism, the conspiracy of white genocide, as well how he felt when interviewing white supremacists. Saslow said he does not want people to think of Derek Black as a hero for his renouncement of white nationalism, rather to think of it as a story of rightful transformation.

The discussion continued on to the story of two students at New College of Florida, who decided to attempt to build a relationship with Black rather than ostracize him in order to encourage Black to question his ideology. The first two people to do so were named Matthew and Moshe, who were two Jewish students at the college.

"Moshe decided that what he wanted to do was to invite Derek over and see if he would come," Saslow said. "Because Derek had been made to feel vulnerable effectively by the protests on campus, he was much more likely to accept this invitation."

Saslow said he wanted to bring this discussion to OSU because the school has recently dealt with its own issues regarding racism, and he thinks colleges are currently a common place for white nationalism to fester.

"I knew that you guys had faced some of these issues, that some of these ideas have been present in this space here, and students have had to deal with other students spouting this ideology," Saslow said. "So that made it feel like a really natural fit. But also I have been talking about the book at a lot of colleges. In part because colleges right now are kind of a scary place for these ideas. Just on college campuses, according to the FBI, hate crimes went up 70 percent on campuses just in the last year. Incidents of Nazi insignia on campuses have quadrupled. These movements have found a real recruiting space at colleges, which makes it feel like an important place to talk about it."



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Pulitzer Prize winning author, Eli Saslow, visited Orange Media Network on Thursday.

# Dam Worth It takes message beyond OSU

## Mental health campaign targets challenges of being a student athlete

By ALEXIS CAMPBELL  
News Contributor

Over a year after Oregon State University athletes Nathan Braaten and Taylor Ricci founded the Dam Worth It campaign to bring awareness to student athlete mental health, its impact continues to grow in a way they had not anticipated.

Created in November 2017, Dam Worth It aims to bring awareness to the unique mental health challenges of student athletes. Now, with the help of a Pac-12 grant of \$60,000, Ricci and Braaten are travelling to each different Pac-12 university to share their message about ending the stigma surrounding mental health.

Braaten, a senior on the OSU Men's Soccer team, recently returned from Arizona State University, marking five Pac-12 universities visited and seven to go. According to Braaten, the Dam Worth It presentation at ASU was attended by around 150 athletes, representing one-fourth of its student athlete population.

"We're inspiring them to want to start something like Dam Worth It on their own campuses," Braaten said.

Dam Worth It uses sports as a platform to open up the conversation about mental health. This has been accomplished by dedicating games to the campaign, as well as by utilizing social media.

The reach of Dam Worth It has extended beyond the Pac-12, with people from across the nation reaching out to Braaten and Ricci on social media and through email to ask how they can start similar programs. According to Braaten, they have received messages from the Carolinas, New York, Florida, and everywhere in between.

Yet just a little over a year ago, Braaten, and Ricci, who is an OSU alumna and former member of the Women's Gymnastics team, were unsure of where to begin with their campaign. After the suicides of multiple friends and teammates, all they knew was that they were frustrated with the way mental health in athletes was dealt with on campus.

"For athletes in particular, there is a culture of strength and not wanting to seem weak. If you seem weak, maybe your coach doesn't trust you as much, maybe they're not going to put you on the field because they think you're not all there," Braaten said.

Before receiving the Pac-12 grant, all that Ricci and Braaten could do was reach out to students. They began by creating a promo video.

"We couldn't really do anything financially, we didn't have a lot of money, so we decided that one thing we could do was use our platform as athletes to talk about the stigma around mental health," Braaten said.

The week that Dam Worth It publicly launched in November, the suicide of another athlete at Washington State University brought greater media attention to the conversation surrounding mental health. That week, USA Today and Sports Illustrated came to interview Braaten and Ricci. According to Braaten, the immediate media attention focused on



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Taylor Ricci (left), former member of the Women's Gymnastics team, and Nathan Braaten, senior on the Men's Soccer team, are founders of the Dam Worth It campaign. Ricci and Braaten were personally affected by suicide in their personal lives and in their lives here at OSU.

Dam Worth It led them to grow much faster than they expected.

For Braaten, the day that they learned they had received the Pac-12 grant was special in more than one way. It was the birthday of his late teammate.

"He would have been turning 21 that day, and we got this grant to go and take what we were doing, which was in part inspired by him and his spirit, on the day of his birthday," Braaten said.

At OSU, every one of the university's 17 NCAA sports now dedicates a game to DAM Worth It. At these games, Ricci and Braaten sit with OSU's Counseling & Psychological Services at a table where students can talk to them and learn more about mental health resources.

Although other large universities often have one or more counselors on their athletic staff, athletes at OSU did not have this resource until recently. Since the creation of the campaign, OSU Athletics has added a psychologist to the staff who can help athletes with the unique

challenges that they face.

Braaten believes that in the time since DAM Worth It was created, mental health has become a less stigmatized topic.

"These are really big strides that we're making. It's hard to measure stigma but it feels as if more and more people are wanting to talk about it, and wanting to deal with it," Braaten said.

Lanesha Reagan, graduated from OSU alum and a volleyball player, has spoken publicly about her struggles with mental health during her time as a student athlete. Like Braaten, Reagan found that it was difficult for her to show any vulnerability as an athlete.

"It can just be such an overwhelming and trapped feeling that you have no one to talk to, and everyone expects you to only be grateful for the opportunity to play college sports you have," Reagan said in an email.

Reagan sees athletes becoming more open about their struggles with mental health as a result of Dam Worth It.

"Sometimes it only takes a few people, and

a lot of hard work, to open that door and create a change," Reagan said via email.

Since Ricci has already graduated and Braaten is set to graduate this June, an upcoming goal for Dam Worth It is to ensure that the

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Nathan Braaten  
Co-founder of Dam Worth It

# Rat found in Memorial Union bathroom

Rodent, recently named Remy, released in woods near Oak Creek

By JAYCEE KALAMA  
News Contributor

The discovery of a rodent in the Memorial Union and its subsequent removal from the building sparked a frenzy of Facebook posts and plenty of chuckles among the OSU community, especially after being named Remy.

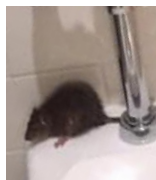
A rat was found sitting on a toilet seat in the Memorial Union men's bathroom on Feb. 22. The student who found the rat immediately reported it to staff. The student building manager on duty responded initially and contacted Mike Mayers, the MU assistant director of facilities, who described the situation as an eyebrow-raising story to add to the

MU's facility legacy.

"My friend Justin was going to go to the bathroom before our acapella group warm up and opened a stall to find Remy," Keagan Simmons, a fourth-year new media communications student and a witness of the rodent incident, said. "Our acapella group warms up in the MU next to the ballroom and it was right on top of the toilet."

Simmons, being the one who posted the picture of the infamous rat to Facebook, said his initial thought when seeing the rat was, "Wow this is kind of tight."

Situations like this are can be more com-



REMY THE RAT

mon in older facilities where infrastructure and old closed plumbing systems are more apt to fail or develop open leaks. Simmons later said the rat incident does not concern him because he knows that there are bound to be rodents in a building as old as the Memorial Union, being that it is 91 years old.

In this particular incident, though, the rat was found in a renovated bathroom. Meaning that it was more likely due to the ground-floors' stall plumbing proximity to the below-ground sewer main. Additionally, the bathroom was near an event space that hadn't hosted an event in at least 20 hours.

The MU staff has had prior training in Integrated Pest Management and according to Mayers, the MU team was able to make a plan

that kept the rodent in the bathroom, away from guests and the MU ballroom. They then got the rat to walk straight into the waiting container for easy capture and removal from the building. It was immediately driven across campus and released west of campus in the woods near Oak Creek. The bathroom was immediately disinfected, cleaned and made ready for the evening's event by MU custodians.

"The following workday our maintenance staff inspected that bathrooms' plumbing infrastructure to see that the plumbing vent cover was intact," Mayer said. "Unfortunately, while it's rare to see rodents successfully making it 'upstream' from below-ground sewer infrastructure, it is not unheard of."

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campaign continues on even when both of its founders have left OSU. According to Braaten, he plans on creating a committee made up of both athlete and non-athlete students that will continue the work of Dam Worth It as a mental health campaign for everyone, not just athletes.

Nicole Schroeder, a junior majoring in management and marketing, as well as a member of the Women's Golf team, has assisted in planning the future of Dam Worth It. Schroeder serves as the chair of the Wellness Committee within Student Athlete Advisory Committee. The Wellness Committee, created as a response to Dam Worth It, addresses mental health amongst other things.

"My role has been learning about it a lot more and helping to pass the torch on," Schroeder said.

According to Schroeder, the friendships she has developed at OSU with athletes who are in different sports is uncommon among Division One athletes and has been in part fostered by Dam Worth It.

"We're all Beavers, we're all here to compete, we all have the same goals and being not okay is okay. It has helped to tie us all together in recognizing that we're not alone in this," Schroeder said.



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Nathan Braaten and Taylor Ricci were both both student athletes when they founded the Dam Worth It Campaign out of a desire to help instigate change around the topics of mental health and suicide.

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# Heritage Trees connect present to past

Historic trees on campus reflect social, technological progress

By ALEXIS CAMPBELL  
News Contributor

At Oregon State University, many of the trees students pass by each day, whether covered in snow, blooming or bare, have a unique story to tell about the history of the university, says Staff Archivist Karl McCreary.

With Heritage Tree programs at both the local and state level, these stories are being uncovered. The Oregon Heritage Tree Committee works to preserve trees that they have found to be associated with a historical place, person, or event.

Paul Ries, an OSU instructor who directs the graduate program in urban forestry, was a founding member of the committee in 1995 and remained a member for around 20 years. According to Ries, the committee was founded because Oregon did not have a state program to recognize trees for their historical value.

“In fact, there was really no state heritage tree program in any of the states,” Ries said.

Currently, this program recognizes over 50 heritage trees in Oregon. One is on OSU’s campus - the Trysting Tree, a gray poplar located near Benton Hall.

The Trysting Tree has been celebrated as an icon of OSU dating back to when it was first planted. According to McCreary, the original tree was likely planted between 1880 and 1885 by a professor named George Coote.

Back then, according to McCreary, mixing between genders was strictly regulated. The tree was a place where students could meet up and briefly escape from restrictive rules.

McCreary believes that trees like the Trysting Tree give us insight into aspects of life in the past.

“They point to a much deeper culture. They represented something really important in their time and we might not understand just by looking today, but for students a hundred years ago that tree was a very special thing,” McCreary said.

According to McCreary, by the 1890s the tree appeared on a commencement program, showing how quickly it became an icon of the school. In 1913, OSU’s alma mater song “Carry Me Back” was written with mention of the Trysting Tree in its lyrics.

The original tree was cut down in 1986 due to disease. According to McCreary, it was cut down during a sporting event, presumably to attract as little attention as possible. However, a clone of the Trysting Tree was planted from cuttings taken by the OSU Department of Horticulture.

According to Ries, because of the famous nature of the second-generation Trysting Tree, it was accepted easily into the program.

“Because of the long history of OSU as an institution, and as an institution of statewide significance, that was a pretty easy vote to accept that one as a heritage tree,” Ries said.



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OSU’s trysting tree was grown from a cutting of the original tree and is located next to Furman hall. The original Trysting Tree used to be a romantic gathering place during a time where there was strict gender segregation at the school.

With other trees, the process of proving its historical importance is usually not as easy.

“Often times we have to go back through historical records, or libraries to come up with the documentation that proves a tree’s history,” Ries said.

A heritage tree designation does not always protect trees from being cut down. However, it

can lead to communities valuing trees more.

“It carries some weight in terms of the court of public opinion,” Ries said.

Benton County also has its own heritage tree program that lists different historical trees on OSU’s campus. Among these is the “Moon Tree” outside of Peavy Hall, grown from seeds taken into orbit around the moon in a 1971 Apol-

lo 14 mission.

According to Ries, heritage trees connect us to Oregon’s history.

“These are trees that tie us to our historical roots. It’s a way to recognize these trees which are silent witnesses to the history of Oregon,” Ries said.

# Research forest suffers from vandalism

Illegal activities delay, harm, increase cost of research projects



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Brent Klumph, a timber program manager at Peavy Arboretum, demonstrates the use of diameter tape to calculate the average volume. This information is used for inventory.

By VADA SHELBY  
News Contributor

Professors, researchers and students are urging the public to be more respectful of Oregon State University's McDonald-Dunn research forest after a man was caught trespassing and building a cabin in the forest.

McDonald-Dunn research forest is open to the public for hiking, biking, riding horses, and getting in touch with nature. With the forest being open to the public, some visitors pass through with. In the past, research forest staff members have found litter, vandalism and evidence of dismissed signs stating certain parts of the forest are closed. Disregarding signs and creating unofficial paths has led to jeopardization of research projects and historical landmarks.

In early February, local law enforcement released photos of a man who built a cabin-like structure in the McDonald-Dunn research forest without permission. Not only did the man trespass through the forest, but he used lumber and other resources without regard for the research and other uses of the forest. The news of this incident raised questions among the College of Forestry about safety and respect in the forest. Frequent visitors such as students, researchers and staff members have voiced concerns to the College of Forestry,

Department of Public Safety, and the Benton County Sheriff Department.

"My first thought was 'hey, buddy, this is not your land. You have no right to build a cabin here,'" Director of College of Forestry Research Forests, Steve Fitzgerald said, via email. "Illegal activities like this could and have affected research projects and cultural resources. Damage to research sites could destroy a faculty member's or graduate student's research project. Many research projects cost thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars to install and conduct follow up measurements over a period of years."

Although no research projects were jeopardized by this structure, it could have potentially changed the views and comfort levels of students and community members that use the forest. The person who built the structure has since been identified and caught, and an investigation is in progress.

"The forest is heavily used," Graduate student Adrian Gallo said. "I'm surprised somebody was able to build a house and go undetected. The structure should be taken down. It creates such a liability for the university and a concern for student safety."

An example Gallo here mentioned was if the structure's owner continued to live there. Since students and staff sometimes use the forest for pre-dawn research, they could be walking around this person's home before the sun

comes up. Gallo believes that situations like this could lead to the homeowner attempting to "defend themselves" and potentially harm the researcher.

As a graduate student who has utilized the forest's resources before, Esther Baas has some concerns about this issue as well. Baas also toured the research forest last year with an orientation group for the College of Forestry.

"I think it is disappointing that someone would jeopardize the integrity of the forest and the research being conducted there," Baas said. "The researchers and students have sacrificed a lot of their lives to be in the forest in order to conduct studies that we don't have the opportunity to conduct elsewhere. Having a dedicated research forest is a huge privilege in the state of Oregon and it should be respected."

The McDonald-Dunn research forest has over 26 miles of public hiking trails, which receive about 155,000 recreation visits each year, according to Forest Manager Brent Klumph.

Klumph works in the forest five days a week, even if he only starts his day there and moves to other locations. All of the roads and trails prohibit motorized recreational vehicles, and some trails are reserved for foot traffic only. However, the forest also has multi-use trails allowing bicycles, runners, horses, and other non-motorized activities.

"Our main public trails offer many different resources to the public, students, and other

universities," Klumph said. "The public get free access to hiking trails that are well maintained, and classrooms and research teams are able to use the area for labs, demonstrations, and tours. Also, other schools like Western Oregon University sometimes come here with classrooms, and their track team comes to run here sometimes."

Although most visitors come for educational purposes or to find a peaceful trail, some people visit the forest with bad intentions.

"Last fall, we had somebody poach four elk out of the Dunn forest," Klumph said. "Some smaller incidents we've seen include vandalism, littering, and the use of motorized vehicles on trails that aren't built to handle them. We have also had to give out citations for people disregarding signs and going into restricted areas in the forest."

John Bailey, a professor of Silviculture and Fire Management at OSU, has also noticed destructive actions in the forest. Bailey takes his students, as well as public outreach groups, to the forest regularly.

"I've seen a lot of unauthorized biking trails over the years, and dog poop everywhere," Bailey said, via email. "There's also a little vandalism of signage and research equipment."

Protecting and respecting the land is very

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important to Director of College of Forestry Research Forests, Stephen Fitzgerald.

“The Research Forest is a living laboratory where forestry and reasearch students receive hands on learning and training. They develop skills they will take with them into the work-place,” Fitzgerald said, via email. “We have an active research program that created discoveries and new knowledge to help us improve the management of not just the Research Forests, but all forests in Oregon and across the region.

According to Fitzgerald, the forest is important not only because of the information it holds, but because of impact it can have on people’s physical and mental health.

“Many people don’t realize how important recreating in the forest and getting in tune with Nature both physically and mentally, Fitzgerald said, via email. “I’ve had two people tell me that ‘this forest saved my life.’ This is very powerful statement of how forest affect our well being.”

Graduate student Esther Baas has seen just how powerful the forest is. While on a College of Forestry orientation in August 2018, Baas had many things catch her attention.

“I had the opportunity to see some incredible research while I was there and I met with researchers who spend most of their time living and working within the forest,” Baas said.

Overall, the research forests are unique aspects to campus worth protecting.

“The Research Forests are a special place. Please enjoy but be respectful of this wonderful resource,” Fitzgerald said.



A man was caught on camera in the McDonald-Dunn Research Forest building a cabin-like structure. COURTESY OF THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

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# University takes responsibility for misconduct of sheep surgeries

## Animal rights group demands researchers face additional punishments

By MORGAN MAWN  
News Contributor

Following Oregon State University's handling of improper surgeries on sheep, activist group Stop Animal Exploitation Now! Is calling for larger penalties due to the severity of the situation.

In April 2018, OSU self-reported previous infractions of animal experimentation rules that took place during five surgeries performed on sheep in November 2017. The National Institutes of Health Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare documented in their response to OSU's self-report that they believe Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee properly handled the matter and appropriately punished those involved. However, SAEN!, an animal rights organization, believes the school and faculty involved should face harsher penalties.

During the collection of uterine tissue from ewes for a study of ovarian hormone function, performed by an OSU faculty member and a student anesthetist, multiple departmental rules were broken. Although all animals involved survived and faced no postoperative complications, two of the surgeries were performed under expired protocol, surgery records were unavailable or incomplete and de-



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A newborn lamb climbs on top of its mother in their enclosure at the OSU sheep center.

partmental rules were broken while obtaining drugs used in the procedures.

Staci L. Simonich, associate vice president for Research Operations and Integrity, said OSU prioritized handling the situation in a manner that would uphold the school's accountable reputation by self-reporting the incidents.

"Oregon State is a very accountable public

university," Simonich said. "When we identify a problem, we fix it. If the problem is not compliant with a local, state or federal regulation, we report the matter and the steps we took to correct the matter going forward."

The staff member involved, whose name has not been released, was initially barred from performing animal surgeries. They also attended a day-long conference to better understand

procedures and policies.

However, it was uncovered in March 2018 after the faculty member had already been through corrective measures that they had also failed to disclose information about two other previous noncompliant surgeries on sheep, leading to a year-long suspension from participating in live animal surgeries and related procedures.

After obtaining a letter detailing the events that took place in November 2017, SAEN! sent a formal complaint to the United States Department of Agriculture requesting that OSU be charged \$10,000 per infraction per animal.

Michael Budkie, co-founder and executive director of SAEN!, said it is critical the university be held accountable for its actions both financially and in the eyes of the public. The public's right to knowledge about a program they fund, the disrespect of animals and the errors that could lead to deaths of animals are all reasons this matter should not be taken lightly, Budkie said.

"This shoddy 'science' takes the lives of animals, often demonstrating that they are treated as though they were simply objects to be used and thrown away," Budkie said.

SAEN! Has called for a permanent ban of the faculty member.

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W, 79-74 OT

UCLA  
JAN. 13  
W, 79-66

WASHINGTON STATE  
JAN. 24  
W, 90-77

WASHINGTON  
JAN. 26  
L, 69-79

STANFORD  
FEB. 7  
L, 60-83

CALIFORNIA  
FEB. 9  
W, 79-71

OREGON  
FEB. 16  
W, 72-57

ARIZONA  
FEB. 28  
L, 72-74

ARIZONA STATE  
MAR. 3  
5 p.m.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ARIZONA  
JAN. 18  
W, 86-64

ARIZONA STATE  
JAN. 20  
L, 76-79

COLORADO  
FEB. 1  
W, 89-65

UTAH  
FEB. 3  
W, 71-63

OREGON  
FEB. 18  
W, 67-62

USC  
FEB. 22  
W, 68-61

UCLA  
FEB. 24  
W, 75-72

## GYMNASTICS

UTAH  
JAN. 19  
L, 195.450-197.150

UCLA  
FEB. 2  
L, 147.850-148.325

CALIFORNIA  
FEB. 17  
W, 196.950-196.625

BOWLING GREEN,  
ALASKA ANCHORAGE  
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NORTH CAROLINA,  
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MAR. 15  
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3 p.m.

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REGIONAL CHAMPION-  
SHIPS (SESSION 3)  
APR. 5  
7 p.m.

NCAA CORVALLIS  
REGIONAL CHAMPION-  
SHIPS (SESSION 4)  
APR. 6  
7 p.m.

## WRESTLING

ARIZONA STATE  
JAN. 20  
L, 13-20

CLACKAMAS  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
JAN. 25  
W, 44-3

IOWA STATE  
FEB. 11  
L, 14-23

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OSU junior, Isis Lowery, ends her bars routine with hands in the air as she stuck the landing from the high bar, earning a score of 9.850.

## No. 15 OSU Gymnastics takes first in three-way meet

### Beavers flip over Bowling Green, Alaska Anchorage to take win

By LILLIAN NOMIE  
Sports Contributor

Oregon State Gymnastics beat Bowling Green and Alaska Anchorage on Friday night at Gill Coliseum with a final score of 195.825-193.450-189.500.

This win puts the Beavers overall record at 8-2.

The Beavers began the night competing in the vault event, where senior Mary Jacobsen and junior Lena Greene tied for second place with a score of 9.850.

According to Head Coach, Tanya Chaplin, there were times in certain events where the team fell short.

"We obviously have to be able to come in and put up six solid scores and know where we're at," Chaplin said. "I think that some of the mistakes were trying to get to those sticks like on vault. I know Kaitlyn was trying to stick and came up short."

Chaplin said she knows the players can do it but sometimes they try and force landings instead of letting them happen naturally.

"It's really about letting those landings happen and being patient with them," Chaplin said.

In the bars event, the Beavers secured all three top places. Senior Mary Jacobsen and Halli Briscoe placed third, junior Isis Lowery placed second and senior Marina Colussi-Pelaez took first.

Though Lowery did placed second in the bars event, both her and her coach said it wasn't her best performance. Lowery said no matter how she performs, she always tries to see the positives.

"I was laughing with my coach and I said it might not be my best routine but I hit all my handstands and I've never done that before," Lowery said.

Freshman Madi Dagen, from Foothill High School in California, had a great performance in the beam event tonight according to both her

and Chaplin. Dagen placed first in the event with a score of 9.900.

"I think beam has always been one of her strongest events," Chaplin said. "It's one event to me that she is the most confident in her abilities."

Dagen said her favorite event she performed in tonight was beam.

"I went up there and gave it my all and attacked it. I think that really helped and the score showed," Dagen said. "I was really excited about that."

Junior Isis Lowery had the top score in the floor event at 9.925. Lowery said she loves to perform.

"It was good to go out there and finish with an exclamation mark. Like we said, it wasn't our best meet so I was like 'well let me go out there and do my absolute best,'" Lowery said. "I want to make as many people happy as I can and I think I did that."

Dagen said that the love and support she feels from her team is what helps her succeed

during her events.

"I have multiple people come up to me before each event and give me a little pep talk," Dagen said.

Each and every person on the team has an impact on me and I feel supported by them all," Dagen said.

Lowery said that college gymnastics is a team sport and if she didn't have her team with her, she would have no reason to compete.

"Personally I've always loved gymnastics but it's good to know that they've got your back. They instill so much confidence in me," Lowery said. "I said to one of my teammates tonight, 'no matter what happens I love you.'"

The OSU Gymnastics team will be back at Gill on Friday, March 15, against North Carolina, Seattle Pacific and Iowa for senior night.

# Concussion protocol protects OSU athletes

## Athletes battle wanting to return to play after head injuries

By LILLIAN NOMIE  
Sports Contributor

Concussions, a problem among college athletes in particular, are defined as a traumatic force-induced process affecting the brain, and if treated improperly can cause sleep dysfunction, migraines, anxiety, depression and even death.

Though an unreported concussion is dangerous, it can be hard for Oregon State University athletes to be honest about their trauma, even with the support they receive from the school. The desire to get back to playing can be overwhelming for some athletes, like Ilihia Keawekane, a freshman on the women's soccer team.

"It was torture not being able to play," Keawekane said. "It was mentally depressing, but I knew the head is something I shouldn't mess with."

Keawekane struggled to sort out her thoughts between her personal desire to play and her knowledge of the dangers of returning too soon.

"There were times where I was not completely honest so I could get back to playing. I felt pressure from myself," Keawekane said.

OSU follows a two-pronged approach for the treatment of concussed athletes as part of a concrete Concussion Management Plan.

Firstly, student-athletes are responsible for reporting their own symptoms after suffering from a concussion and being completely honest to the staff Certified Athletic Trainer and/or Team Physician as soon as they shows signs of a concussion and every day following the concussion.

McKenzie Weinert, a sophomore on the women's soccer team, got a concussion in October of last year during the middle of the season, and also struggled with being honest about the symptoms she was experiencing.

"The hardest part about having a head injury is being truthful about your symptoms. A lot of times I felt like I was okay and it was just a little headache but as little as it is, it's still a symptom," Weinert said.

The second part of the two-pronged approach is, all OSU athletic department members are responsible for reporting any signs or symptoms of a concussion that he or she witnesses to the OSU sports medicine staff.

Weinert got her concussion from someone taking a shot and the ball hit her on the side of the head.

"My trainer ran over to me immediately and pulled me off the field and then asked me questions such as what day is it, who did we play last Sunday, what year is it. Later when we got back to the training room I did a more extensive evaluation including the impact test and eye google test," Weinert said.

The impact test is an online test that tests multiple things such as speed and accuracy.

If an athlete is concussed they are limited to the amount and types of activity they are allowed to do while showing symptoms of a concussion. During the first 24 hours after getting a concussion the athlete must be accompanied

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McKenzie Weinert  
Sophomore forward, OSU Women's Soccer

by someone overnight. Both the athlete and the accompanist are given instructions for home care, such as paying attention to specific warning signs.

In order to return to play after a concussion there is a strict protocol athletes must follow. Before beginning the protocol they must be symptom free. After many wellness tests and passing the impact test, athletes are slowly able to return to more aggressive physical activity.

"You bike one day, jog one day, non contact play one day, contact play, and then you can compete fully again. If you have any symptoms during this you can't go forward to the next step," Weinert said.

According to the NCAA, there has been an average of 2100 concussions per year in college-level student athletes. At OSU, athletics seem to be a big part of the Beaver culture, community, and entertainment, with a record-setting average attendance in 2018 of 3,594 per men's basketball game, according to Oregon State University. Concussions are a serious matter, if they are brushed aside it can cause harm to student-athletes.

Concussions affect every person in a different way. No two athletes will experience the same trauma to the head, and the recovery time frame will be unique for each individual.

In order to help prevent concussions in athletes all coaches, volunteer coaches, athletic trainers, physicians, sport administrators, strength coaches, and athletic directors at Oregon State University must undergo concussion education annually.

Dr. Douglas Aukerman the OSU Sports Medicine senior associate athletic director, said all athletic staff and players are informed on the dangers and causes of concussions.

"Education sessions to the coaches and athletes regarding concussion facts and information happen yearly. Coaches teach a safety first approach to sport participation and reduce unnecessary contact during practices," Aukerman said.

Prior to competing in athletics at OSU all athletes are given educational materials that provide information about head injuries, signs and symptoms of concussions, and the danger



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OSU Women's Soccer players McKenzie Weinert (Left) and Ilihia Keawekane both looking down-field in a game against Arizona on Oct. 25, 2018. Weinert and Keawekane have both suffered head related injuries in their soccer careers, though not always reporting it.

of not reporting a concussion. All athletes are required to sign the OSU Student-Athlete Concussion, Injury and Illness Agreement to Self-Report, which states that they have understood the material presented

and accept full responsibility for honestly reporting their injuries, and illnesses. This includes signs and symptoms of a concussion.

# Furry fandom helps create culture of friendship, respect

Stepping into 'fursonas' helps some with overcoming depression, social anxiety

By NOAH NELSON  
News Contributor

When it comes to some of life's struggles like trying to fit in, dealing with social anxiety and even battling depression, one Oregon State Student claims becoming a furry helped him out tremendously.

The student, who goes by Ace Osmyde as his furry name, said before he joined the furry community, he struggled severely with depression and anxiety. Osmyde said finding a community where he feels he fits in has been incredibly beneficial. He even met his current significant other at one of the meetups. Osmyde has found others with similar interests he has become close with, after connecting to a community more local to Corvallis.

The furry fandom is a community of people interested in a form of cosplay involving dressing up in full body costumes and donning a newly created personality that is unique to the costume. These costumes can really be any type of animal, with a few popular choices being wolves and lions. All of the costumes are defined as anthropomorphic, meaning that they are non-human entities with human characteristics. The goal of the costumes is not to be a convincing, real-life wolf, but to be a friendly, human-like wolf who walks on two legs and has an entirely new personality.

At a furry convention, also called a "furmeet" within the fandom, one would see a number of people dressed up in their costumes, also called "fursuits." The suiter refers to the person in the costume, while the fursuit refers to the costume itself.

Some members, like Osmyde, struggled with depression and suicidal thoughts until they surrounded themselves in a community of like-minded, accepting individuals.

"I'm now happier than I've been in years and finally feel like I'm surrounded by people I can call friends," Osmyde said.

Osmyde is part of a furry community called the Pacific NorthWest Furs, or PNW Furs for short.

Brigitte Schovanec is the founder of the PNW Furs. The group was founded with the purpose of connecting like-minded individuals with one another and to create an inclusive community of people with similar interests, according to Schovanec.

"I had moved here from out of state and wanted to meet more people near me," Schovanec said "My spouse had encouraged me to get more active in the fandom and believed it would help my social life."

According to Schovanec, the PNW Furs meets have attracted a very large crowd, with suiters coming from nearby states like Washington and Idaho. She claims that new people show up to every meet, and some people even make a living off the furry fandom. With the increased demand for professional costume design and art, the community provides a living for artists, crafters, and designers, some of which get their income exclusively from within the fandom.

The goal of the PNW Furs is to show people what a loving fandom furries are, according to Schovanec. Some people use the fandom as a chance to recreate themselves with a new persona. This is often called a fursona. This is the newly created personality that goes along with the fursuit. This persona can help members like Maddie, who asked to go by her first name, become more social.

"It's helped me make new friends that are like family to me," Maddie said via email.

Maddie also said that the group has helped her with her social anxiety and made it easier to talk to people.

According to Maddie's mother, Elaine, being an active member of the fandom has helped Maddie get out of the house more often. She also says that the group is full of welcoming and fun loving people and that Maddie always has a positive experience at a meet up.

Schovanec mentioned other members of PNW Furs, and the things they have done. Some of them travel long distances just to help someone move, only if they have only met them once or twice. Many of them form lifelong friendships and relationships with people they meet in the fandom.

According to Schovanec, one can find furry meetups and fandoms around the world. Conventions give a space for people to learn new things, meet new friends, build up a business and more. Schovanec said that these meetups will often fundraise money for local charities in various nations.

"It truly is a loving community that wants to give back and show what it is really about," Schovanec said.



COURTESY OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST FURS  
A group of furries at a furmeet show their Beaver pride with a flag.



COURTESY OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST FURS  
A group of furries at a furmeet stand together for a group photo.

# How to use condoms

By SHS SEXUAL HEALTH TEAM

Q: Can I use two condoms at once?

A: No. This is sometimes deceptively referred to as “double wrapping”, even though it does not provide double protection. Using two external condoms or one external and one receptive (“female”) condom at one time actually offers less protection than using one.

When two condoms are used at one time, they can rub against each other, creating friction, which can cause microscopic rips and tears on the condoms. Stick with one condom for one penis, you will save money and be better protected.

Q: Can I use a condom twice?

A: No. Condoms are one time use only. You can access small quantities of free condoms (and other barriers) on campus at one of our Safer Sex Spots, located in any Student Health Services location and the campus cultural centers.

You can also access up to 99 free condoms by signing up for CCare at Student Health Services. CCare can provide free contraceptives and exams to qualifying students. To learn more and

enroll in this program, visit Plageman Building first floor (room 110), or call 541-737-9140.

Q: Can I wait to put on a condom until just before the end of sex?

A: No. Not only does this technique leave you vulnerable to Sexually Transmitted Infections, but you can actually get pregnant from pre-cum, also known as pre-ejaculation. Pre-cum can contain sperm, and can occur any time a male is aroused.

Correct condom use can reduce your chance of contracting an STI and becoming pregnant, anything else can leave you at risk for both, which is why it is important to use a condom before sex starts.”

Q: What are flavored condoms for?

A: Flavored condoms are created for use during oral sex, typically on a penis. Using a condom during oral sex can prevent STI transmission.

Typical external condoms are made of latex, which doesn't always taste the best. Flavored condoms can help to enhance the experience for the individuals involved.

You can also get flavored dental dams, which are used for oral sex on a vulva or anus, at any SSS location.

Q: Why do condoms break so often?

A: Condoms, when stored properly, and used correctly, should not break often.

If you find that your condoms are regularly breaking, make sure that they aren't expired, and that you are storing them properly.

Condoms should be stored at room temperature and never left in the heat or the cold. This means that leaving condoms in your car, or even backpack, is not ideal and can compromise the integrity of the condom.

Places where the condom may encounter lots of friction while in the package, such as in your wallet or purse, can also break down the latex.

If a condom does break during vaginal intercourse, reduced cost emergency contraception is available for purchase without a prescription at the Student Health Services Pharmacy (Plageman room 108). Emergency contraceptive can be up to 89 percent effective when taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex. Self-referral STI testing is also available at the Student Health Services Lab (Plageman room 100).

To submit your questions to be answered by the Sexual Health Team, visit <https://studenthealth.oregonstate.edu/wellness/safer-sex>

## THE Baro

### YAYS & NAYS



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

#### YAYS

- YAY to surviving the snowpocalypse and an inch of snow
- YAY to the sunshine that warms the day with its presence
- YAY to coffee, always and forever a friend who won't leave you during the long nights

#### NAYS

- NAY to a heartbreaking OSU Men's Basketball loss, losing in the final seconds
- NAY to the overflowing work load that comes with the end of the term
- NAY to not being able to afford a cat or dog to snuggle up with

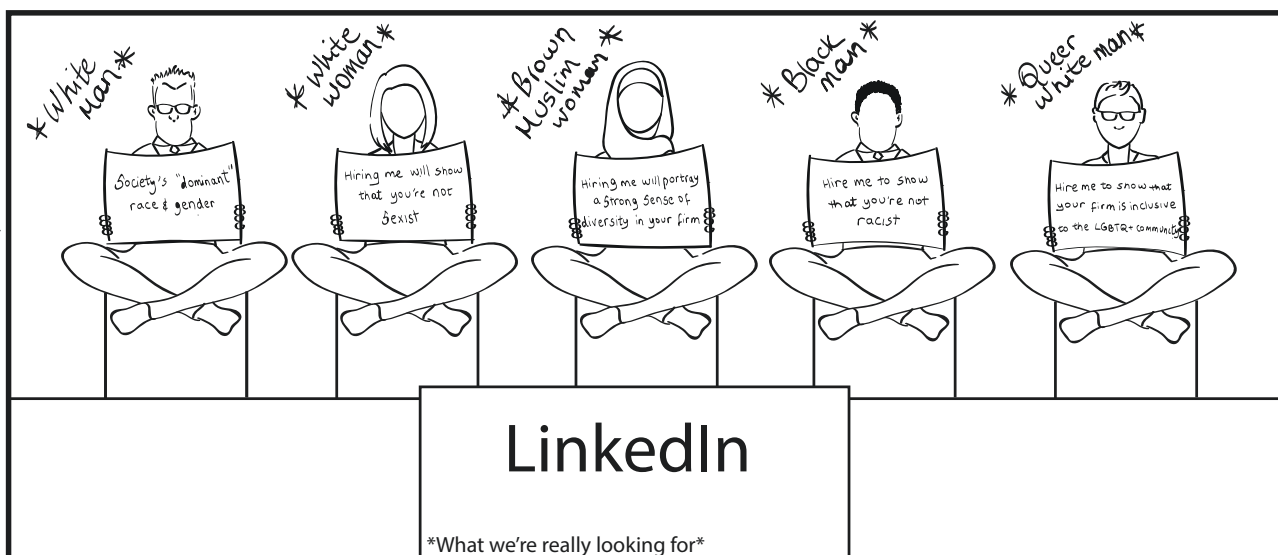
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### Aries March 21-April 19

Today is an 8 -- You have more friends than you realized. Expand territory together. Diversity provides greater strength. Share your contributions. Thank people for their gifts. Make a delightful discovery.

### Taurus April 20-May 20

Today is a 7 -- Career opportunities tempt. Review the options. Wait for developments, and hold out for the best deal. Consider the consequences before choosing. Sort out your resources.

### Gemini May 21-June 20

Today is a 7 -- Slow to enjoy the scenery. Avoid traffic by lingering with a scenic detour. Investigate a tempting possibility. Make sure the numbers balance before compromising.

### Cancer June 21-July 22

Today is an 8 -- Reaffirm financial commitments and partnerships. Stick to practical priorities. Review plans carefully before making your move. Everything seems possible. Patiently wait for developments.

### Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Today is an 8 -- Rely on support from a strong partner. Share resources, talents and experiences. Revise plans to suit current circumstances. Find a hidden treasure.

### Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today is a 9 -- Your practice is paying off. Focus on the details, and refine your technique. Avoid distractions, and put your heart into your work. Expand your boundaries.

### Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Today is an 8 -- Relax, and enjoy the view. Celebrate with people you love. Do something nice for someone. Stay frugal. Savor simple pleasures like a shared sunset.

### Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is a 6 -- Home and family have your attention. Stay objective, and listen to more than one view. Avoid passing judgment. Make needed repairs, and feed your worker bees.

### Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today is a 7 -- Practice your creative arts and skills. Issue public comments and promotions. Your greatest strength is love. Find interesting ways to articulate your passion.

### Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Today is a 9 -- Your work is in demand. Can you raise your rates? Do the market research. Your morale gets a boost with increased cash flow. Monitor closely.

### Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Today is a 9 -- Smile and wave for the cameras. Step into the spotlight and shine. Keep high standards. You can find what you need. Friends provide a boost.

### Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Today is a 6 -- Contemplate your next move. There's always more to learn. A beautiful transformation is within reach. Make harmony a goal. Peace and quiet soothe your spirit.

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- 26 Most-feared Hun
- 29 2001 scandal company
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- 4 Before, poetically
- 5 Open-toed shoe
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- 7 Online talks
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- 9 Head-slapping word from Homer
- 10 Sleazy sort, in slang
- 11 "Pay attention when I speak"
- 12 Racing family name
- 13 They may clash on film sets
- 18 Toxin fighters
- 22 Dummy
- 23 Actress Torres of "Firefly"
- 24 Phones in pockets or purses
- 25 "That's \_\_\_ haven't heard"
- 26 A distant place
- 27 "Forbidden" perfume
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- 31 Actress Jada Pinkett \_\_\_
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- 38 Curved parts
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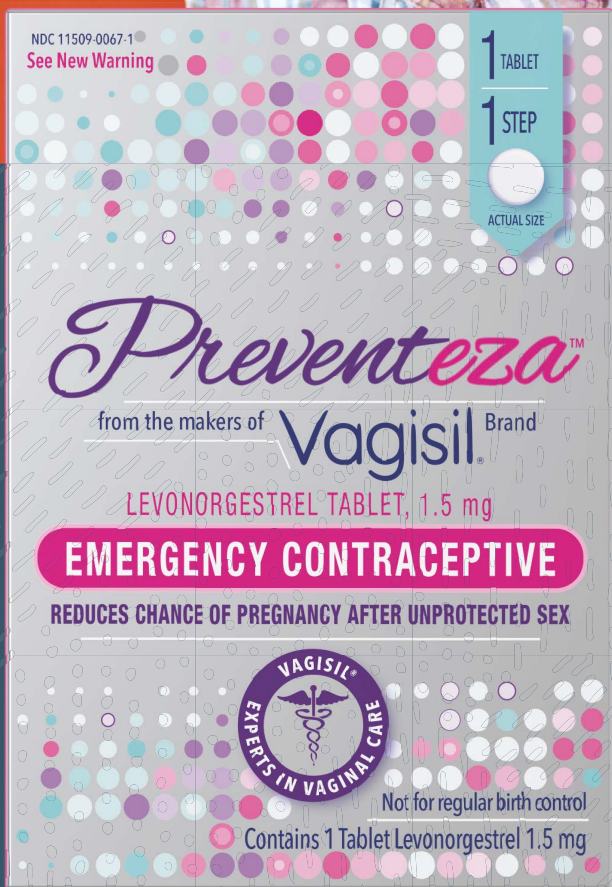
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