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MARCUS MARIOTA

A Heisman Case

MARIOTA HASN'T WANTED THE ATTENTION THAT OTHER HEISMAN POTENTIALS OFTEN GET. This season, Mariota's performance is considered Heisman-worthy by many across the nation.



GTFF AND ADMIN NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE THROUGH FINALS

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Freshman Mack Veltman has been working on a paper for his journalism class for a month.

However, when Veltman turned the essay in on Wednesday, Dec. 3 after the GTFF strike had begun, his J201 professor announced that the essays would only be graded if the strike ended. For many students, the announcement was a relief. For Veltman, it was a disappointment.

"You'd think, 'Oh, finals get canceled, that's awesome,'" Veltman said. "But when you put as much work into it as I did, it's kind of like slap in the face."

The essay was to be considered a part of his final, the other part, a scantron test that will not be changed. Veltman was surprised that there wasn't a back-up plan in place that would ensure that the class's work was graded without GTFs.

"They told us to write our essays, prepare for our finals, there are plans in place in case the GTFs strike," Veltman said. "So I assumed that there would be a back-up plan."

There are backup plans that the university has set into place under the Academic Continuity Plan, but since the strike began there have been cancellations

and disruptions of classes. Many professors are changing components of their finals to make them easier to grade in a GTF's absence, which affects undergraduates.

University of Oregon Interim President Scott Coltrane said he realizes this is a stressful time, but administration is working diligently to find a solution.

"We realize it's stressful for students because we want to make sure that they can get the grades that they deserve and are working on different options to make that happen," Coltrane said.

Veltman is not alone. Freshman Kimaya Duren encountered obstacles without her GTFs in multiple classes as well.

"My psych class was affected because we have three GTFs in that class and they run study groups for the midterm, so I wasn't able to study with them," Duren said. "(The professor) also had trouble facilitating it because it's a 300-person class and when you're taking the midterm, the GTFs walk around and make sure there's no cheating."

Duren's final for her writing class was also affected. The final for the class was to write an essay, but instead, students are to

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KIMAYA DUREN, *University of Oregon freshman.*

compile a portfolio of all of the assignments they have completed this term.

Coltrane said that there are different solutions for finals within different disciplines.

"It's not one answer, it's different for different kinds of classes," Coltrane said.

While she has not encountered major changes like Duren and Veltman, sophomore Lydia Bales has had one final made optional. If a student wants to improve, he or she can take it, but it is not required.

"I think it's a good solution but it sucks because we've all worked really hard for this class," Bales said.

Despite the strike's impact on her finals, Bales doesn't blame her GTFs for taking action.

"I'm really glad the GTFs are standing up for themselves, but it's taking a toll on undergraduates and it's not

affecting the higher-ups like I think like they wanted it to," Bales said.

Duren, however, doesn't agree with the GTFF in its decision to strike.

"They are affecting the entire student body," Duren said. "I feel like they're being a little bit inconsiderate of everyone else."

According to Veltman, the most important thing to him is the success of his fellow undergraduates.

"I just want the best possible outcome for us students and for the GTFs as well," Veltman said. "I just hope they come up with a resolution. And quickly."

Coltrane agrees.

"We're working on various activities to fill in replacement proctors for exams so that we can make sure that students who have to, or need to, or want to take their final exams can do so," Coltrane said.

15 WAYS TO SAVE MONEY WITH YOUR STUDENT ID

“Broke college student” has undoubtedly become a resonating token phrase in describing the average collegiate.

As students, we may struggle financially while facing lingering shopping desires, food cravings or what we presumptuously label as basic human needs (i.e. getting a wax or an oil change). Your piggy bank has likely starved to death a long time ago. Fortunately, there are businesses out there that recognize the struggle and cut us students a well-deserved break.

Here are 15 places in Eugene you may not have known offer discounts with student ID:

1. Chili's

The popular southwestern style restaurant recently began offering students 10 percent off when they show ID. Note: If your waiter is confused, tell them “Steve said so.”

2. Spotify

Spotify lets you listen to and discover new music. Students get 50 percent off a Premium membership.

3. Firestone

For all you lucky ducks with cars – you might not be so lucky when you need to cough up the cash to fix a flat tire, get an oil change or a tune-up. Firestone has your back with a 10 percent student discount.

4. Francesca's Collections

This female-favorite boutique specializes in trendy clothes, handbags, jewelry and gifts. It's

full of whimsical and eclectic collections that students can score for 10 percent off.

5. Jamba Juice

Fruit smoothies, all-natural baked goods, steel-cut oatmeal and other yummy treats can be all yours for 10 percent off with ID. Try the Razzmatazz.

6. LOFT

Feminine and classy – it's necessary as a college student to have a professional wardrobe for jobs, interviews or career fairs. Good thing Loft offers 15 percent off for college students.

7. Amazon Student

Membership is free and includes six months of free shipping. It also comes with 50 percent off Amazon Prime and deals exclusive to college students.

8. Regal Cinemas

Students receive matinee prices in the evenings – see a \$9 movie for \$6.50. Excludes weekends.

9. Sizzle Pie

I've heard when pizza is free, it tastes better. Every Tuesday, buy one large pizza and receive one classic pizza for free. Delivery only and with student ID.

10. Adobe

Students can get 60 percent off a license for

Adobe's Creative Cloud software.

11. TOMS shoes

Students get free shipping on all orders and each purchase helps a person in need. What's not to like?

12. London Hair Studio and Spa

Show your student ID and receive 30 percent off your first waxing service.

13. Chapala Mexican Restaurant

Located in Oakway Center, Chapala has good tasting and reasonably priced Mexican food and a full service cocktail lounge. Students receive a 20 percent discount on Sundays.

14. Apple

Student pricing is offered and varies. Score up to \$200 off a new Macbook with your student ID.

15. H&M

Although it does not offer a “student discount” H&M encourages students to bring in unwanted clothing to be recycled, in exchange for a 15 percent discount.

A little bit goes a long way and saving a few bucks now and then pays off. You'll still be a “broke college student,” but you'll be a savvy one.

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As the sunlight dimmed on a densely packed, yellow-clad crowd at Autzen Stadium, the collective mood became increasingly anxious. Oregon had dominated early on, scoring on three of its first five possessions to send the sold-out stadium into a frenzy. But, seventh-ranked Michigan State took control in the second quarter. The Ducks' 18-7 lead evaporated, and as the game trudged along, Michigan State scored 20 unanswered points to gain a 9-point advantage.

With just over 20 minutes remaining in regulation, quarterback Marcus Mariota stood behind center. Oregon had gone scoreless on its last five drives and was facing a third-and-11 at its own 41-yard line. Following the snap, the Michigan State defense surged toward Mariota like a wave. Calmly, he eluded two defenders and escaped the pocket – and rather than sprinting downfield, he shoveled the ball to his running back Royce Freeman for a 17-yard gain and a first down.

The play wasn't flashy. It didn't show off his arm or his speed. Yet, one subtle improvisation changed the course of the game and demonstrated why many consider Mariota to be

the frontrunner for this year's Heisman Trophy.

Oregon would go on to defeat No. 7 Michigan State 46-27, and Mariota's 318 yards passing and 42 rushing yards set an offensive pace that would not slow down for the rest of the season.

This season, Mariota has totaled 4,478 yards of offense and 53 touchdowns. In addition, he has led the Ducks to a 12-1 record, a Pac-12 Championship and a spot in the inaugural College Football Playoff.

And it was in that moment during the Michigan State game that ignited Mariota's performance for the rest of the season.

After the game, head coach Mark Helfrich couldn't even muster the words to describe what he had just witnessed.

"I should have to pay to watch the guy," Helfrich said.

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Ever since Mariota announced that he would come back to the University of Oregon for his redshirt junior year, the 6-foot-4, 219-pound quarterback has been embedded in the Heisman Trophy conversation.

Before the season started, Oregon was expected to be a national title contender and Mariota was forecasted to be the first pick in the 2015 NFL Draft.

Fast-forward to December and Mariota has followed the path of every Heisman winner before him this century.

Averaging 9.1 yards per play, he ranks just behind Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston and Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford – at the time of the vote – among Heisman winners since 1964. His 68.3 completion percentage ranks second among the last 12 quarterbacks to win and his 186.3 passer rating this season makes him the second-most efficient passer to campaign for the award this century.

In his three years as a starter he has set eight school records and has become only the sixth player in Football Subdivision history to pass for 9,000 yards and rush for 2,000.

Mariota has guided a unit full of underclassmen to the rank of 11th in the nation in passing yards (308.9) and third in points per game (46.3) – all without the players who gained 70 percent of Oregon's receiving production last year.



## FAST FACTS:

MARCUS MARIOTA WOULD BE THE FIRST PLAYER FROM OREGON TO WIN THE HEISMAN TROPHY.

MARIOTA RANKS FIRST IN TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS THIS SEASON WITH 53.





During his time at the University of Oregon, Marcus Mariota has set seven school records, in addition to some Pac-12 ones.



# The HUMBLE FRONTRUNNER

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"In terms of leadership, that's the biggest area he's improved in," said Fox College Football reporter Bruce Feldman, who recently released his latest book, *The QB, The Making of Modern Quarterbacks*. "You see all the youth around him and that's really what stands out."

His personality is a contrast compared to recent Heisman Trophy winners. Before the season even began, he asked the UO Athletic Department not to formulate a Heisman campaign because he didn't want the added attention – contrary to past candidates whose universities have promoted them leading up to the season.

Mariota, who was once described by his former teammate Kenjon Barner as "Hawaii cool," doesn't revel in any of his accomplishments. He ends every touchdown with simple handshakes and has been there for his teammates just as much off the field as he has on the field.

"He's always shaking people's hands, never goofing around on the sidelines," reserve tight end Koa Kai'ai said. "Off the field he's gone to help me or save me from trouble whenever I've needed it."

In 2013, The Oregonian reported that Mariota showed up at Kai'ai's doorstep at 1 a.m. because Kai'ai had "a bad day."

It's a striking difference between a contingent of past Heisman winners, who have been known for their off-field issues as their on-field performance. Recipients like Cam Newton (2010) and Winston (2013) made headlines for off-field investigations of an alleged NCAA violation and a sexual assault, respectively. Mariota has taken a much quieter route.

In his three years at Oregon, the only negative off-field headline about him came in November, when he received a traffic citation for going 80 mph in a 55 zone.

He has mirrored past Heisman winners' abilities on the field, but as his teammates indicated, has acted in a manner completely opposite off of it.

"I think really his only mission is with the team," senior linebacker Derrick Malone said. "What really does set him apart from everyone else is that he sees the bigger picture and knows what he wants to accomplish and that's for our team to win each and every game we play."

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On Monday, Mariota will find out whether he will be flown to New York for the annual Heisman Trophy ceremony, following through on a childhood dream of his. Mariota has been listed as a clear favorite by the sports betting site Bovada.

His teammates expect his acceptance speech – if he gets to make one – to be concise and to the point.

But moreover, they're pulling for an individual who has meant so much to the program for the past three years. After the Pac-12 championship – in which Mariota scored five of the six touchdowns – several coaches and players said that he is a natural fit for the award.

"I think everyone wants him to win for him," backup quarterback Jeff Lockie said. "It's something that would mean a lot to his teammates because we know how much he deserves it."

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Winter break has come.

For a while, winter break fulfills every fantastical expectation. You get to binge-watch Netflix and sleep for as long as you want, nestled in your bedsheets beside a stuffed creature from your youth. In my case, it is a lamb alongside an accumulation of pristine Pillow Pets. You get your laundry done on an impressively frequent basis and you routinely gorge on enough food to sustain a humpback whale. In other words, you live in a state of sweet nirvana.

However, as the days draw on, you find yourself getting progressively bored. This isn't what freedom was supposed to feel like. You didn't slave away studying for weeks at the Knight Library, maniacally breaking down into your gyro from Caspian's for this.

You resort to new lows in an effort to entertain yourself. You voluntarily help your mother decide what salad to buy from Whole Foods. I stress the word *voluntarily*. You readily walk your dog even though you're definitely aware that it'll stop every two seconds to sniff each and every leaf. You take drives around town while concurrently suffering an existential crisis as you pass the golden arches of McDonald's. Dare I say it, you may even begin

to fart on your siblings more often than usual.

Winter break was supposed to be liberating, right? It was supposed to be a period of relaxation and decompression from the hypothetical hyper-speed treadmill that you wheezingly run on for most of the year. But it's not. Why?

As college students, we're used to a constant barrage of work, extracurricular activities and social plans. Does that mean we always like it? No, but we've certainly adapted to it. In theory it makes sense. We are intelligent, cognitive human beings who thrive off of personal fulfillment. When we reach a plateau of productive activity, it can lead us to the opposite side of the spectrum in contrast to stress: psychosis-inducing boredom.

Although we all need a period of time to relax in the comfort of our childhood homes, we also need to combat the boredom that we fall victim to. And yes, there are ways in which to achieve this.

None of my suggestions are particularly revolutionary, but my suggestions may help spare you from crawling up the walls of the bedroom you've had since you were five years old.

► Read a good book. This doesn't have to be a book that your high school teacher would have adored and scholars continue to debate over why the main character said "Hi" instead of "Hello." Read a book that's interesting and appeals to you. Last winter break, I read *Unbroken*, which is coming out in theaters this Christmas day. It truly changed me as a person.

► Go to places that you haven't been before. Yes, this can be tricky, especially if you know the layout of your hometown like the back of your hand, but it's not impossible. Eat at that new café on the corner, venture into that antique shop you forgot existed, explore an unfamiliar part of a park or forest and beyond. You never know what place might become your new favorite spot.

► Do some simple things that make you happy. Indulge in a coloring book. Paint on an easel. Write in a journal. Go mountain biking. Swim. Play a game of basketball with some friends. Engage with others and pursue your passions that you haven't had time to connect with over the eternally busy college term.

► Finally, spend time with family. Whether you're close to them or not, they're the people that you're stuck with. Whether spending time with them means cracking open the old Monopoly board or going out to the city for the night, do something that makes all of you happy and communicative. Put down the phone and simply talk to one another. You'll enjoy it a lot more than you thought possible.

Your time away from school can be whatever you want it to be. Just make sure it's time well spent.



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## The New York Times Crossword

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#### ACROSS

- Ancient Briton
- Bulgarian or Croat
- Writing surface for chalk
- One \_\_\_\_ (vitamin brand)
- Something a surfer catches
- Was sick
- Next-to-last chemical element alphabetically, before zirconium
- Iowa State's city
- Raises, as young
- Ship heading
- The Bible's Queen of \_\_\_\_
- Still, in poetry
- \_\_\_\_ Blanc, the so-called "Man of 1,000 Voices"
- Liberal arts school in Waterville, Me.
- Everyone
- 7 Up or Pepsi
- Reads quickly
- Unwelcome look
- Prevent
- Insect in a summer swarm
- Did sum work?
- Cookie sometimes dunked in milk
- Genetic info carrier
- Service at Staples or FedEx Office
- \_\_\_\_ Jima
- To the \_\_\_\_ degree
- Ancient Roman robes
- Person in overalls sucking a piece of straw, stereotypically
- Ancient 71-Across land in modern-day Turkey
- Pieces with 90° bends
- Taxis
- Long guitar parts
- Assistant

#### DOWN

- La \_\_\_\_, Bolivia
- Dictator Amin
- No longer on the air
- Baseball great known as "The Georgia Peach"
- Exchange
- Tibetan priest
- Birds, scientifically speaking
- Bowl or boat
- Polynesian wraps
- In \_\_\_\_ of (as a replacement for)
- Frighten
- Like one-word answers
- '50s Ford failure
- Baseball great Willie
- Major component of the euro symbol
- Milan's La \_\_\_\_ opera house
- Sank, as a putt
- How some packages arrive, for short
- Praiseful poem
- Process leading up to childbirth
- Heart diagnostic, in brief
- Highly offended
- Food from

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PUZZLE BY JANET R. BENDER

- Male-only parties
- Tape machine button abbr.
- \_\_\_\_ de Triomphe
- 1920s car that had its inventor's initials
- Exasperated response to "How was your day?"
- Makes a choice
- 8 1/2" x 11" page size: Abbr.
- "Definitely!"
- Bygone cry of high spirits
- Cake topper
- Beau with roses, say
- 1/16 of a pound
- Brand with a swoosh
- Muse of history
- Ye \_\_\_\_ Antique Shoppe
- Secondhand
- Hive dweller
- Do needlework

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1101

Today's puzzle is a best of, that previously appeared in June 2011.

#### ACROSS

- Organ appendages
- Holds tight
- Some creepy crawlers
- Opening words from a TV news reporter
- Seek, with "to"
- Makes negotiating difficult, in a way
- It can be round or cubed
- Job for base pay?
- Prepares a course for
- One in la famille
- Chuang \_\_\_\_, Chinese philosopher
- Animal ordered to "be angry, and dispatch," in Shakespeare
- Loudspeaker's sound
- German region known for viticulture
- Items of jewelry
- Ghastly
- Mix
- Spoiled
- Rec room attire
- Finish line?
- Weighed down
- Not making sense
- Part of speech?: Abbr.
- What unsettled people do?
- Believer's trait
- Kind of index
- Words said in disbelief
- In a way, informally
- Way out of a dangerous situation
- Where singles congregate in a bar?
- Targets of fact-finding missions?
- Nissan's first hybrid vehicle
- Shows signs of instability
- Item in an actor's portfolio

#### DOWN

- It's hung on the wall of a sports bar
- Home to 1 1/2 billion people
- Product whose name lost its period in the 1950s
- Some sneakers
- Caper
- Match, as a contribution?
- Encrypted, perhaps
- Broadway musical of 1919 and 1973
- Give a whirl
- \_\_\_\_ burn
- Some revolutions
- Somewhat hostile
- 1985 Pulitzer winner for "The Good War"
- Linemen
- Inferior, as some wines
- Top-\_\_\_\_
- Not be fast
- Title woman in a 1975 #1 hit

#### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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| ROCKBANDS   | JACK       |
| WHALEBOAT   | TOPOL      |
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| ART         | LEI AWEIGH |
| COGNOSCENTE |            |
| BURIEDALIVE |            |
| HORRORTORY  |            |
| LOOSEN      | ETS CDS    |
| APB         | AMISH TREE |
| METALLICA   | KOALA      |
| OFUSE       | MOUSEOVER  |
| NOBIS       | INCARNATE  |
| TRES        | COEXISTED  |

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PUZZLE BY MIKE NOTHNAGEL

- Pull from the ground, quickly?
- Name
- Lighthouse
- Womanizers
- Barkless dogs
- "Doubt" co-star, 2008
- Emission in a cloud chamber
- Receives
- Diet, maybe
- Some time
- "Oh my stars!"
- High-school class
- Entertainment giant with a 1995 I.P.O.
- Savvy about
- Milk source
- Means of inheritance
- Block passage of
- Make it?

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