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The cost of avoiding out-of-state tuition

Students recount the long road to being recognized as in-state under Oregon colleges' requirements

By Chris Correll
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In fall 2012, Emily Cox took “a big leap of faith” by choosing to leave her hometown of Arlington, Texas, and enroll in Oregon State University’s zoology program, which she’d heard was one of the country’s best.

At the time, Federal Student Aid covered the majority of her expenses while her parents were able to fund the remaining \$2,000-3,000.

However, in the middle of winter term her family’s financial situation took an unexpected downturn. Not only could she no longer afford to pay nearly \$7,000 in tuition per term, she also didn’t have enough money to make the trip home, leaving her stranded in Corvallis.

After staying in the dorms without taking classes that spring, she was forced to drop out and even faced the possibility of having to live in her car. Fortunately, she was able to stay with her boyfriend’s family that summer while trying to plan her next move. Rather than saving up to return to Texas, Cox made the decision not to give up on OSU.

“I uprooted my whole life in Texas to come to Oregon, and I wasn’t going to let a lot of dollar signs stop me from getting my degree and becoming successful,” Cox said. “We decided that the best thing for me to do was continue to stay in Oregon.”

Cox still couldn’t afford to pay the out-of-state tuition — which, for a single term in 2015-2016, is more than 180 percent higher than the in-state student rate — without putting an enormous monetary strain on her family.

Instead, she petitioned for the right to pay in-state fees, a process that required her to be financially independent for a full year while living away from home.

According to OSU’s Residency Standards, prospective in-state students must “maintain a predominant physical presence in Oregon for 12 consecutive months after moving to the state.” While there, they cannot receive “one-half or more of his or her support, in cash or in kind, from another person or persons, except for support received from his or her spouse,” and cannot be filed as a dependent on anyone’s taxes unless that person is an Oregon resident.

Taking some college courses during the probationary year is allowed, provided it doesn’t exceed “more than eight hours” of credit per term. Any more will disqualify the student from in-state status.

Above all, the burden of proof lies on the student to demonstrate that they are in Oregon for reasons other than going to school. If they’re found to have traveled “primarily” for an education, “that person will be considered a nonresident.”

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Meet the people of Interzone

Interzone community takes advantage of organic coffee, vegetarian food, unique atmosphere

By Jyssica Yelas
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Take a walk down Monroe around noon on any given weekday, and there will likely be a group of seven to 10 people sitting or standing in a covered, gated patio on the edge of Interzone.

Interzone lies on Monroe between Northwest 16th and 17th Streets, and the signage over the café hovering reads “Interzone: organic coffee and stuff.”

Add a couple of baristas, some professors, two handfuls of students and locals and a dog to the scene, and the Interzone setting is complete.

For many a passersby, the café is characterized by the group of eclectic regular customers who buy a coffee and sit outside.

Julia McAvoy, a senior in merchandising management, is part of the regular outside group.

“We call (the patio) the hamster cage,” McAvoy said. “There is a community of people here I’ve become friends with. My friend joked and said ‘I went to Interzone and got an art and sociology degree.’”

Sam Loschl, an Interzone cook and barista, likes to have his coffee outside as well.

“I was a regular before I started working here,” Loschl said.

Also on the patio was Brian Smith, a Corvallis resident.

“I come here to be cool,” Smith joked. “I come here and stand around and it makes me cool.”

Some of the patio regulars said that they come to get some work done, but stay for the people who provide provocative and intellectual conversation. Work, in this case, could mean anything from writing a book, to making art, to grading papers.

The group revealed that people have driven by and yelled names like “hippies” at the group.

Claire Harden, a junior in fine arts and barista-baker at Interzone, said that professors make up a consistent percentage of regular customers.

“I thought, ‘wow, this person I serve coffee to is the dean of college engineering,’” Harden said. “I’ve made a lot more connection to people around town. It’s a nice place to meet people, and (if you) just hang around you’ll probably meet interesting people.”

Loschl estimated that the students make up only 20 percent of the regular customer base. There is a general belief that members of the OSU student body are either regulars at Interzone, or have never stepped inside of the joint.

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Claire Harden
Interzone barista baker

Beyond Earth Day



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The chalk mural in the Memorial Union quad creates a space for the OSU community to share their visions of justice creatively and is part of Beyond Earth Day, which takes place April 18 to 28 this year.

Three-Day Forecast

Weather data from the National Weather Service

TUE. MOSTLY SUNNY
HIGH: 67 °F
LOW: 40 °F
PRECIPITATION: 0%

WED. PARTLY CLOUDY
HIGH: 62 °F
LOW: 38 °F
PPT: 0%

THUR. CHANCE RAIN
HIGH: 63 °F
LOW: 41 °F
PPT: 30%

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Calendar

Tuesday, April 21

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU Journey Room. Senate meeting.

Events
Career Development Center, 2-4pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Willamette Room or Skype. Speed Mock Interviews. Sign up on Beaver Careers for a one-of-a-kind opportunity to practice interviewing with Employers & Career Specialists and to receive valuable feedback to prepare you for the real thing! Prepare your resume to share with your interviewer.

Career Development Center, 4:30-6pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Willamette Room. Mocktail Hour. Does the word "networking" make you nervous? Want some practice in a no-pressure, fun environment? Come to our "Mocktail Hour" and enjoy food and drink and tips from professionals on how to network! Register through Beaver Careers.

OSU Pride Center, 10am-7pm, Pride Center. Free Strawberry Plants. We're giving away free strawberry plants collected from our permaculture garden.

OSU Campus Recycling, 11:30am-3pm, SEC Plaza. 15th Annual Community Fair. An annual fair of 50+ groups from on- and off-campus offering activities and information about sustainability.

Wednesday, April 22

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Journey Room. House meeting.

College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join the College Republicans for friendly conversation on current events and politics.

Speakers
OSU Retirement Association Member Services Committee, 2:30-4:30pm, OSU Foundation on 35th Street. Dr. Steve Strauss, Distinguished Professor and Former Director of Biotechnology Outreach at OSU, will present a program entitled, "GMO Crops: What are They, Where are They, and Why All the Fuss?"

Events
Orange Media Network, 2-3:30pm, MU Quad. Free orange soda with the Orange Media Network to celebrate the grand opening of the SEC this weekend. Free swag!

Student Health Services, Noon-2:30pm, International Living-Learning Center Auditorium (Room 155). Documentary Screening: Brave Miss World. Part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

OSU Pride Center, 10am-7pm, Pride Center. Free Strawberry Plants. We're giving away free strawberry plants collected from our permaculture garden.

Student Sustainability Initiative, 1-4pm, SEC Plaza. Fair Trade Fair. This community fair will provide access and knowledge about fair trade items, so students become more aware of what is in their food and the processes of how it's made.

OSU Organic Growers Club, 3:30-7pm, Organic Growers Club Farm, Hwy 34. Earth Day Hoo Haa! Celebration of earth, agriculture and features FREE hot supper, FREE live music and FREE transportation to and from campus. Shuttles leave from the OSU Beaver Store across from Gill Coliseum every 15 minutes.

UHC Plastics for Poets/CBEE Student Club, 5-7pm, 100 Gleeson Hall. "Addicted to Plastics" Film Showing. Movie depicting the global dependence on plastics and plastics goods and the social, environmental and political implications of that dependence.

Craft Center, 1-3pm, Craft Center, Student Experience Center Basement Level. Watercolor Wellness. Supplies provided.

Thursday, April 23

Meetings
Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Which is more important - the individual or the community? A discussion.

OSU Sustainability Office, Noon-1pm, MU Council Room. Marion & Polk County Carpool/Vanpool Meeting. Do you commute from the Marion and Polk County area? Come learn about carpooling/vanpooling.

Student Sustainability Initiative, 6-8pm, LPS 125. "Growing Cities" Film Screening. A documentary about the spread and passion for urban farming in the U.S.

Events
OSU Pride Center, 10am-7pm, Pride Center. Free Strawberry Plants. We're giving away free strawberry plants collected from our permaculture garden.

Student Sustainability Initiative, 11am-1pm, SEC Plaza. Sprout! Learn how to grow your own plant using reusable materials.

Sunday, April 19

Kicked garage

According to the Corvallis Police Department log, a caller reported that an individual had kicked the caller's garage after an argument. An officer was dispatched to the scene and was reportedly approached by the individual the caller reported about. The individual allegedly listened to the conversation between the officer and the caller, denied kicking the garage and used racial slurs at the officer. The officer reportedly approached the individual, noting their shoes matched the damage to the garage door. The officer informed the individual that he was under arrest. While handcuffing the man, the man began to wriggle free, according to the log. The officer was able to place the individual in handcuffs, and the individual was charged with criminal mischief in the second degree, intimidation in the second degree and resisting arrest.

Saturday, April 18

Animal abuse

According to the log, an offi-



cer was dispatched to answer a call regarding animal abuse. The caller reported that an individual allegedly kicked a dog in a violent manner, causing the dog to "yelp" and cower back into a house.

Hit and run

According to the log, an officer was dispatched to Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Room for a reported assault. The individual who reported the assault said an intoxicated driver had struck them with their car. As the car drove away, the victim was reportedly able to photograph the license plate.

Later that evening, a call came in to report a shattered rear window of a parked vehicle, according to the log. The owner of the vehicle denied driving at all that evening. According to the log, the owner

was identified by employees of a bar and allegedly left the bar extremely intoxicated. The owner reportedly refused standard field sobriety tests, but later reportedly provided a breath sample that showed a blood alcohol content of 0.2 percent.

Friday, April 17

Stolen motorcycle

According to the log, an officer was dispatched to answer a report of a stolen motorcycle. The motorcycle owner was reportedly showing the vehicle off to a prospective buyer who left on a test drive and never came back. The officer was unable to locate the motorcycle in the surrounding area, according to the log. The individual in question was last seen heading east near Highway 34.

DUII

A Corvallis police officer responded to a vehicle in a ditch, according to the log. The vehicle's driver had been allegedly driving recklessly earlier in the evening. The owner of the

Need to Know

Party Safety:

The Oregon State University Corvallis Community Relations directory, hosted through the Office of the Dean of Student Life, includes information on party safety. The webpage "Party Safety" gives tips on how to safely drink and party, for example, by advising against mixing alcohol and caffeine, carbonation or drugs.

The webpage also gives advice on getting home safely, being wary of unattended drinks, counting drinks, avoiding hangovers and more.

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Shoplifting and marijuana possession

According to the log, an officer reportedly saw an individual exit a store with several items he allegedly did not pay for. The total value of the items was valued at \$38.66. The individual also had marijuana in his backpack. The individual was reportedly cited for theft in the third degree and possession of marijuana.

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vehicle reportedly claimed a friend was driving them home when they crashed. According to the log, the owner appeared to be under the influence, but the owner of the vehicle did not reportedly consent to a field sobriety test. The owner was arrested and transported to jail. A breath sample of the owner reportedly came back 0.18 percent blood alcohol content, resulting in the owner being booked and cited for driving under the influence of alcohol.

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"There's a lot expected of you, a lot of self-initiation, and I feel like people at the age that I started at aren't going to be ready to do that," said Cox, who was 18 when she had to find a job and studio apartment to live in through the 2013 academic year before she could apply in fall 2014.

Most OSU students looking to be considered in-state will need to complete and submit a notarized Residence Information Affidavit form with the office of admissions. These

forms eventually go to Erin Rau, assistant director of admissions and residency officer.

Rau said there "isn't necessarily a checklist" of things to do that will guarantee approval, and she recommends doing everything possible to strengthen your ties to Oregon, such as registering to vote and finding employment, while avoiding getting too involved with the university during the mandatory waiting period.

"They really encourage you not to participate with anything at the school," said Claire Ellis, a zoology student from Montana. "Don't be a part of any clubs;

you can't live on campus; you can't do any activities."

Ellis said during her first year away from home, Rau advised her on how to have a strong application under guidelines that aren't always crystal clear.

The language used in the Residency Standards is often vague. Phrases like "an inference of residency in another state" and "not necessarily conclusive or exclusive" keep the document from being an ironclad authority for either students or administration to reference.

Rau said there's "a judgment call" on her part when deciding whether a candidate's submitted information — taxes, spending receipts and job information for the last year, among other things — "meets the qualifications of becoming a resident."

"I think it's written in a way so there does have to be some judgment, because not everyone is a cookie-cutter — not everyone's life fits in one category," Rau said.

She also said that if rejected,

students can still appeal to an inter-institutional residency committee made up of residency directors from multiple Oregon universities.

"It's really been the only way I could pay for school here. The first year is definitely the hardest, but so far I can't think of any way it hasn't paid off," said Ellis, who's spending the summer at a Florida internship using the money she's saved.

Cox said although confronting "the real world" by "having to drop out of school at 18 and find an apartment in a state I'd never lived in before" was one of the hardest things she's ever done, she felt the experience was "worthwhile" in the end.

"My main goal right now is just to get through school, and I'm really happy that I'm back to doing that," Cox said. "I was lucky to have an awesome boyfriend with family that wanted to make sure I was going to be OK. I'm still having some financial problems ... but becoming in-state definitely helps."

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- WED 22** • OSU Used Store Earth Day Sale
 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
 OSU Used Store (644 SW 13th St.)
- Fair Trade Fair
 1:00 PM–4:00 PM, Student Experience Center Plaza
- Earth Day Hoo Haa
 3:30 PM–7:00 PM
 Organic Growers Club farm (Hwy 34)
- (Wednesday continued)
- "Addicted to Plastics" Film Showing
 5:00 PM–7:00 PM
 Gleeson Hall Rm. 100
- Peace Corps: Past, Present and Future
 6:00 PM–7:00 PM
 Austin Hall, Rm. 222
- Free Film: "Cowspracy - The Sustainability Secret"
 7:00 PM–9:00 PM, The Darkside Cinema (215 SW 4th St.)

Free Strawberry Plants
 The Pride Center will be giving out Free Strawberry Plants all week, April 20–24, from 10–7 pm (only until 5 pm on Friday) while supplies last.

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Interzone, located at 1563 NW Monroe Ave. across from the university campus, caters to many different tastes and needs.

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"I don't think they think twice about this place," Loschl said.

Sofija Raudys, a sophomore in merchandising management, explained that she tends to stop by Allan Brothers for a cup of joe because it is always on the way to her classes.

"(Interzone) looks like the hip coffee place in town," Raudys said. "It looks like they have good coffee."

Sean McKenzie, a new Corvallis resident and Interzone regular, agrees with Loschl's comment.

"People tend to find their coffee shop and stay loyal to it," McKenzie noted.

McKenzie moved to Corvallis three weeks ago from Bozeman, Mont., to look for a job. His friends here at OSU had told him that Interzone serves the "best coffee in town," and he now goes in regularly for not only the coffee, but also the open space and mellow atmosphere.

With a commitment to a local and vegetarian philosophy, Interzone brews Pacifica Coffee, which is also served at

Interzone

What: Interzone Cafe

Where: 1563 NW Monroe Ave. Corvallis, Ore.

When: Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to midnight
Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to midnight

Purple Moon, First Alternative Co-Op, New Morning Bakery and Sunny Side Up in Corvallis.

"A lot of people who drink at places that offer Pacifica know Greg, the owner," Loschl said.

"Greg tries his best to ethically source his coffee grounds, buying fair trade as often as he can," said William McCannless, who owns Interzone with his wife Iris.

McCannless explained that when they opened Interzone 17 years ago, the whole menu was vegan. Seventeen years ago, the café was lightly mocked for its philosophy, but as vegetarianism and veganism have become more accepted and normal in recent years, this is no longer the case. On weekends, the café offers a full vegetarian menu as well as a full vegan menu.

Interzone is located at 1563

NW Monroe Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330, and is open on weekdays from 7 a.m. until midnight, and on weekends from 8 a.m. until midnight. Breakfast is served daily until 5 p.m.

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Career fair approaches

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The Spring Career Fair will take place Wednesday, April 22 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center. The fair serves all majors, and will feature more than 100 employers.

Oregon State University's webpage for the Career Development Center gives recommendations for prospective applicants in preparation for the fair. Suggestions from the webpage include polishing resumes, looking professional, developing an "elevator pitch" and more.

Resume feedback is available during the regular academic year — fall term through spring term — through the Career Development Center Monday through Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the basement of Kerr Administration Building, room 008.

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- Memorial Union Program Council (MUPC)
- Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI)

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or Student Experience Center information desk
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6	5	1	7	4	8	2	3	9
4	8	2	9	3	6	1	7	5
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Softball transfer duo connects at OSU

■ Hannah Akamine, Mikela Manewa find home, best friend in one another despite different backgrounds

By Josh Worden
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Hannah Akamine and Mikela Manewa may seem inseparable today, but their paths to Corvallis are markedly different.

Akamine, a senior catcher on the Oregon State softball team, and Manewa, a junior utility player, are both in their first year with OSU after transferring from Tennessee and the College of Southern Nevada, respectively.

Their reasons for transferring? About as different as they come. But their friendship is multifaceted like few other relationships in collegiate sports.

"I consider her like my mother," Manewa said of Akamine. "She's pretty much my best friend and sister. We call each other cousins. She's my roommate, my roommate."

Akamine's description of their relationship was nearly identical: mother, daughter, cousin, teammate, sister, "everything."

Their bond grew almost immediately after each one decided to transfer to OSU. They texted each other constantly, talked on the phone and grew close even before they met in person. When they finally met, Manewa said she felt "weird" knowing Akamine so well without ever having a face-to-face conversation.

The friendship was key, especially since both expressed their own struggles when they first came to OSU. For Akamine, the difficulty was the pressure of proving herself on the field. Manewa, who describes herself as "shy," worried about fitting in.

"If I don't know anyone, I'm going to be shy," Manewa said. "I won't

talk or anything. It took me awhile to blend in with the girls. But the coaches and the girls made it super easy to just walk in here and call them my team."

Manewa went the Junior College route, coming out of Kapolei High School in Hawaii, going to the College of Southern Nevada for two years. When she got a text from her head coach saying that OSU was interested, "the biggest smile came on my face," she said. She didn't think twice about choosing the Beavers and reaching her self-described "dream" of coming to a Pac-12 school.

The decision was easy for Manewa to come to OSU, but Akamine's journey to Corvallis was much more arduous.

Akamine spent her first three years at Tennessee, a national softball powerhouse. Akamine and the Volunteers made the NCAA Tournament all three years, the Women's College World Series twice and the National Championship game in 2013. Akamine started in 53 games that year.

But as time wore on, Akamine realized that Tennessee was not home.

"Sometimes you just find that there's a better fit for you," Akamine said. "I guess that's the best way to put it."

Her roommates, Raven Chavanne and Lauren Gibson, both have played for the USA National Team and were coached by Laura Berg, herself a former National Team member and, incidentally, the current head coach at Oregon State. It was Chavanne and Gibson who nudged Akamine toward OSU.

"When I decided that Tennessee wasn't the right fit for me, they instantly thought of coach Berg and said 'You would love to play for her. She instills real big passion in her players and she comes to every single game with the same passion



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Senior catcher Hannah Akamine and sophomore pitcher Taylor Cotton chat on the mound against Arizona in Corvallis April 4.

she expects you to have as a player," Akamine said.

After one conversation, Akamine said she was hooked. She didn't even look for any other schools as soon as she talked with coach Berg. Just days after she committed, the support from current OSU players started pouring in.

"Once the team found out I was coming here, I got text messages from (senior pitcher) Melanie Dembinski and (sophomore utility player) Ameer Aarhus," Akamine said. "And they instantly said, 'Welcome to the team. We're ready to have you. We're ready to compete.' And that was within the first couple days of committing."

And once she experienced OSU

softball firsthand, Akamine knew she found what she had been missing.

"Tennessee I didn't really feel like was my home," Akamine said. "It was a school. Here, I feel like it's my home ... Here, I love playing. Its different. I want to compete. I want to be on the field. I love my teammates, I love my coaches. I want to be out there for them. Its not 'I want to be out there to get my school paid for' anymore."

It helps, of course, that she was paired up with Manewa. Neither one knew they were going to be roommates at first but acted like longtime friends as soon as they met.

"I look at them as my spark plugs,"

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Gary Andersen injects new life into depleted fan base

Brenden Slaughter

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To culminate the first spring session under new head coach Gary Andersen, OSU held its annual Spring Game Saturday.

A lot of things were the same: A surplus sale of Beaver gear, the games and bounce houses for the children, and — my personal favorite when I was younger — the autograph line with all of the players.

But there was one thing that was dramatically different from my memories of OSU football of old: the game itself. For the first time in recent memory, the team actually held a full Spring Game. For four quarters, the Beavers played real football and made the fans excited for the future, compared to the exaggerated practice that former head coach Mike Riley put on to wrap up the spring. Riley was always known to run very soft practices, which in return led to outside opinions such as this:

Last year, when OSU was headed to play USC in the colosseum, Oregonian feature specialist John Canzano called the Beavers "as vulnerable as a soft-boiled egg." This was just the type of headline that OSU didn't want; it wanted to be tougher, and Andersen proved it Saturday.

College Gameday on ESPN says that fans make college football special, and that the students give the college game a better atmosphere than any other sport in the world. The fanbase at Oregon State University had reached an all time low following a blowout loss to the rival Oregon Ducks last fall. Students were booing the team off of the field and donors with years and years of loyalty were just simply fed up with the product that they were paying high prices to see compete.

Keenan Puncococher of Wilsonville, Ore. has been a Beaver fan for most of his life, but lost interest during the end of the Riley era.

"Under Riley, I felt that I was watching the same thing every single Saturday with no progression. So far under Andersen, I'm drawn to the team and am excited about the future," Puncococher said.

They say it's always darkest before the dawn, and the phrase applies very well to what the OSU football team would endure the course of the next month. Riley left the Oregon State program for Nebraska, just a short time after the Civil War. Administrators, fans and students were baffled; they didn't know what to think. In response, many fans figured this was a time for a new beginning. Fans began to demand a top-class coach. In less than three weeks, OSU would have the man to take a weary fan base and turn it into one of the Pac-12's best.

Insert Gary Andersen.

OSU president Ed Ray is usually a behind-the-scenes guy when it comes to OSU athletics. He is the overseer of it all, but lets athletic director Bob DeCarolis make all of the athletic decisions. After Riley left, that all changed; he wanted to be part of the solution and find OSU's next big thing. From day one, he told Beaver Nation that he would find a top-class coach that would take the program to the next level. He promised the days of mediocrity were over.

"This is our house, and if our opponent doesn't bring their A-game, they will get their butts kicked," Ray said.

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OSU softball to play midweek doubleheader

■ Oregon State Beavers have back-to-back games with Portland Vikings

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU Softball to Play Midweek Doubleheader

The Beavers have back-to-back games with the Vikings

Fresh off a series with Arizona State, the Beavers (24-19, 5-13 Pac-12) are back on the field Tuesday for two games against Portland State (13-30, 6-9 Big Sky) this Tuesday.

All-time, the Beavers lead the series against the Vikings 88-32-1, which includes a perfect 4-0 record with Laura Berg as head coach. The games are slated for 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Beavers enter Tuesday's contest having recently ended a six-game losing streak. Last Friday, the Beavers defeated 16th-ranked Arizona State after a dramatic final inning. Trailing 6-5, with freshman shortstop McKenna Arriola on base at first, senior centerfielder Dani Gilmore stepped up to the plate.

Oregon State Softball

What: Oregon State vs. Portland
Where: Portland
When: Tuesday, April 21 at 4 p.m.

Gilmore hit a two-run home run to give the Beavers the lead, 7-6. Freshman pitcher Rainey Dyreson retired the Sun Devils in the bottom half of the inning to close the game and earn her fourth win of the season.

Oregon State's offense may have been revitalized a bit last weekend, as the Beavers managed to hit .322 as a team for the series. In their two prior series, the Beavers hit .188 against the Utes and .194 against the Wildcats.

The Beavers also demonstrated their power at the plate. Prior to Gilmore's go-ahead home run in Friday's game, senior third baseman CJ Chirichigno hit a solo shot the inning before. It wound up being a big weekend for Chirichigno, who followed Friday's performance with two more home runs in Saturday's game. After hitting three last week-



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Junior infielder Mikela Manewa pulls back to let one fly toward home against Arizona at home April 4.

end, Chirichigno now has eight homers on the season.

The Beavers also had some variety on the pitching mound last weekend. Junior pitcher Bev Miller leads the Pac-12 in innings pitched by

almost 20 innings over second place on the list. However, she made only a brief appearance against the Sun Devils. She pitched the first inning of Friday's game and was replaced

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Ray deserves credit for making the Beaver fan base excited again. He had his ideal coach in Andersen and he got him. Since then, Andersen has done all of the right things to inject life into the fan base.

Establish a high-powered spread offense? Check. Use a quarterback who can run? Check. Involve Beaver Nation in the spring festivities? Check. Many fans thoroughly

enjoyed Saturday, and for the first time in years, I could hear fans talking about the possibility of Rose Bowls and championships.

Granted, that is extremely premature, but the fact that those conversations happened proves that a change is happening in Corvallis, and for the better.

It was fitting for the OSU football program that on Saturday, Reser Stadium had more than 12,000 fans in attendance — a greater amount than the last two years combined. But all

this hype is in its early stages, since Andersen hasn't coached a single real game while wearing the orange and black, and hasn't had to deal with any of the adversity that the Pac-12 brings. In just four months he has given people such as Puncosher and myself a reason to be excited about the future of Oregon State Football. We have Ray and his winning attitude to thank for that.

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after allowing no runs. Miller did not play in Saturday or Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Vikings are coming off a three-game sweep of North Dakota (8-35, 0-15 Big Sky), where the Vikings won 14-5, 8-0 and 15-5 in the three contests.

The Vikings are led by Senior first baseman Brittany Hendrickson, who leads the team with a .384 batting average and with five home runs. Even so, the Vikings are hitting .268 on the season and are being outthit by their opponents averaging .317.

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coach Berg said. "Mikela being the defensive and offensive player that she is, and her attitude on and off the field. She's one of those people who everyone wants to be around because she's happy-go-lucky and makes everybody laugh. Same thing with Hannah. She keeps everything light. She likes to sing. She sings all the time. They've got attitudes everyone wants to be around."

Manewa and Akamine have offered more than attitude and spirit, though. Their presence and talent on the field has been instrumental for an OSU team that recorded the same number of wins — 18, — in the nonconference schedule this year as the entire 2014 season.

Akamine has provided experience as a catcher — not to mention a .316 batting average — which was especially necessary after incumbent starter Kylie Padilla transferred.

"Having Hannah here has been a sigh of relief," Berg said. "Someone with her caliber of skills behind the plate and the way she works with the pitchers and even the way she communicates with the umpires, she has that rapport with them."

Manewa has provided offense the whole year, most impressively during the Pac-12 season when batting averages tend to plummet against high-caliber teams like No. 2 Oregon and No. 8 UCLA. She is second on the team with a .345 average and batted .389 in the last two series.



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Junior infielder Mikela Manewa warms up before her turn at the plate against Arizona in Corvallis April 4.

Berg noted that her team's confidence in the batter's box has wavered since the beginning of the Pac-12 slate. It started that way for Manewa in the opening series against Stanford also, but it didn't take her long to get back on track. "I was kind of nervous because these are top-notch pitchers," Manewa said of the Stanford series, which OSU swept. "I was second-guessing myself. After, I just told myself I need to go back to my old swing and hack away. That's what my teammates were telling me; they're like, 'you need to go back to the old 'Kela and just swing away like you used to.' And that's what I did."

"She doesn't care about anything, she just sees it and hits it," Berg added. "She keeps it simple. And we're trying to get everybody to jump on her

bandwagon. Get in there and take your hacks. What have you got to lose?"

The production that Manewa and Akamine have brought to the plate has been noticeable, but both value more than just statistics. They've built a lifelong connection.

"The teammates, the friendships you form in college, they tend to be your friends for life," Akamine said. "And I honestly think that with a lot of the girls on this team. They're going to be the girls that, when I get married, I'm going to look down the row and there's going to be like 18 girls right there. They have my back and I have theirs."

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Editorial

Out-of-state tuition price hurts students

Oregon State University charges a pretty penny for out-of-state tuition.

According to the budgetary estimation for 2014-15 on the OSU Financial Aid and Scholarships website, a non-resident undergraduate runs the risk of paying a total of \$41,766 for three terms, or \$13,922 per term by our calculations. That includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board and personal and miscellaneous expenses.

So for this editorial, we decided to do some math.

Let's take this metaphorical out-of-state undergraduate, hoping to join Beaver Nation in the Pacific Northwest, move them from wherever they hail and plant them in Corvallis.

That undergrad, provided they intend to pursue a standard, full-year college career at OSU, will achieve their undergraduate degree in approximately 12 terms.

For those 12 terms, said undergrad would have to pay a grand total of \$167,064, based on OSU's estimations.

However, OSU student employees are only allowed to work 20 hours per week so that they don't burn out trying to do school at the same time. A reasonable concern, we concur.

But, at that time limit, working on a minimum wage salary of \$9.25 per hour — for the record, we decided to not count taxes so we don't have anything else to cry about — the out-of-state undergrad could earn about \$13,135 per year. This is assuming that the student works 20 hours per week during the regular academic year and 40 hours per week through breaks and the summer session.

Multiply that by the four years the average student will spend in college — granted they're able to get into the right classes on schedule — and could raise about \$52,540 within that timeframe with that salary.

But subtract that from the full amount of \$167,064 and the student still has \$114,524 left on the debt board.

That is not chump change. OSU must expect its non-residential undergraduates to shoulder more than \$100,000 in debt. Sure, there are scholarships and grants — but those only cover so much.

Undergraduates who are limited to working 20 hours a week during the majority of the school year, hoping that by the end of it maybe, just maybe, they'll snag a job after graduation commencement so that their very first paycheck can go to paying off that humongous monster made of money.

And perhaps they could snag a job right out of the gate; OSU is, after all, a nationally renowned university with a wide variety of prestigious programs.

It has gained this recognition off of the works of alumni who helped the school grow through donation and fame.

Students have helped make this school what it is today — so don't treat us like cows and milk us for all we're worth.

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Satire: Elimination of estate tax keeps apocalypse at bay

The U.S. House of Representatives voted to eliminate the estate tax last Thursday and I couldn't be happier. The estate tax, also known as the "death tax" or the "tax on grieving families of dead grandmothers" in some circles, is a tax on inherited assets worth \$5.4 million or more. And although the tax only applies to 0.2 percent of taxpayers, its repeal enjoys the overwhelming support of those champions of the middle class: Republicans.

But while I often disagree with Republicans on things like domestic policy, foreign policy, budget priorities, who the best Game of Thrones character is — it's Tyrion, by the way — and just about all other matters of any level of importance, I have to completely agree with them on this issue.

After all, how else are we going to create a noble class of wealthy elites to rule over the inevitable dystopia our future children will live in?

I realize it is difficult to tell when I'm being serious, but this a very important topic that is close to my heart. It is obvious that we are heading toward some sort of horrific future — global climate change will see to that, so if we want to start planning for our dystopia, we need to start now.

And I would much rather have my children live in a "Hunger Games" or a "Snowpiercer" than a "Mad Max" or a "Waterworld."

That's not to say that I'm a great fan of the wealthy. Personally, I think

Travis Chambers



Not So Swift

they are greedy leeches building empires on the broken backs of a labor force that they work tirelessly to keep in the position of a permanent underclass, but I also don't like the idea of my children being killed and eaten by Cenobite rejects.

It's not exactly a win-win situation, is what I'm saying.

With a cruel and hedonistic plutocracy in place, we have a higher chance of maintaining some level of a functional civilization, so making sure that the wealthy keep all the money they can and never give any back in return is really an investment in our unforgiving future.

Still, I'm not sure if getting rid of the estate tax is going to be enough. That's why I had a few other ideas that should really accelerate us toward a world where the rich hunt the poor for sport.

First, the top 10 percent shouldn't have to pay capital gains or property tax anymore.

We want them to build their hoards up as much as possible, and since these are their major sources of income, this is a pretty obvious step to take.

This will obviously lead to some budget shortfalls, so I figure we can raise taxes on the 90 percent of Americans that hold roughly 30 per-

cent of all the wealth in the United States. It will get them used to living in crippling poverty while wealthy dictators take everything from them and leave them with the scraps.

Well, more used to it at least.

Second, cut all social welfare programs. These programs amount to little more than transfers of money from the richest of our citizens to the poorest. And the only time money should be going from the rich to the poor is when the rich are buying organs.

And finally, we'll need to deregulate all industry.

This will not only let the rich keep as much of their massive profits as they can stuff into their bank accounts, but it will also accelerate the massive ecological disaster heading our way, and frankly, massive ecological disasters are a bit like a Brazilian wax; you want to get it done as quickly as possible.

If we do all of that, we can get a functioning dystopia up and running in 30, maybe 50 years. It won't be perfect, but at least the ones that survive the terrible transition into the new world order will be guaranteed some measure of safety as the property of their corporate overlords.

To summarize for those of you who skip to the end of these, I agree that the latest tax legislation from the House of Representatives is better than being torn apart and eaten by marauding cannibals.

If only just barely.

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“Still, I'm not sure if getting rid of the estate tax is going to be enough.”

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Letter to the Editor

From the Shadows

Cannabis work more than just Cheech and Chong jokes

In the news, we see politicians, lawyers, public figures and news anchors joking about the legalization of Cannabis.

I can understand the sentiment, but for hundreds of thousands of people across the U.S., it is no laughing matter. Thousands of people rely on the emerging Cannabis industry as a career.

Those working in the recreational side want to help people safely enjoy a product, while those on the medical side truly want to help those with debilitating illness.

I am one of those workers trying to make a difference in patients' lives through the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. It disheartens many others and myself when major figures discredit the motives and professionalism of workers in the Cannabis industry.

Also, it is hugely irresponsible for major political figures to joke about Cannabis when hundreds of thousands of people are in prison for simple, non-violent Cannabis possession.

Workers in the Cannabis industry and young professionals still in school should stand up and show that we are not stereotypical stoners.

We are motivated, disciplined individuals.

We are normal Americans with strong social and community ties.

We have rights, and we deserve to be treated as regular members of society.

We, the Canna-workers and patients, believe in Cannabis so much that we risk federal felonies every day even though we are state law compliant.

Next time, when you think about writing us off, remember that we risk our futures in the hopes of achieving the ability to legally help patients under federal law and to gain the freedom to recreationally enjoy Cannabis.

I'd like to see you risk just as much for your beliefs.

TRISTAN GOMEZ,
junior in Horticulture.

Editor's Note

In regards to Chambers's April 20 column

The column from Travis Chambers titled "Conservatives should be allowed to marry despite lifestyle," which ran in the Monday, April 20 issue of The Daily Barometer, contained a statement that was meant to be satirical but could have been misconstrued.

The column should have been properly labeled as satire to help give clarification to readers about the intent.

We understand how language used in the column could have been misread or deemed offensive. In the future, we will make sure all satirical columns receive the proper "satire" tag. The Daily Barometer does not condone discrimination or violence toward any race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or political alignment.

We welcome those who wish to continue the discussion to please do so through our comments section, or by submitting a letter to the editor.

Sincerely,

SEAN BASSINGER,

Editor-in-chief
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Oregon brewpubs equal foodie paradise

I usually write about the food and beer scene in Corvallis because I want to show off the great local offerings.

Oregon is a foodie destination with Portland and Eugene heading up that effort. There are enough local restaurants, bars, wineries and breweries to eat out at a different place every day of the year and still have more places to try.

I wanted to write about some of my favorite places in Oregon so that when you go out and adventure in this great state of ours you have some ideas of where to stop and eat.

In Springfield is Hop Valley brewpub.

If you are looking for a great hoppy beer, Hop Valley is an excellent choice. Try the V.I.P. — the Vanilla Infused Porter is smooth with a hop aftertaste. Besides the beer, the food is fantastic. What makes brewpub food amazing is the twist the restaurants take on the dishes.

At Hop Valley there are mozzarella sticks the size of Lincoln Logs. They are made with smoked mozzarella and an Italian herb breadcrumb coat. Mozzarella sticks are a good go-to for appetizers because they are always delicious, and you can never go wrong with fried cheese. I am not editorializing here, but these mozzarella sticks are the best I have ever had. The smoked mozzarella adds a different layer of flavor to this sometimes-mundane menu item. These sticks, more like logs, are a must when you go.

The entrees at Hop Valley are amazing as well, and the menu offers many choices ranging from creamy Beef Stroganoff to burgers and Fish and Chips. Besides a burger, my favorite partner to beer is mac and cheese.

I was not left disappointed with Hop Valley's. The recipe here is so sinful it should be immoral. It's all about the

cheese; this pasta is dressed in smoked Gouda, baked and topped with breadcrumbs. When the plate comes to the table the smell is mesmerizing and the top is golden brown from its stay in the oven.

You dip your fork into the pasta, breaking through the breadcrumb layer and into the creamy cheese. Every bite will be cherished and looked back at longingly.

Portland is the hub for brewpubs, and one of the best that you should visit is the Deschutes pub. Every available brew from Deschutes is on tap, with nitro and cask conditioned beer options. Deschutes's Obsidian Stout will never steer you wrong.

It is a full-bodied beer with a smooth finish and deep flavor. The Obsidian Stout is excellent in a pint glass and also as an ingredient in Deschutes' mac and cheese.

Like I said earlier, mac and cheese with beer is one of my favorite pairings, so I couldn't resist trying the Obsidian Mac and Cheese. This dish needs a bigger word than "delicious."

It was gorgeous, divine.

They took something simple and made it so complex and daydream worthy. The pasta is swims around in Tillamook cheese and cream with black peppercorns and shallots. The cream and cheese base is the most essential part of any good mac and cheese, and in this dish that is the strongest part.

All the pasta was coated in the white cheddar sauce and was ridiculously creamy in the best way, and the peppercorns added a complementary spice. I added fennel sausage to the dish to make it a full meal, which I highly recommend. The first smell to waft to your senses is the

fennel and it will make the others sitting around you jealous of your dinner.

Every bite is deliriously delicious and well worth the wait.

Beer is not the only option at a brewpub, even though it is one of the best.

If you are looking for great beer and food you will have all your wishes fulfilled at one of the many great brewpubs in Oregon, and if you are looking for local place to chow down, then you too should turn to these and other pubs.



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Food Critic



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'True Story' not immortal, worth a watch

Hearing that Jonah Hill and James Franco are starring in a movie together gives the thought that the film will almost surely be a comedy, or at least a movie with some funny scenes.

"True Story" gives none though, as the two stars take part in a work that is very unlike most of what they do; especially Hill, who stars in perhaps his first completely serious role.

Based off of the memoir of the same name, Jonah Hill plays writer Mike Finkel, who starts off as a celebrated journalist landing multiple New York Times covers with his work. However, once it is discovered that he manufactured people and events in a story about child slavery in Africa, his career is derailed.

At the same time, Franco plays Christian Longo, an Oregon man on the run in Mexico.

While in Mexico, Longo begins using "Mike Finkel" as his alias.



Derek Saling

After his fall from grace, the real Finkel has retreated to a remote cabin in Montana with his girlfriend Jill (Felicity Jones). When he gets a call from an Oregonian reporter and finds out about Longo using his name, he sees it as an opportunity to restore his career, so he goes to meet and talk with Longo.

Much of the movie takes place in a visitors cell in prison, with Finkel interviewing Longo, trying to understand him and whether he committed the atrocities he is accused of.

Franco shines brightest here, or maybe dullest, as he plays Longo with creepy indifference toward his

situation. He is methodical with his actions and calm with his response to everything Finkel asks him.

It is a memorable performance, where Franco really captures the eeriness of the character. He makes it so somebody who is accused of a heinous crime comes off as likeable, and makes the audience feel like Finkel, thinking that in fact he may be innocent.

Although it is based on a true story, director Rupert Goold steers the movie like the audience doesn't know the ending.

There are really no action scenes, so the movie relies entirely on dialogue and leans heavily on Franco's performance.

Hill is also good in his role, playing a man who is not necessarily bad, but also a little pompous to catch too much sympathy.

Throughout, there are flashbacks to Longo's past.

But I felt these were a distracting, and never had a grand payoff because they never revealed the truth.

So it was more of an annoyance than an insight to the past.

Even though Felicity Jones' scenes are limited, there is one encounter between her and Franco that was excellent.

She takes the place of Finkel and visits Longo in jail, but instead of listening like Finkel usually does, Jill takes the time to spit venom at the man who she thinks is manipulating her boyfriend.

"True Story" is not a film that will be talked about years down the line, but it is a fairly entertaining piece that gives one of James Franco's best performances.

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'Weird Loners' struggles to separate from pack

When a person is approaching middle-age, can't hold a job or relationship and acts dismissive toward anyone who points out their faults, is "weird" really the first word you'd attribute to them?

I've always subscribed to the theory that everyone is a weirdo in their own right, struggling to deal with other peoples' weirdness to varying degrees of success.

This, in a way, imbues weird with a sense of normalcy, one that's funny when you actually take the time to point it out.

That's the kind of formula I expected from a title like "Weird Loners," Fox's lighthearted new sitcom about four singles approaching middle-age who, with the golden years of their lives behind them, wonder how they managed to end up alone.

The viewer is made painfully aware why this is the case — we're treated to several awkward, character-defining scenarios in the first five minutes that make it clear this is definitely not a case

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of unlucky circumstances.

Caryn — Becki Newton — makes stereotypically poor choices in partners but manages to be surprised each time the liaison explodes in her face. Her most recent catch is Stosh — Zachary Knighton — her new neighbor, recently fired for seducing his boss's fiancée and now living with his cousin, Eric, the only member of the main cast who's legitimately weird.

The last member of their posse, the impulsive artist Zara — Meera Rohit Kumbhani — has no real ties to anyone else but just sort of gets roped into meeting the others by chance, after which they band together to form their own R-rated version of "The Breakfast Club."

The writers get in their clever moments, but it never once feels as though they understand why people are drawn to social outcasts or misfits

in the first place.

The show is called Weird Loners, and yet we're expected to think the fact that these four are loners in their thirties is enough to make them weird, and by extension, unique individuals. It's not.

Characters behave more like cardboard cutouts than creatively-crafted beings: just popularized tropes — the playboy, the struggling artist, etc. — that play on popularized issues of growing up.

The one exception is Nate Torrence's role as Eric, whom they throw in so he can spout whatever random, awkward thoughts pop into his head at any given moment.

He gets about 90 percent of the laughs, at one point gesturing to the spaghetti they're all eating and saying "spaghetti" for no reason, but he has less identity than Groot outside of non-sequiturs.

Ideas like "the Big Bang Theory" are successful because we're cleverly introduced to a foreign lifestyle — in this case, 20-something nerds — in a way

that's both natural and entertaining.

Completely different identities like Sheldon and Howard contribute to a humorous situation just by letting their personal flaws shine through.

We identify with them in a way that's not quite the same as any other fictional geek.

Here, there's too little straying from TV tradition for characters to stick out. Under the pretenses, everyone has the same problem — arrested development — and it's far from a rare or endearing trait. It's unlikely you'll remember any names or motivations after breaking a week for the next episode.

"Weird Loners" is a semi-charming peek into the antics of four children trapped in adult bodies. It won't win any awards for originality or wit, but for a cheap laugh or two, you could certainly do worse.

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