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OSU MAKES STRIDES TO IMPROVE HISTORIC BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTS NEW EDUCATION HALL

By ADRIANA GUTIERREZ
News Contributor

Walking around the Oregon State University campus, construction teams are at every turn. Of the 14 active projects, two include a renovation to one of the oldest buildings on campus and the other is a building completely new.

Fairbanks Hall, located near the corner of Jefferson Way and 24th Street, is the second oldest building at OSU and is undergoing a set of renovations that will include structural and HVAC system updates as well as plans to create universal access into the building.

The renovation began in the summer of 2021 and is expected to be completed in August of 2022, barring any setbacks.

Fairbanks was built in 1892, and serves as a

major contributor to OSU's historical district, according to OSU Capital Planning and Development.

Prior to closing for renovations, the building was mostly used as a gallery space for art and photography students as well as a small number of classes offered throughout the school year in classrooms on the second and third floors.

"This project will breathe new life into an important structure for years to come," said Libby Ramirez, university architect and director for OSU University Facilities, Infrastructure and Operations.

Another major construction project happening on campus is the birth of the brand new Arts and Education Complex, which will serve as a performance center available to the greater community, as well as classroom spaces.

The complex, situated behind Kerr Administration Building on the corner of 15th Street and SW Washington Way features three buildings: a main recital hall with acoustic design to hold concerts, plays and other showings, a black

box for smaller theater productions and a rehearsal classroom building on the north side of the lot.

The project cost \$70 million and is on schedule to be completed by the Hoffman Construction Company in early 2024. The building should be open to students in the spring term of 2024.

Project Superintendent Sonya Miller is in charge of all-things scheduling for the project, breaking it down to three main stages—the demo, the early works, and the AEC, short for the complex's name. Of these three, the team is already on the third, building within the concrete and brick structures.

"The demo went perfect," Miller said. "Then we did the early works which was just a little prep to get ready for the AEC, and that went fine."

"Now we're into the AEC and we had great success with the sheer walls—that's the recital hall, the smooth concrete structure—and then the black box, which is to the north. Those both went up fantastic. For any

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Oregon's spring precipitation expected to have low impact on fire season

By HALEY STARK
News Contributor

Despite temperatures beginning to rise for the summer, many Oregonians are optimistic that 2022's high levels of precipitation will reduce wildfires in the state.

Following the dry spell that led to the catastrophic wildfires of 2020, increased awareness has been brought to preventing another similar situation from occurring. A return to normal levels of rain and snowfall this year have quelled fears among the public surrounding current wildfire risk, but experts maintain that preparedness is essential for this season.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, much of Oregon is still experiencing drought conditions anywhere between Do; "abnormally dry," and D4; "exceptional drought." While Linn and Benton Counties fall just outside of the affected regions, this does not disqualify them from being at risk of wildfires.

"I think that we're probably looking at something similar to what we've seen in past years," said Christopher Adlam, a regional fire specialist at OSU's Extension Fire Program in southwest Oregon.

According to Adlam, the impacts of a strong, wet season will play little to no role in preventing fires when weather becomes hot and vegetation dries out.

Oregonians already began to see the signs of a heat wave, with temperatures over the last weekend in June reaching the mid 90°Fs.

According to Colby Neuman, a meteorologist with the Portland National Weather Service, Corvallis' hottest temperature this Summer will most likely fall between 95-105°F. It is extremely unlikely that the city will reach the high of 110°F it saw last year.

At an individual level to prevent the start and spread of fires, Adlam advised taking caution in

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issues we brought the schedule in, and now we're working on getting the steel on site," Miller said.

There have been small hiccups with getting the steel beams on site, Miller said, due to "fabrication issues," which is the cutting, bending and assembling of the steel. Her team anticipated that problems would arise during construction and had a period of buffer time set into the schedule. Because of that allotted time, the team is still on track to complete the project in 2024.

"Students are really going to be in for a treat when it's done," Miller said. "They really

are bringing the art portion of it [into the project.]"

Miller said she was most excited about the acoustical aspects of the building, as the recital hall is built with a 12-inch shell of concrete to maintain the sound when the building is done and there are performances within the hall. The recital hall will contain 500 seats, doubling as a classroom.

"The Arts and Education Complex will serve as a statewide portal to the arts, enabling collaboration with public school systems throughout the state to ensure that all Oregonians have better access and exposure to the arts," Ramirez said. "The building is designed to accommodate study and gathering space for students throughout the building."



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The foundation for the Arts and Education Complex stands on the lot on the corner of 14th Street and Jefferson Way on the OSU Corvallis campus. The AEC is set to be complete in early 2024.



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Project superintendent for the Arts and Education Complex construction site, Sonya Miller, discussing the process of constructing the new complex on the site on June 30.

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COVER: Fairbanks Hall, located near the corner of Jefferson Way and 24th Street, is currently undergoing renovations with construction expected to be completed by August 2022. *Photo by Madison Stines, OMN Photographer. Illustration by Alan Nguyen, OMN Creative Lead.*

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By Sukhjot Sal

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By Andrew Foran

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Inspiration Dissemination: The promise and peril of new plants on Oregon's sand dunes
By Lisa Hildebrand and Adrian Gallo

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Millicent Durand

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By Kirsten Steinke

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First Place - Best Column
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By Sienna Kaske

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By Jacob Ramirez

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By Jaycee Kalama and The Daily Barometer Staff

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By Sukhjot Sal

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Court allows for continued negotiations in 7-Eleven bias assault crime trial until June 21
By Sukhjot Sal

First Place - Photo Illustration/Graphics
Feelings about COVID-19
By H. Beck

Second Place - Photo Illustration/Graphics
Wine and smoke
By Teresa Aguilera

Third Place - Photo Illustration/Graphics
Robot doctor
By H. Beck

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OSU Theatre debuts return to in-person performances
By Cara Nixon

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By Ben Pahl

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Girl with Ukraine sign
By Jessica Hume-Pantuso

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By Kirsten Steinke

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Healthy coping mechanisms can help students
By Zeva Rosenbaum

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START orientation aims to offer support to incoming students transitioning into college life

By HAYDEN LOHR
Summer News Editor

According to Olivia Eiler, a returning START leader at Oregon State University and an English and education major, the START orientation program functions to teach students how to be students.

“No one tells you how to function in college when in high school,” Eiler said. “We need to fill gaps, to help transition so they know what they are doing; so they can function as a student and know where they live and where to go when they need information...There is so much that students need to know that we don’t have the time or space to communicate. So many students today have different majors, paths, etc. and it is hard to distribute that amount of information cohesively.”

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, OSU has had its new student orientation online, with this year being the first in three years to be held fully in person throughout the whole summer.

START functions as the orientation for new students entering OSU. It is a mandatory program for incoming freshmen, both international and domestic. There is also a START offered for transfer students which is more condensed to OSU specific information.

For over three years, the START program has been entirely virtual. The first in-person program session since 2019 was held June 23. “All of our senior staff haven’t done an

in-person START before, even the most experienced staff...registration was slow,” Eiler said. “We know that we are the first people these people are seeing. We want to give them the best first impression that they can. We don’t want to convince someone who doesn’t want to be here [at OSU] to stay, but to reassure students that this is a good place to be.”

START is still offered virtually, for those who may be concerned about contracting COVID-19, or for those who are out of state or the country.

START is where incoming students register for classes, and it is held throughout the summer, split into 14 different in-person undergraduate freshman sessions, in order to accommodate different student’s schedules. The number of sessions is different for transfer students and those seeking to do START online.

START used to be a two day program with an overnight stay in the dorms on OSU’s Corvallis campus. The option to stay overnight in the dorms is still offered for the night before, in case students and families must travel far to the sessions. However, START now only takes place over the course of a single day.

According to Eiler, START has been made as bare bones as possible. It is a lot of information for people to handle and a lot will be forgotten, especially for students that have a START date very early in the summer. However, students still come away with important basic ideas, and know where



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River Honklanen holds up papers given to him for orientation at START in front of the Memorial Union building at Oregon State University on June 23.

to look for specific resources.

“If you have the option to stay in dorms at orientation do that,” said Molly Shannon, a prospective engineering major entering OSU. “I learned last night to buy a mattress topper for the bad beds.”

According to Shannon, one of the most helpful things was the financial aid presentation. Money, finances and tuition is an

anxiety that many college students face.

According to Honklanen, advising was also extremely helpful. START is where incoming students register for classes, which in turn makes an early START date advantageous for getting first choice for certain classes.

Many of the students interviewed expressed some level of concern about jumping into college after several years of online high school.

“Those few years online, I am going to be honest, I didn’t really pay attention,” said Xavier Thompson, a prospective mechanical engineering major entering OSU. “I played minecraft in my English class, it was a period where school did not feel real.”

However, these students expressed optimism for the upcoming years in college, and said that the START orientation had helped

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- Olivia Eiler, returning START leader

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Molly Shannon shows off her guest badge for START at Oregon State University in the Memorial Union on Thursday June 23. START is being held in person this year for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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them to think about college and how it would work for them.

“I am really looking forward to living on my own, but with a bunch of others,” said River Honklanen, a prospective electrical and computer engineering major entering OSU. I am really excited and looking forward to it over high school finally going out on my own and doing my own thing so it will be kinda fun.”

For some students, entering college can be a difficult decision, and a difficult transition. With the added stresses of the COVID-19 pandemic, START, according to Eiler, is a time when students begin to recognize that they are not children anymore.

In START students begin to realize that this experience of university is real. It isn't just an application or an email, and students need to commit to this, according to Eiler.

According to Eiler, students have rights. A student's parents are not allowed to view a student's grades, or to access a student's academic schedule. This is a level of control that many students have never had before and it is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

“You are a functioning object in someone else's agenda,” Eiler said. “I believe that college is something personal, students taking a new form of agency over themselves.”

According to Eiler, this is a control that many students have never had before, and START can be the first time that many students start to recognize that.

According to Eiler, it can be difficult to communicate certain messages to incoming students. Many students come in without a major, or a clear direction.

“I have been doing student orientation since I was a junior in high school,” Eiler said. “I am on the cusp of something great, that is the feeling I got when I first came here.”

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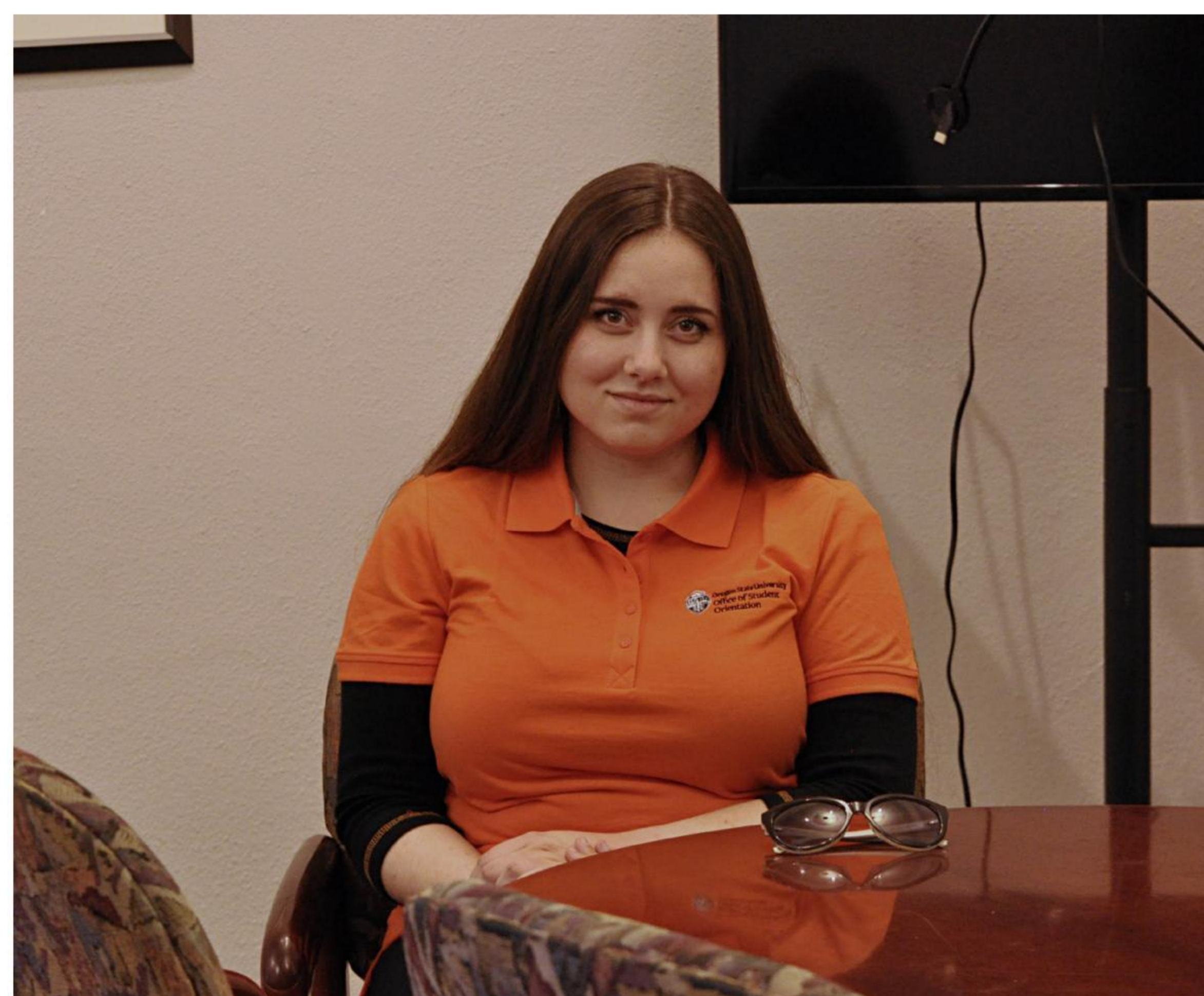
*- River Honklanen,
prospective student
at OSU*



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Xavier Thompson sits in the Memorial Union after completing the START program orientation at OSU on June 23 waiting to get his OSU I.D. After START, incoming students like Thompson have the option to get their I.D. printed so they have it ready for the school year.

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Olivia Eiler, a returning START leader, is pictured here in the Memorial Union on June 23. According to Eiler, students at START learn how to be students and to navigate college life. START functions as an introduction to the university, and college more broadly.

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Corvallis' return to normalcy: a 2021-22 reflection





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1. The Oregon State Men's Soccer team huddling together before they faced off against the Clemson Tigers in Corvallis, Ore. on Dec 4, 2021 (Photo by Kayla Jones, OMN Photographer)

2. The 2022 Oregon State University Commencement on Saturday, June 11, at Reser Stadium. (Photo by Jason May, OMN Photographer)

3. Jayathi Murthy posing for a portrait on June 7, in the Student Experience Center Plaza. Murthy was recently elected as Oregon State's University's 16th president and her role as president will begin on Sept. 9. (Photo by Jason May, OMN Photographer)

4. A crowd of protestors gather in front of the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis, Ore. on Friday, June 24. Crowds of all ages and genders gathered to protest the Supreme Court's decision of overturning Roe v. Wade despite 50 years of precedent. (Photo by Jess Hume-Pantuso, OMN Photographer)

5. Freshman and mathematics major, Ana Bacon (she/her), waves the Pride flag on November 14th in front of the Memorial Union. This year, OSU is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Pride Center, which was established in May of 2001. (Photo by Ashton Bisner, OMN Photographer)

6. The OSU gym team celebrates with olympian Jade Carey after she receives a perfect score of ten for her floor routine at the gymnastics meet against University of Washington on February 13. (Photo by Matthew McKenna, OMN Photographer)

7. Norah Schmidgall, 13, poses for a portrait in front of the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis, Ore. on March 5. Schmidgall came to show support for Ukraine from Independence, Ore. with this being their first protest. (Photo by Kayla Jones, OMN Photographer)

8. Second Year public health major, Sydney Griswold, basks in the history of black excellence icons in the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center on January 10. "Black history shouldn't be limited to one month, but we should take this month to push extra hard to show who we are and what it means to be black in America" says Griswold. "These murals are the people who had a large impact on the black community and gave us an inspirational push forward" (Photo by Matthew McKenna, OMN Photographer)

10. Belle Baxley, 4, holds a homemade sign while protesting in support of the people in Ukraine on Feb. 26, in front of the Benton County Courthouse in Corvallis, Ore. This is Baxley's first protest. (Photo by Jess Hume-Pantuso, OMN Photographer)

11. The 2022 Oregon State University Commencement on Saturday, June 11, at Reser Stadium. (Photo by Jason May, OMN Photographer)

12. Jayathi Murthy (left) waving at event attendees with their partner, Sanjay Mathur, on June 7, in the Student Experience Center Plaza. (Photo by Jason May, OMN Photographer)

13. Olympic gymnast Jade Carey smiles after completing her floor routine which would earn a perfect score of ten at the gymnastics meet against University of Washington on February 13. (Photo by Matthew McKenna, OMN Photographer)

14. Perla Nieto (center), a student at Oregon State University, carries a megaphone and shouts pro choice chants on May 14 as the crowd marches toward the Corvallis City Hall in Corvallis, Ore. Nieto and fellow organizers created this event so that students of OSU and residents of Corvallis would be able to participate in some capacity with this nationwide protest for reproductive rights. (Photo by Sam Misa, OMN Photographer)

Blood in the water

Beaver Softball finishes historic season No. 8 in nation

By SAM MISA
Summer Sports Chief

Following a losing season in 2021, the Oregon State University Softball team spent this year making up for those losses.

Composed of one of the youngest college softball teams in America, the Beavers softball team was one of eight teams to make it to the College World Series in Oklahoma City this year.

This was the second time in program history that OSU went to the CWS in program history with the first time being in 2006.

“We definitely came out as a big freshman class and proved people wrong, and that was awesome,” said OSU Centerfield, Eliana Gottlieb. “I think we definitely made a name for our program itself.”

The road to Oklahoma City was far from smooth, with both highs and lows for the Beavers. One of those highs was a 17-game winning streak which is the highest streak they’ve had in 16 years.

“It was really exciting to have that 17-win streak,” said OSU Shortstop, Savannah Whatley. “We also knew that with that win streak, the target was on our back now. So it was a little nerve wracking, but also fun.”

Following the winning streak for OSU, the team was plunged into a losing streak heading into the postseason and consequently into the Knoxville regionals.

“We lost almost all those games by one run,” Gottlieb said. “It was mentally tough. I think the only thing we could do was just to push through.”

While being eliminated following losses to the University of Florida and University of Arizona, OSU still finished No. 8 in the nation according to Softball America.

“I think, and I can kind of speak for a lot of the other freshmen, that this year, we got a taste of everything,” Gottlieb said. “We went to the World Series, and we stood on that field. Now we know what it’s like, and we have three more years to do it again.”

Along the way, five of the Beavers received Pac-12 All Honors, and two players, Mariah Mazon and Frankie Hammoude, were named All-Americans by Softball America.

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- Eliana Gottlieb, OSU Softball Outfielder.

Mazon graduated from OSU this past spring and is one of only two players to do so this year.

“This is like one of the best years I’ve had—just with relationships with all the girls on the team. Oregon State in general gave me a great five years,” Mazon said. “I don’t really have any words. It’s been amazing.”

According to OSU Softball Head Coach Laura Berg, there were a lot of positive takeaways from this season along with a lot of things to work on and to get better at.

“For the most part, they got a taste of it,” Berg said. “It’s like blood in the water now; they’re sharks, so we got to go after what it is that we want.”

Berg is not alone in thinking that OSU has a good chance of going back to the College World Series in the near future.

“Honestly, we just want to make it right back to the World Series next year. I mean, why not? Why not us?” Whatley said. “We did it this year with so many, like freshmen, and it’s obviously gonna hurt us missing Mariah [Mazon], but we still are a young team, we could figure it out and get back to the World Series.”

According to Whatley, everyone is expected to step up and hold one another accountable next season to do better. Whatley also plans to take on a leadership role for the team with Mazon leaving.

“We knew the majority of us were brand new,” Whatley said. “We wanted to come out and make a new name for Oregon State, which is exactly what we did.”



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Oregon State University Women’s Softball players Mariah Mazon (left) and Frankie Hammoude have both been named All-Americans by Softball America. While Mazon made the All-America First Team, Hammoude made Third Team.

2021-2022 Stats



Mariah Mazon
First Team All-American

Position: Pitcher

ERA: 2.05
IP: 184.0
SO: 220



Frankie Hammoude
Third Team All-American

Position: Infield

AVG: .386
HR: 15
RBI: 39

Goss Stadium provides home to Corvallis Knights and OSU Beavers, share competitive atmosphere

By SAM MISA
Summer Sports Chief

After the Oregon State University Baseball season ended in early June, some players joined another team to keep swinging into the summer.

Through joining and playing with the Corvallis Knights, a collegiate wooden-bat amateur baseball team, OSU players such as Junior Ian Lawson and Sophomore Ryan Brown are able to tack on an additional 50-plus games in preparation for the start of the OSU Baseball season in the winter.

Ranked at No. 1 for the South Division of the West Coast League, the Corvallis Knights are every bit as competitive as the Beavers who they share a stadium with. Out of the 17 games played as of June 29, the Knights have only lost four.

"It's not too different in the sense that this is a program that actually cares, rather than some other places," Lawson said, who pitches for both OSU and the Knights. "There's a good structure and we get a lot of practice. It's easy to get better here."

According to Brown who also is a pitcher, the fact that the Knights and the Beavers share the same goal of winning makes transitioning back and forth between the two easy.

It also helps that OSU players who didn't join up with the Knights are still able to practice with them before the official starts of Knights practices.



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Corvallis Knights Outfielder Brady Lavoie at bat against the Walla Walla Sweets on June 21. The Knights won the series winning two out of the three games.

With the playoffs starting in mid-August, the Knights believe they have a lot of growing to do until then, according to their head coach and OSU alumni Brooke Knight.

"We've got enough talent, we're a talented team," Knight said. "The depth on our pitching staff is probably better than the last couple summers, But we're a little more raw, maybe not quite as old and polished, a little younger, with a little more stuff."

Included in the list of younger players for the Knights is incoming freshman Ely Kennel. Despite only having graduated high school in June, Kennel has already played 13 games with the Knights.

Kennel ended up joining the Knights after asking about joining it earlier this year. Kennel was told he would be playing for the Knights just a few weeks after asking.

For Brown and Lawson, they were sent to play with the Knights so OSU could keep a close eye on them during the offseason, according to Brown.

"We were both already affiliated with the Knights before the season even started, just because they wanted us to develop a little bit more over the summer," Brown said. "I think that if we got sent somewhere else, we wouldn't take it nearly as seriously as we do here."

According to Knight, the density of number of games within any given week is something that separates the Knights from a normal NCAA team like the Beavers.

"Here, we play almost everyday," Knight said. "That's good when you're not playing great and you just want to be able to get back out there and flush it and compete again."

A lot of the top tier players are going to be the incoming freshman according to Knight.

"If they really stick to the plan and focus and just take one day at a time, some really good things can happen for them," Knight said. "[But] it's hard to do that when you're young."

For Brown and Lawson, their goal this season is to restrict the amount of walks opposing teams get off their pitches. Brown actually hopes to not let through a single walk during the season, who has been achieving his goal so far.

"I'm excited personally to watch these guys grow," Knight said. "Some guys get a hell of a lot better in 11 weeks, some guys just get a little bit better, but some guys make a big jump and they go into the fall feeling pretty good."



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Pitcher Matthew Ager of the Corvallis Knights celebrates a successful inning with catcher Tyler Quinn against the Walla Walla Sweets on June 21. The Sweets won the game, 2-1.

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Experience Corvallis app aims to foster a better community between Corvallis residents, businesses

By ADRIANA GUTIERREZ
News Contributor

Choosing between the multitude of restaurants, stores and activities available in Corvallis, Ore. has been made much easier with the launch of Experience Corvallis, a community app spearheaded by the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce.

The app has four main features: an interactive map, a community calendar, a tab for all things Parks and Recreation and a resource tab.

Simon Date, the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce president says the calendar is his favorite function of the app, as is the fact that it's free to use for any local business owner or community member.

"If you were going to go to lunch today, I'm sure on the top of your head you've got three

or four places that you typically go to," Date said. "You may not know some of these other places even exist. But in the categories [within the calendar], you get exposure to other businesses you may not even be aware of."

Planning and designing the app was an undertaking for Date, who is the only paid employee in the Chamber. The idea for the app first came about in early 2021, but it wasn't until January of this year that Date began forming community partnerships and contacting app developers.

Two community partners were involved in the process—Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments—who provided a start-up grant, and the Gillott Home Team, a real estate office in the Mid-Willamette area who is the main sponsor for the app.

"Since I'm a board member and ambassador for the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, Simon and I have a lot of conversations about

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Commerce

Gillott Home Team funded the initial version of the app and also financed the app's launch party to introduce it officially to the community.

Since its launch, Date and Mincinski have continued brainstorming ways to improve the ways that the community can connect with different types of local businesses. What Date calls the "Chamber of Choices" is a feature within the app that allows for users to filter out categories based on specific aspects of the businesses or business owners.

"You as a consumer may want to say, 'You know what, I am hungry, I want to get

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bringing value to the community, supporting businesses and also bringing community members and businesses together to equally support each other," said Michele Mincinski, lead agent for the Gillott Home Team's Benton-County division. "He did a lot of research on other communities and other Chambers and how they support their communities and an app was used in another community that he really loved and he brought that forward... It really seemed like a natural partnership."

As the main sponsor for the app, the

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something to eat' but I also want to support a woman-owned business or one that is LGBTQ+ friendly, or has bilingual material in the store," Date said. "It's a way for you to shop socially about something you care about."

The Chamber also has plans to add a feature that will allow for users to order food for take-out directly through the app in the late summer or fall.

"Hopefully we end up keeping money a

little bit more local so if people need to stop and eat somewhere local then great, they can do that," Date said.

The overall goal of the app should be to continue to foster community between local businesses and community members, Date said, and the Chamber will continue to take feedback as more people use the app.

"The app is a work in progress, it's fairly new," Mincinski said. "As community members and businesses members are more used to submitting their events to the Chamber, that will make the app even more robust so it's really a go-to for all things Corvallis. I'm really excited for that."



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Simon Date and developers began the creation of a community app in July of this year for the City of Corvallis. The app places information about activities, food, and more in the hands of community members and visitors alike.



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A photo illustration of a thermometer in front of the Benton County Courthouse on June 29 in Corvallis, Ore. Despite the recent heavy precipitation throughout this spring, experts maintain that preparedness is essential for this upcoming wildfire season.

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any potentially dangerous scenario. He warned against using any tools that could create sparks, such as lawnmowers and chainsaws, on hot, dry days. He also recommended that campers use the proper fuels and extinguishing methods laid out by the Oregon Department of Forestry.

Although practicing personal fire safety is crucial, Adlam stated that people are actually lighting less fires per capita now than in previous years. So why are wildfires becoming more of a problem than ever before?

According to Larry O'Neill, associate professor at Oregon State University and director of Oregon Climate Services, the main culprit is climate change.

"Global warming is slowly leading to more evaporation from the landscape, drying out forests faster during summer," O'Neill said.

According to O'Neill, dried-out vegetation serves as a potent fuel for wildfires and makes them increasingly difficult to put out.

O'Neill added that climate change has extended and accelerated our fire seasons over the past 10 years. Our fire seasons are expected to start sooner than in the past and last into the early months of fall.

Measures have been taken by forest management groups to mitigate the worst effects of wildfires, including prescribed burns throughout the winter, fall, and spring, Adlam said. For those interested in keeping up with any updates on local fires, the Linn-Benton ALERT Emergency Notification System is one option.

Finkle: More than one Independence Day: looking into Corvallis' freedom celebrations

By RACHEL FINKLE
Columnist

July 4th, 1776: The day that celebrates the United States of America signing the Declaration of Independence and separating themselves permanently from England. It is a day of celebration unique to America, and is always accompanied by food, fireworks, friends and family.

America may have become its own nation on July 4, but it was not yet a nation providing equality or freedom for its entire population. One nation, indivisible, only rings true when every person receives the same opportunities.

So, as you recover from the feasts and hangovers of yesterday, remember that inde-

pendence is celebrated on more days, and in more ways, than one.

However, Juneteenth, a holiday that takes place on June 19 to celebrate the ending of slavery in the U.S. is rapidly gaining popularity, with this year marking the third year Corvallis celebrated this holiday and the first year officially.

Juneteenth marks the day that “a group of enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, finally learned that they were free from the institution of slavery” according to the NAACP Linn-Benton Branch website.

This occurred two long years after the Emancipation Proclamation, highlighting how information often does not spread to all parts of the country at the same time or in the same way.

My view is that both holidays are good to celebrate: the 4th of July for tradition and

Juneteenth for inclusivity and equality.

Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021, despite the event inspiring it taking place in 1865, so the country has a lot of catching up to do. In Oregon, the first Juneteenth celebration occurred in 1945, according to the Oregon State University website.

However, before the holiday was federally recognized, Corvallis began observing Juneteenth in 2020, providing paid leave and closing city offices just like for any other federal tradition according to the Willamette Valley Website.

On June 18, the Linn Benton branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, threw a large exhibition at Linn Benton Community College. This was complete with speaker Ayisha Elliot, DJ Big Cat Kirkwood, a Black-owned business expo, and even a vaccination clinic for those in need. Plenty of food, music and socializing brought the community together to celebrate Black history, talent and joy.

Simultaneously, there was an open house at Letitia Carson's Land, as she was one of the first Black female settlers in Oregon in 1845. Tours of the land and archaeological

site were accompanied by education and promotion of the Letitia Carson Legacy Project, an organization hoping to recreate the original homestead and make it into a place of learning, landworking, and leadership for Black and Indigenous populations in Oregon according to the Letitia Carson Legacy Project.

Independence Day in July isn't going anywhere anytime soon. It is a cherished holiday in America, rife with both old customs and new ways of partying for the country's sake.

Corvallis celebrated this year with a Fourth of July Parade and the “Red, White & Blue Riverfront Festival,” all the while making noise and waving flags to the strains of “The Star-Spangled Banner” plucked out on electric guitar.

At the festival, food trucks, live music and arts and crafts were only some of the events available for those attending. Fireworks ended the evening at 10 p.m.

Juneteenth, on the other hand, is still growing in velocity as activists demand more than just federal recognition of the holiday. Reparations for those once enslaved, and their families, is the next big step for the communities celebrated by the holiday.

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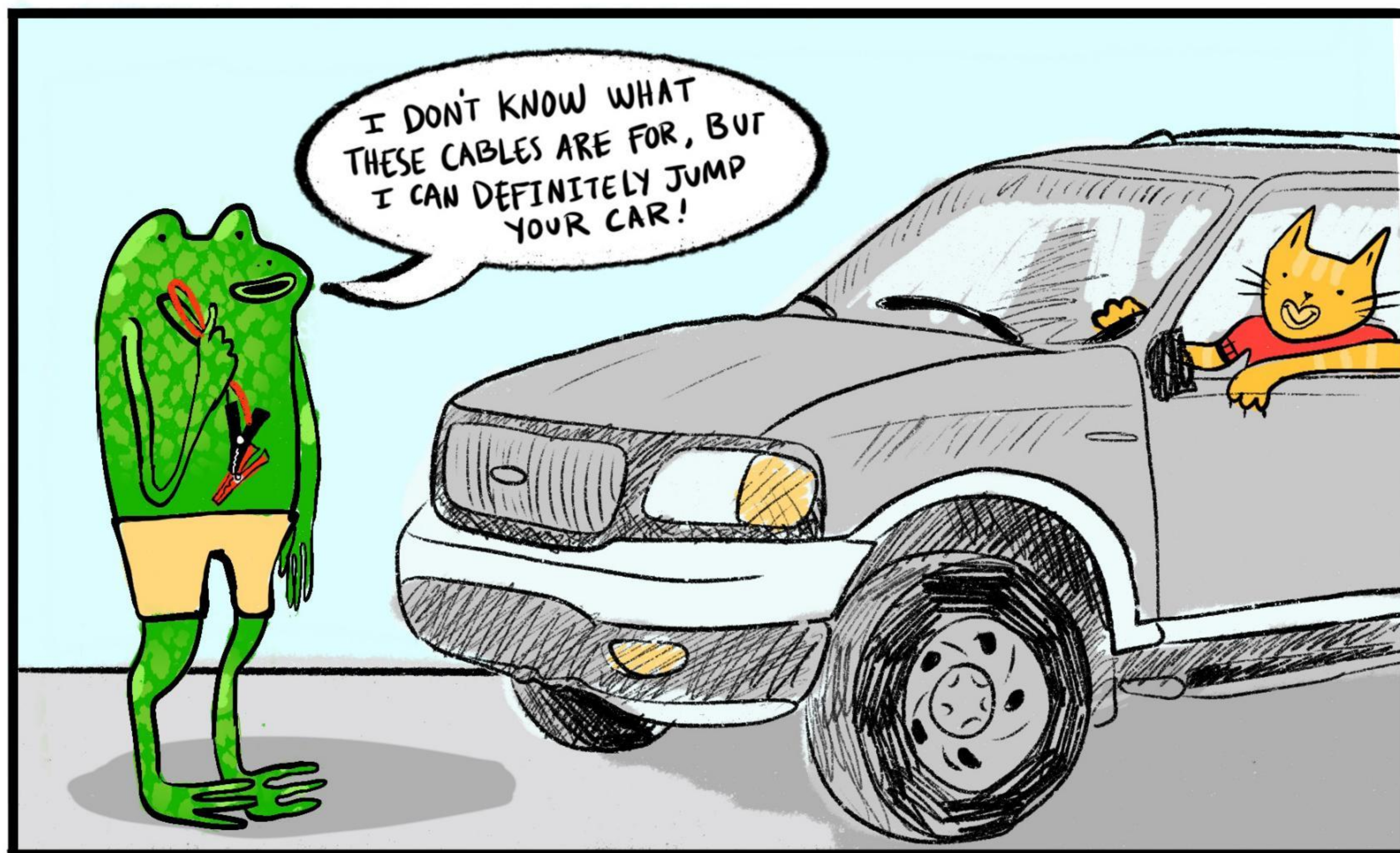
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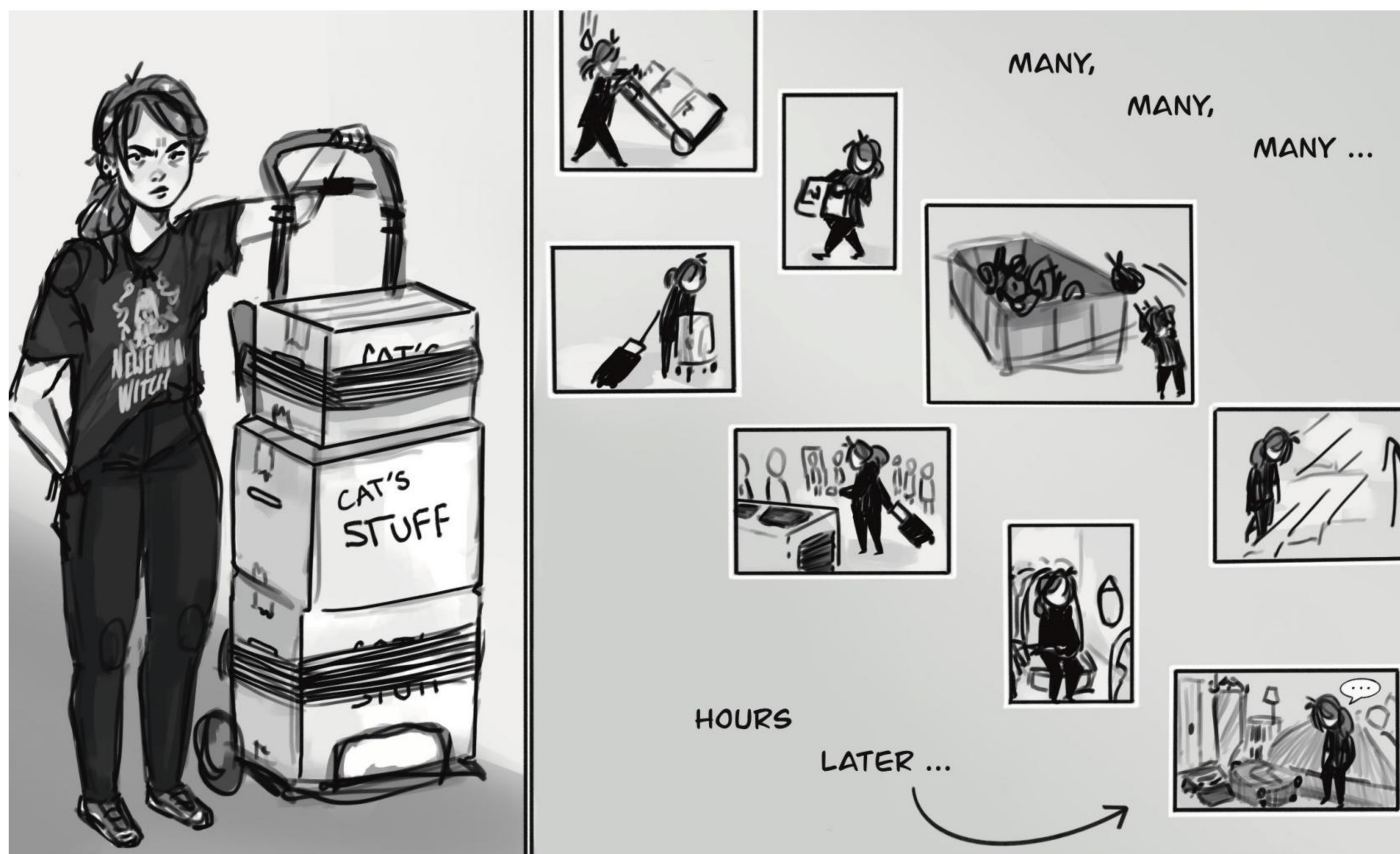
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A family enjoys their local Fourth of July parade floats with barbeque and sunshine. Fourth of July is one of two freedom celebrations in Corvallis and across the U.S.

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YAYS & NAYS



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

YAYS

- Yay to Olivia Rodrigo and Lily Allen's Glasto performance.
- Yay to in-person START.
- Yay to summer weather.
- Yay to recent rain and a good snowpack.
- Yay to Stranger Things Volume II coming out.
- Yay to organizing and protesting.

NAYS

- Nay to the overturning of Roe v. Wade.
- Nay to anti-climate change legislation.
- Nay to seniors saying goodbye to Corvallis.
- Nay to people with better vacations plans than you
- Nay to expensive gas.

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CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)
Today is a 9 — Use your gift of gab for a few weeks. Update your profile and bio. Discuss personal views, projects and ambitions, with Mercury in your sign.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)
Today is an 8 — Find a need and fill it. Creative professional projects flower for about two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Use cleverness and wit to advance.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)
Today is an 8 — Partnership flowers with Mercury in Cancer for a few weeks. Brainstorm and converse. Discuss what to create. Listen carefully. Compromise comes easier. Deepen your connection.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)
Today is a 9 — Your communications and networking skills are especially lucrative over two weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Study, research and write. Use persuasive charm and wit.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)
Today is a 7 — Think and plan, with Mercury in Cancer. Journal your dreams. Complete old business for new freedom. Imagine the possibilities. Choose what you want.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)
Today is an 8 — Expand your territory, with Mercury in Cancer. Long-distance communications figure prominently. Travel beckons, but take care. Study the situation. Discuss plans and destinations.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)
Today is an 8 — Play the game. You're especially creative, charming and persuasive, with Mercury in Cancer for several weeks. Make lucrative deals. Craft win-win scenarios.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)
Today is a 9 — Team communications get results for several weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Community activities and meetings generate momentum. Confer, network, socialize and share resources.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)
Today is an 8 — Teamwork wins. Collaborate to grow shared accounts over the next few weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Financial discussions bear fruit. Review numbers carefully.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)
Today is an 8 — Discuss health and exercise routines for a few weeks, with Mercury in Cancer. Share treatments, techniques and practices for growing strength, endurance and energy.

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MARCH 20)
Today is an 8 — Sweet words come easily. Express your heart with Mercury in Cancer for several weeks. Enjoy intimate conversations. You're especially charming. Talk about love.

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