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## MAYOR BIFF TRABER RETIRES AFTER TWO TERMS, LEAVING BEHIND LEGACY OF ADVOCACY

By ADRIANA GUTIERREZ  
News Reporter

The Corvallis Climate Action Plan. A local option levy to fund park maintenance and the Corvallis Library. The birth of the OSU Collaboration Project. This is the legacy Mayor Biff Traber leaves behind as he retires from a decade-long career serving Corvallis residents.

Traber, who originally moved to Corvallis in 1998, began working within the community even before he was first appointed to Corvallis City Council in 2011. He moved quickly to serve the community, holding positions with Leadership Corvallis, the Boys and Girls Club, Corvallis Rotary Community Services and United Way, to name a few.

He liked serving on committees for organization in Corvallis, he said, because it allowed him to stay out of the spotlight, but still contribute to his new community.

“If twenty years ago, you’d have asked me if I was going to be an elected official, I would’ve told you no,” Traber said. “I was happy to help — doing things in the community, volunteering at various places.”

Calling himself an “army brat” Traber moved frequently in his childhood and even into his adulthood before settling in Corvallis. He studied computer science at the University of California Berkeley, where he lived for five years after graduating.

This long history of not settling down in one place ended in 1998 when his wife got a job at Oregon State University’s Linus Pauling Institute.

“It’s probably the best move we ever made,”

Traber said.

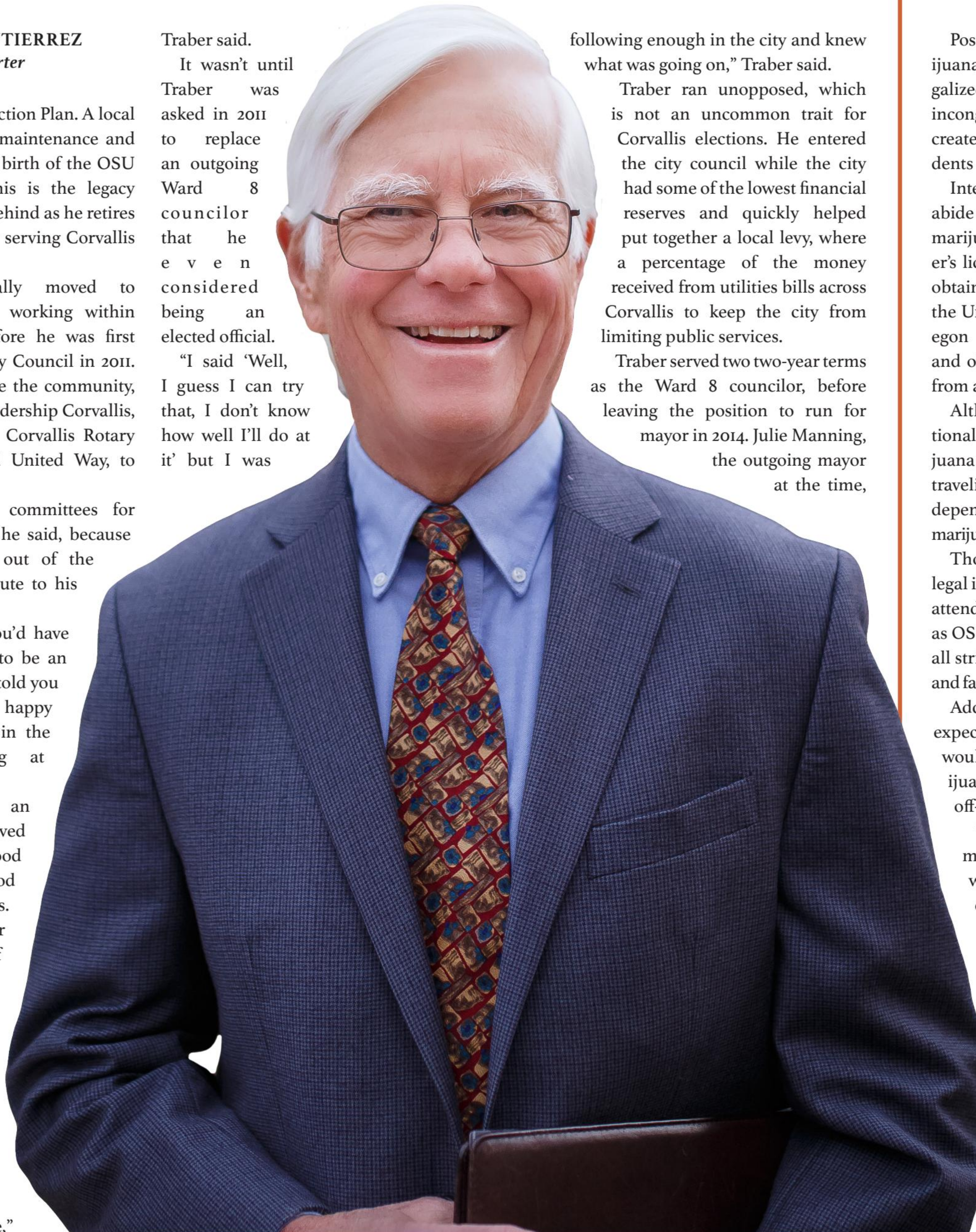
It wasn’t until Traber was asked in 2011 to replace an outgoing Ward 8 councilor that he even considered being an elected official.

“I said ‘Well, I guess I can try that, I don’t know how well I’ll do at it’ but I was

following enough in the city and knew what was going on,” Traber said.

Traber ran unopposed, which is not an uncommon trait for Corvallis elections. He entered the city council while the city had some of the lowest financial reserves and quickly helped put together a local levy, where a percentage of the money received from utilities bills across Corvallis to keep the city from limiting public services.

Traber served two two-year terms as the Ward 8 councilor, before leaving the position to run for mayor in 2014. Julie Manning, the outgoing mayor at the time,



## Recreational marijuana use for International students: rights and risks

By NINO PAOLI  
News Contributor

Possession and use of recreational marijuana for those age 21 and older was legalized in Oregon on July 1, 2015, but this incongruity between state and federal law creates a gray area for international students at Oregon State University.

International students are required to abide by federal law, which still outlaws marijuana. However, with a State ID, driver’s license or medical marijuana card, all obtainable for those who aren’t citizens of the United States but have established Oregon residence, international students 21 and older are able to purchase marijuana from a recreational retailer.

Although, the repercussions of international students’ recreational use of marijuana in Oregon can spell trouble when traveling home to their countries of origin, depending on certain countries’ laws on marijuana use, and upon returning to the U.S.

Though recreational use of marijuana is legal in Oregon, for all college students that attend federally-funded universities such as OSU, possession, use and distribution is all strictly prohibited in all OSU campuses and facilities, as well as all OSU-run activities.

Additionally, international students are expected to abide by federal law, which would make possession and use of marijuana illegal for them even in places off-campus at any time.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration lists marijuana along with drugs such as heroin and cocaine as a Schedule I drug, which the DEA claims are drugs with high potential for abuse and little to no medical benefit. So, while marijuana is legal in Oregon, that doesn’t mean it is legal for international students.

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**MAYOR TRABER**

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encouraged Traber to run for office.

He was originally hesitant, given the publicity that would surround him and the loss of voting power in council meetings if he were to take the position. Whereas city councilors get to vote on every policy change, the mayor only gets voting power when the council is tied.

Traber called his first term as mayor “particularly challenging” given major changes in the city organization: the previous city manager had just stepped down and four of five city council members were new to the job, causing an ambitious set of goals for the next four years.

“The goals were things like developing the Climate Action Plan which we now have, to develop the 2040 vision that we now have, figure out sustainable financing and analyze and come to [an] approach to solve the housing crisis we had,” Traber said. “Both low-income affordable housing as well as affordable housing across the board.”

The council at the time also moved the city and campus out from a tumultuous relationship to one that is now symbiotic, given the OSU Collaboration Project.

“There were some flawed systems that had been put in place from years before and we needed to work our way through it,” Traber said.

By Traber’s sixth year out in office, Traber successfully organized two local option levies to fund local services, including to the 911 district of Corvallis. By putting service fees on utility bills, a percentage of money was funneled back into these programs.

“One of my priorities throughout the



SABRINA DEDEK | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK

Corvallis Mayor Biff Traber on Oct. 24 at the CARDV Vigil at Central Park. Traber arrived to show support and speak at the vigil event.

selected time was to figure out how to get the city on more stable financing,” Traber said.

Reflecting, he said, “I had done a lot of what I wanted to do, but was worn out by COVID-19.”

Serving nearly his entire second term through the COVID-19 pandemic ultimately led to his decision to retire as mayor. Though, Traber doesn’t plan to completely step away from politics, despite his younger self’s

hesitancy to enter the field at all.

“My whole career, I was realizing I guess two years back that I had never been in the same job more than four or five years throughout my career... Now I’m going to find some new things that I haven’t tried before.”

Traber sees the opportunity to work for non-profits or help other people become elected officials.

“Who knows what’s next,” Traber said.

**COVER:** Corvallis Mayor, Biff Traber, poses for a headshot on Oct. 24 at the CARDV Vigil at Central Park. Traber arrived to show support and speak at the vigil event. Photo by Sabrina Dedek, OMN Photographer.



JESS HUME-PANTUSO | ORANGE MEDIA NETWORK

ACP Pacemaker and CMA Pinnacle awards given to various publication of OMN such as Beavers Digest, Dam Chic and multiple individuals for their work that was created and published throughout the 2021-2022 academic year.

# Orange Media Network receives 27 national awards

By DAVID LI  
News Contributor

Oregon State University's student media program, Orange Media Network, received 27 different national awards for journalism across its branches and individuals as part of the MediaFest22 convention.

Every year, schools across the country compete for these national journalism awards. According to Steven Sandberg, assistant director of student media, this means competing against the "best of the best," with colleges and universities that host journalism schools and daily newspapers, among others.

Among the awards, PRISM, OMN's arts and literature magazine, was named Literary Magazine of the Year. Alan Nguyen, creative lead at OMN, was named the Best Graphic Designer as part of the 2022 Pacemaker Awards.

DAMchic, the fashion magazine at OMN, received a Pacemaker as one of the Magazines of the Year from the Associated Collegiate Press.

According to Sandberg, OMN's growth is the culmination of years of effort from students and staff. Here, new students build upon the efforts of previous students and leave behind a legacy that future students can build upon.

According to Sandberg, it comes down to the students taking pride in their work, and the awards are a result of that ambition.

"My hope is that OSU takes pride in its student media department being recognized among the nation's best, and I hope our readers, viewers and listeners take pride in that as well," Sandberg said.

For Draken Reeves, a senior majoring in Graphic Design working as a creative associate at OMN, winning these awards was "mind-blowing," an event that signifies that the work they do means something big and impactful and not in vain. Reeves edited the issue of DAMchic that received a Pacemaker.

These awards come after a time of rebuilding for OMN after the pandemic.

According to Sandberg, a common challenge at OMN is the recruitment of new

students in order to teach people the skills to continue building upon the progress of past students' progress instead of restarting at square one.

The pandemic exacerbated this challenge. During this time, students had to learn how to make content remotely, and many students left OMN after getting back in-person.

For Reeves, and many other students, going back in person after the pandemic meant having to learn how to create content in-person when most of the veteran students had left.

"We [didn't] really know what we were doing, and we haven't had the in-person experiences a lot of past editors have," Reeves said.

Through tabling, events and recruitment, OMN built back its losses over the past year, according to Sandberg.

Reeves encourages students to apply to DAMchic as a writer if they want to cover something that's not represented, as DAMchic's success stems from its inclusion by elevating diversity both on the page

and behind the scenes and including a wide range of body types and identities, according to Reeves.

"We will give you the resources you need, and we want you to tell your stories," Reeves said.

According to Sandberg, seeing students grow at OMN has been an enjoyable aspect of the job.

"Seeing them grow their skills, grow their confidence and find a home up here is great," Sandberg said. "I love the little victories from the students; I love seeing those moments where someone on a TV show suddenly gets it, and they nailed a shot or a cut at the exact right time. Those little victories are some of the best parts of my week."

Sandberg also says that OMN is a place of growth for all students.

"It allows people to be themselves and find their passion," Sandberg said. "You can be creative at OMN, you can find friends at OMN, you can develop skills and make connections at OMN. I want this to be a place where people can be comfortable and find a home."

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# Student on the street: What does student loan forgiveness mean to you?

By KATIE LIVERMORE  
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**JASON LIEN**  
(HE/HIM)

SECOND-YEAR COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR

Lien plans to apply for loan forgiveness.

“It would change my life a lot financially. I think because of student loan forgiveness, I would be able to live life without debt. I'd be debt-free for the most part, and currently, it relieves some stress because I have in the back of my mind that I will be able to afford college.”



**ANDREA CHRISTIAN**  
(SHE/HER)

SECOND-YEAR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY SCIENCES MAJOR

Andrea doesn't plan to apply for student loan forgiveness.

“I know that I'm really fortunate and I'm not going to have to deal with loans. But I know that a lot of students — the majority of students — do.”

“[Student loan forgiveness] really opens up the opportunity for the students to focus more on other things, not just paying for school, but actually focusing on school.”

“I think for others it's going to, again, take that stress away. I have a lot of friends who are paying for school fully by themselves. And I just honestly can't imagine doing that myself. It's really just such a big stress to put on somebody so young. So I think that this will just really ease that stress”



**NATHANIEL HALL**  
(HE/HIM)

THIRD-YEAR ENGLISH AND CREATIVE WRITING MAJOR

Hall recently applied for student loan forgiveness.

“It definitely made me feel pretty excited. As an English major, there're a lot of fears on whether you're going to get a good job opportunity or not. I don't personally care in the sense that I don't need to make a bunch of money when I grow up, but I also don't want to be shackled up with a bunch of debt that I can't pay off. The idea of student loan forgiveness is very freeing in allowing me to pursue the education that I want.”



**KALEY PETERSON**

(SHE/HER)

SECOND-YEAR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Peterson plans to apply for loan forgiveness in the future.

“[Student loan forgiveness is] my saving grace. I’m not paying for college, but my parents are putting three kids through college. So I can only imagine the financial burden that that has. So yes, it would be a blessing from God.”

“It would open up any travel plans that I have with environmental science. I really want to study marine biology. And there’s a lot of cool places. I mean, Oregon is one of them, but a lot of places that I would like to go to study.”

“If I had any medical bills or any car accident or anything like that... just financial comfort, I suppose. Which is a great thing to have. And many of us don’t.”



**NINA SOUTHER**

(SHE/HER)

SECOND-YEAR BUSINESS MARKETING MANAGER MAJOR

Souther hasn’t applied for loan forgiveness, but would love to in the future.

“I feel like it means the government’s able to finally give back to the students who worked so hard to go through college and get their education.”

“It’ll definitely be beneficial because obviously I won’t be paying as much as I should be paying and I can use that money towards other things I need in my life.”



**LOCH GHOLSON**

(HE/HIM)

SECOND-YEAR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING MAJOR

Gholson hasn’t considered applying for loan forgiveness.

“I don’t know if it will ever affect me, but I don’t know too much about it. But at least for the short term, I think it’s a really good idea. Especially with the high cost of college, risk versus reward depending on what degree you’re getting.”



**FERILA VELE**

(SHE/HER)

FIRST-YEAR ACCOUNTANCY MAJOR

Vele doesn’t plan to apply for loan forgiveness.

“I’m not originally from Oregon. So I pay out-of-state tuition. So it’s much higher than the in-state tuition.”

“[Student loan forgiveness] can help lessen the burdens someone might have. Because it’s not only tuition we have to worry about in college, as many of the college fees we have to pay after college.”



**TORY KAPPLE**

(HE/HIM)

FOURTH-YEAR GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR

Kapple has not applied for loan forgiveness but says he should in the future.

“[Student loan forgiveness] means a potential future. Being able to, you know, not live constantly in debt, have freedom in any capacity of the word.”

“The potential to buy a house would be great. Not living month to month, that kind of stuff.”



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# 2030 sustainable transportation strategy at OSU, combats commuter grievances

By HALEY STARK  
Reporter

The announcement of the Jen-Hsun and Lori Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex comes with many implications for Oregon State University commuters.

With the lot between the Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and the Plageman Student Health Center set to be taken over by the new building, parking spots will become increasingly sparse on campus.

Some drivers were not happy about the announcement. Barometer Assistant Editor Lara Rivera recently published a column, “Opinion: Parking on campus drives you crazy,” arguing that OSU needs to provide more parking spaces for the ones lost to new construction over the past years.

However, other students disagree that the university should invest in new parking structures, instead seeing the removal of the lot as a way to phase out cars on campus and move towards more sustainable forms of transportation.

In response to Rivera’s article, microbiology student and biker Erik Jacobsen commented that OSU needs to step up as “the leading voices in sustainability and reducing climate impact” and embrace more eco-friendly forms of commuting like biking and walking.

“If parking and inflationary fuel prices have you stressed, nothing reduces that more effectively than exercise,” Jacobsen said. “So pull on your waterproof pants, or just embrace a little nature, I guarantee you can afford it.”

Computer science student and founder of OSU’s new Bicyclist Advocacy organization Jaron Rosenau hopes that more students do just that. Rosenau, a Wisconsin native used to biking in the snow, encourages students to tough it out as the weather becomes colder and wetter.

“Biking in Oregon where it is 40 (degrees) and raining means a biker needs to put on a rain jacket and pull up their rain pants, install fenders and drop the excuses,” he said. “By starting a Bicycle Advocacy student organization, we can set the example of how pulling up our rain pants is not difficult.”

For those who do live relatively far away from campus, Rosenau maintains that they should make an effort to bike.

“The complaint I hear the most from motor vehicle drivers is that they live too far away,” Rosenau said. “My suggestion for them would be to try and bike it anyway. Take their bicycle to their local bus, take the bus into Corvallis or OSU, then bike the rest of the way to class.”

However, this way of commuting is inconvenient for many students living outside of Corvallis like Aisling Carnahan, an accounting student living in Eugene.

Carnahan’s commute to school takes 50 minutes, one that would be significantly longer if she did not drive. There is a train near her apartment that runs to Albany that she has taken in the past, but has proven to be quite inconvenient.

“I’d have to get on it at like 5:30 a.m. to be able to make it to an 8 a.m. class,” Carnahan said. It’s pretty rough. And then the next train leaves at

like 4:30 p.m. So if there were more trains, that’d be cool.”

Carnahan added that she’d like to see the Beaver Bus expand its routes in the future and that she’d take the bus if it came somewhere closer to her like Junction City.

Despite the issues faced by both drivers and non-drivers on campus, there is strong drive among students to improve these conditions. Jacobsen is hopeful that OSU will implement changes to help long-distance commuters like Carnahan do so more sustainably.

“There were things on the books about setting up a commuter or a carpool kind of network, like places where you can find people coming from similar areas and carpool together. Also state funding to increase (Corvallis Transit System) buses and public transit options for those places that are more distant,” Jacobsen said.

The plan Jacobsen refers to is OSU’s 2030 Sustainable Transportation Strategy, created in 2019. According to OSU Director of Transportation Services Meredith Williams, the university’s plan attempts to accommodate all types of commuters while promoting greener transportation.

“OSU has a goal to reduce our drive-alone rate on campus... by a third by the year 2030 and we want to do that while maintaining access for students and employees,” Williams said. “We recognize that not everyone lives in Corvallis and not everybody has access to the same transportation options, so we are actively developing options for all of the communities that access OSU.”

There are currently multiple initiatives underway to help achieve the 2030 goal both within the OSU campus and the greater Corvallis area.

Expanding bike access is a large focus for

the city and university. Washington Way will soon undergo a two year reconstruction project spanning from 15th Street to 35th Street to provide better lighting and a separated cycle track meant just for bikers. Corvallis plans on adding bikeways on 11th street, part of the city’s plan to create a low-stress bike network.

There is also progress in providing more parking spots for bikers on campus.

“We have been working with other OSU departments to explore locations for secure bike parking facilities,” Williams said. “We’ve identified three locations that could be a good fit, and there are probably others.”

The 2030 Sustainable Transportation Strategy also emphasizes the importance of public transit and actions have already been taken to make it a more viable option for students who live further away.

Both the Beaver Bus and Corvallis Transit System buses are free for anyone to ride and don’t require ID. For students in Albany, there is a specific route that just increased its daily stops.

“There is the Linn-Benton Loop which recently increased its service frequency,” Williams said. “Specifically, there’s a very direct route called the Campus Connector that runs directly between Linn-Benton Community College and OSU.”

For students living in Eugene or other cities that are outside of areas serviced by the Beaver Bus of CTS, carpooling is another option to avoid driving alone.

According to Williams, the university is working with a third party to create an app in order to facilitate the process.

Though the 2030 plan aims to significantly lower the drive-alone rate, Williams acknowledges that completely eliminating it is an impossibility for some. The price of daily parking has been cut in half to accommodate students that may not always be able to access a more sustainable form of transportation on certain days.

If students have any transportation-related concerns, Williams encourages students to reach out.

“If anyone wants to know about the transportation options available where they live, they can contact our department at [transportation@oregonstate.edu](mailto:transportation@oregonstate.edu) and we’d be happy to set up a time to tailor a conversation with them,” Williams said.



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The profile of a Toyota Prius on Nov. 16 on SW 15th St. With so many cars on campus and limited parking spaces available, other ways of transportation could be utilized such as biking, public transportation, or carpooling.

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tional Services, empathizes with international students in regards to the mixed messages they are receiving about marijuana use.

“[One message] is saying it’s okay as a state law, but marijuana is still illegal nationally,” Weber said. “It is confusing for many students.”

A place for international students — and any OSU students — for legal advice and counsel with no extra cost is the Student Legal Services, which is offered through Associated Students of Oregon State University. Staff attorney with the Student Legal Service Office Noah Chamberlain says the risks of marijuana use for international students are much steeper than U.S. citizens.

“While [international students] may still be able to legally purchase recreational marijuana here, we advise and encourage students to recognize that there may be collateral consequences to their decisions,” Chamberlain said. “Either upon their return home or if they were to somehow violate the state law.”

Chamberlain says the impacts of international students getting caught using marijuana can vary vastly, from small consequences on the state level to consequences back home or when returning to the U.S.

“Even though you are here, do not operate under the assumption that your actions and behavior here don’t have the possibility of following you home,” Chamberlain said. “If you’ve been cited criminally [for marijuana use or possession], that can have an impact on your student visa in the future.”

When entering a U.S. airport or border from a location abroad non-U.S. citizens can have social media accounts, texts and emails subject to search. There are multiple stories of non-citizens admitting to using marijuana in the U.S. in the past when asked by U.S.

Customs and Border Protection agents, only to be banned from entering the U.S.

Regarding the risk of deportation of an international student at OSU for using marijuana, Chamberlain said that each case is fact-driven and contextual.

“Any violation of federal law could result in collateral consequences to that student’s eligibility to either remain in the country, to return to the country, depending on circumstances,” Chamberlain said.

A fourth-year international student from Vietnam explained that even though they are 21, they haven’t experimented with marijuana.

“It is actually the legal consequences of marijuana use that [dissuades] a lot of international students from using it,” the student said.

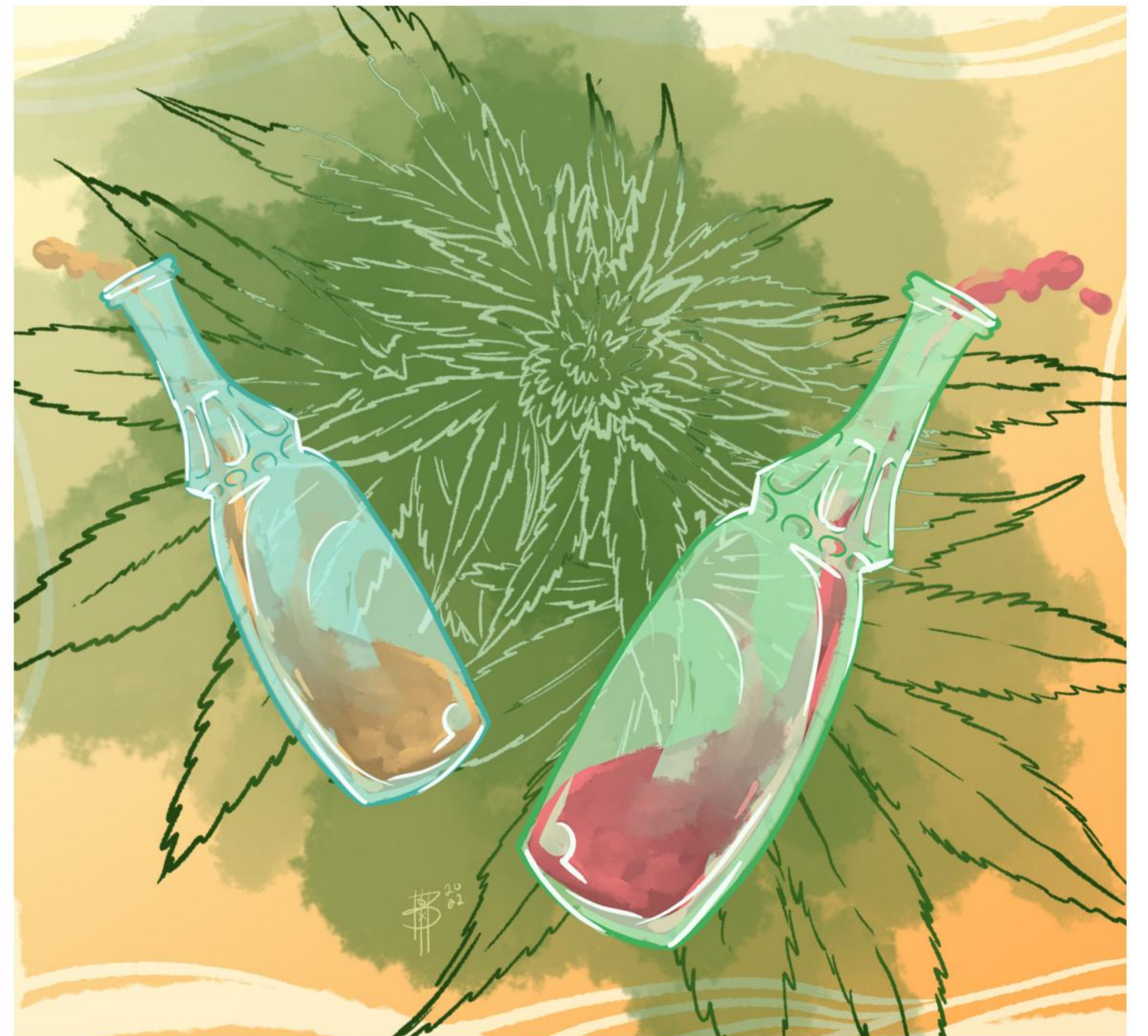
They say that in Vietnam it is illegal to buy, sell, use, transport and possess marijuana, and that the sale and purchase of marijuana is an act that constitutes the crime of illegal drug trafficking, which is severely punished by law. They do admit that they would try marijuana if they had the chance to.

Chamberlain points out that there are many other issues that international students come to Student Legal Services with, which also affect them differently than U.S. citizens.

“Whether we are talking about the use of recreational marijuana or alcohol consumption or even something as mundane as a driver’s license, insurance, car ownership, those sorts of things I highly encourage students to seek out [Student Legal Services],” Chamberlain said.

Chamberlain also says his advice can be applicable to anyone.

“I would say the same thing to any U.S. citizen wanting to travel abroad,” Chamberlain said. “You need to be aware of what the laws are where you’re going, and what’s prohibited and what’s permitted; and that if you break the law while traveling, there can be consequences for you.”



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An illustration depicting marijuana leaves and alcohol bottles. The consumption of illicit substances is up in the air for many international students.

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# How OSU handles its upkeep of historic buildings

By KATIE LIVERMORE  
News Contributor

As you walk through campus, you might hear loud crashes and bangs of construction on Milam Hall, one of Oregon State University's more historic buildings.

For some time now, Milam Hall's roof has been deteriorating, allowing leaks from above to pour inside of the building.

For students and faculty who work in these older buildings, these issues can get in the way of life.

For second-year food science graduate student Samuel Adler, one concern is the long-term reparations on the roof.

"The roof repairs on Milam seem to be taking quite a long time to get done. I believe it's been at least six months now," Adler said.

In addition, there are building needs such as heating issues and less secure locks inside the building.

"The main issue I have with Milam Hall is the heating," Adler said. "Some rooms in the lower floors can become too hot in the winter, prompting people to open up windows to cool down. It is bothersome and wasteful."

According to Adler, another antiquated issue is physical keys versus automatic locks which prove to be annoying to open, not to mention the lack of safety.

The question is how these repairs and issues in buildings on campus are managed, which turns the subject to the project management department at OSU.

"Milam Hall's east wing was completed in 1913, the central building in 1920 and the west wing in 1952," said Carrie Trant, the project coordinator at OSU. "As happens, and is expected on restoration projects of historic buildings, unforeseen conditions arise. Some surprises have come our way, which led to inconvenient and unsightly leaks."

According to Trant, the construction on

Milam Hall has been an endeavor of historic preservation including structural integrity enhancements, building maintenance and performance improvements.

As far as restoration of dilapidated buildings on campus is concerned, the OSU's ten-year capital forecast is the university's plan that analyzes buildings, landscapes, and infrastructure that supports OSU's needs, according to Erin Martin, director of Communication and Web.

Each project is evaluated on four primary criteria: advancing OSU's strategic plan, minimizing the impact on environmental and financial resources, cultivating a safer, more equitable, accessible and welcoming environment and leveraging funding, which is the ability to attract more funds for further projects.

"Funding comes from a variety of sources and is different for each project," Martin said. "Some funding sources: donor gifts,

OSU-backed bonds, state-issued bonds, capital renewal funds from the state or from education and general funds."

The projects are reviewed and updated according to OSU's chosen characteristics: comprehensive, consistent, consultative, transparent and efficient.

More buildings currently being worked on for renovations include Gilkey Hall and Graf Hall.

According to Trant, renovations for Milam Hall include new roofing systems which are currently being installed on all three of Milam Hall's roofs, complete with roofing and attic insulation required by OSU construction standards and OSU energy initiatives.

Milam Hall is one example of out-of-date buildings on campus that is moving from dilapidation to restoration. It is predicted to be completed by winter term and filled with classes once again.



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Chain link fencing surrounding the Memorial Union quad on Oct. 21. The construction in the MU quad and around Milam Hall has been a source of disruption to those traversing campus



# Adapted activity labs at OSU serve children and individuals with disabilities

By KATIE LIVERMORE  
News Contributor

While some Oregon State University students are relaxing on Friday night, others are in the Women's Building exercising. Some students are doing math problems in their classes, and others are on their hands and knees cutting electrical wire and PVC pipe.

These students are working to support children and individuals with disabilities, as OSU is home to three adapted activity lab programs: IMPACT, IMPACT for Life and Go Baby Go.

## IMPACT: PROMOTES EXERCISE IN CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

According to Jennifer Beamer, clinical assistant professor at OSU, IMPACT is a program that mainly serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities up to age 21.

IMPACT sessions are on Friday evenings in the Women's Building, and time is spent half in the gym and half in the pool. According to Beamer, there are about 55 attendees, but before COVID-19, approximately 90 individuals with disabilities attended IMPACT each week.

"It's been something special to look forward to, and seeing her so happy when we go there. And then we also get time with our five year old," said Stefanie Trask, a parent with a three-year-old daughter in IMPACT.

A team of graduate students plan each session with undergraduate students according to which individuals will attend and what their goals are for mobility and exercise.

"We're doing stations that are focused on object manipulation, throwing, catching, striking," Beamer said. "They might say, okay, we're working with Jamie on looking at her range of motion. So let's try this for her."

## IMPACT FOR LIFE: LIFELONG EXERCISE FOR INDIVIDUALS 21 AND OLDER

After an individual is older than 21 years of age, they can join IMPACT for life, which teaches lifelong exercise skills to take further into adulthood and beyond.

"We aim to get them as independent as possible in physical activity, habits, behaviors and things they enjoy, so hopefully

exposing them to different physical activity fitness opportunities," Beamer said.

## GO BABY GO: A PROGRAM TO ADAPT RIDE-ON CHILDREN'S CARS

Founded at the University of Delaware in 2011, Go Baby Go is a class and program where honors students modify ride-on children's cars according to a child's needs for mobility.

Sam Logan, associate professor of kinesiology, moved from University of Delaware to OSU and started the Go Baby Go chapter for children in the area.

Go Baby Go's class includes two sections: a lecture and a lab. In the

lecture, students discuss their research article readings about ride-on cars, mobility, technology and their connection to child development and behavior.

The lab section focuses on student groups modifying a ride-on children's car based on a child's needs. Each group meets with a family in the Portland area and their child's clinician, and they formulate an adaptation plan for the car during the rest of the term's lab section.

One of the main modifications are large, easy to press buttons used to propel the car forward.

"A lot of times these cars will come with foot pedals. And it can be really hard for children with disabilities to press the foot pedal to make it go," Logan said.

A second common modification is creating low-cost seating supports using PVC pipe, kickboards, and velcro for safety and support.

The reason why these cars are specially adapted is because there is a lack of mobility solutions for a reasonable price. For motorized wheelchairs ages three and above, the base price is approximately \$17,000.

"The goal really, is that if a complex medical rehab company were to make a device that could replace the ride-on cars, that was affordable for families," Logan said.

Instead, Logan believes when Go Baby Go is no longer needed to adapt ride-on cars, his work will be done.

One of Logan's favorite moments at Go Baby Go was from his early research studies with a girl with cerebral vision impairment.

Her family wasn't sure how far she could see in front of her, but one day, using her modified car, she spotted an orange cat about thirty feet away and drove over to it.

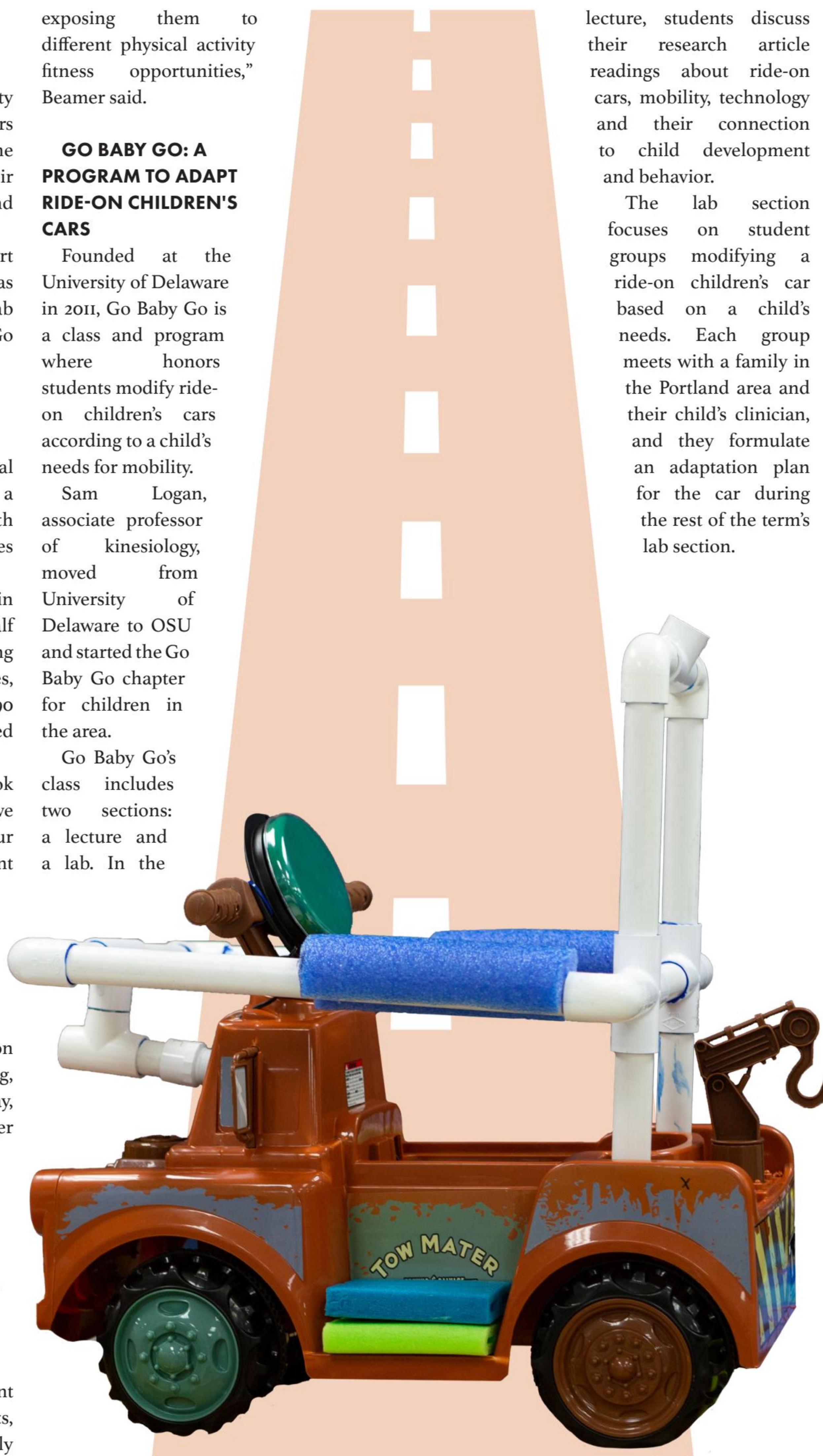
"It was the first time they really saw she was using her mobility for such a direct action and didn't know she could see that far," Logan said. "It really changed the whole perception of the family about what she could see, which led to changes and opportunities for her to use the car. They adopted the cat, and it's now part of the family."

Many of the children who receive the modified cars are patients at Oregon Health and Science University and their cars are delivered to them at the end of the term.

"Especially for kids with disabilities, it gives a good experience for the college students to be able to work with those kids and know that there's so many different abilities or personalities that help shape our society," Trask said.

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A closer look at the progress on the cart being modified by Ryan Schofield (senior), Robert Allen (sophomore), and Riley Browning (senior) on Nov. 8th at the IMPACT lab located at Oregon State University.



# Tired of waiting in line to get lunch at the MU? Check out Rocket Burger

By JORGE NADER  
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Picture this: it's lunch time and you are walking across the MU in search of a place to eat, and unsurprisingly you find a very long line at Panda Express. You're tired and hungry. So you have two options, you can accept your fate and wait in line while you die slowly inside with every second that passes or you can go around and look for another place to eat.

If you decide to look around, you will find a new burger place right next to Panda Express. Its name is Rocket Burger and it's been open since Sept. 28 of this year.

So what is Rocket Burger?

"The Rocket Burger concept centers on serving a simple burger and sides where everything is cooked fresh, quickly, with quality ingredients and at an appealing cost," said Jaime Herrera, executive chef and assistant director of University Housing & Dining Services. "The menu is largely built for speed, serving high-volume during peak meal times to help give students a quick, hot, grab-and-go meal when they don't have time to wait in long lines in-between classes."

Okay so they sell burgers. What else is on the menu?

"The Rocket Burger food profile is based on quality ingredients," Herrera said. "While we offer limited customization, there are some options for a burger without sauce or cheese or even with a gluten-free bun. We intend to focus on speed of service, great simple food

and offerings that include a delicious veggie burger, salad options, and American-style fast food."

Rocket Burger also puts special effort in sourcing their ingredients locally and making their menu both vegan and allergen friendly.

"The ingredients used at Rocket Burger are high quality, including 100% grass-fed beef from Oregon, chicken meat with no fillers, fresh produce in our made-to-order salads and a veggie burger chosen for its quality. Our veggie burger also features a house-made sauce," Herrera said.

Additionally, Rocket Burger helps the student population by employing a growing number of student workers such as Angel Garcia, who works as a marketing intern at Rocket Burger while studying engineering.

"Is a good way to take my mind out of

studying while getting some job experience," Garcia said.

Garcia's job is to up engagement for Rocket Burger, making sure students are aware of the restaurant and that it exists in place of what was an empty space for nearly two years.

"There are roughly 12 student employees within Rocket Burger and that's soon to grow. This adds to the over 1,400 student employees currently working for UHDS across our operations," Herrera added.

Overall Rocket Burger is a good place to get your food fast and easy while not breaking the bank. It has a decent variety of burgers and American style food with vegan and gluten free options. So, if you have a busy schedule or want to try something new, go to the MU between 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and check out Rocket Burger.

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Employees working at Rocket Burger in the Memorial Union at Oregon State University on Oct. 20th. Although you can get vegetarian options at Rocket Burger, they do not offer vegan options.

# OSU climate report says humanity is in a climate crisis

By NINO PAOLI  
News Contributor

The report, “World Scientists’ Warning of a Climate Emergency 2022,” published in the *BioScience* journal on Oct. 26, warns that 16 of 35 planetary vital signs point to a climate crisis.

As trends in variables such as CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, world population, global tree cover loss and energy consumption continue to increase, the report says that the effects of climate change, which disrupt tens of millions of people presently, have been increasing in frequency and intensity.

The lead authors, William Ripple, a distinguished professor of ecology at OSU, and postdoctoral researcher Christopher Wolf were joined by fellow OSU scientists and international scientists who are credited as co-authors on the report.

This report comes as a follow-up to “World Scientists’ Warning of a Climate Emergency 2021,” which Ripple and Wolf were lead authors on as well.

“We are now seeing many climate-related disasters, including widespread floods, wildfires, and extreme heat,” Wolf said. “It is very likely that these disasters will continue to increase in frequency and severity, leading to further human suffering. So, we feel that it is important to acknowledge that we are in the midst of a climate emergency.”

In 2021, Ripple and Wolf compiled data from sources including the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, The World Bank, and NASA, on 16 planetary vital signs they thought would best reflect the state of climate change. The 2022 report adds to these compiled datasets, and explores how the effects of climate change are affecting communities today.

Matthew Betts, a professor in the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at OSU, is a co-author on the 2022 report, and stresses the importance of the report’s focus on “untold human suffering.”

“One of the parts of this paper that wasn’t emphasized much [in Ripple and Wolf’s previous papers on climate change] is that this really is a global equity issue,” Betts said. “The problem is that it’s all of us in the developed world that are burning most of the carbon, and it’s people in developing countries that will pay the price.”

In fact, Ripple says that people in developing countries are already paying the price of climate-related disasters. Ripple points out deadly heat waves that ravaged



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An illustration depicting a van driving through a dying forest created on Nov. 18. OSU recently announced that the climate of the globe is in a state of emergency.

Pakistan and India in March and April of this year.

“In the paper we recorded climate-related disasters for the year 2022,” Ripple said. “By this last summer, there were deadly floods in Pakistan that killed over 1,000 people and flooded roughly a third of the country, impacting 33 million people including 16 million children.”

Ripple and Wolf agree that it is important to consider international perspectives when reporting on an issue like climate change, which affects all of humanity, but some places more than others.

“Because of the global nature of climate change and how its effects vary spatially, having a diverse group of international co-authors was a top priority,” Wolf said. “Their insights helped ensure that our study is globally relevant and that our proposed steps for climate mitigation are realistic and equitable.”

Ripple and Wolf hope that their updated report will have the same reach as their previous works, papers on climate change they have been periodically releasing to remind policymakers and the general public of the mounting climate crisis, their most

previous installment being the 2021 report. Their 2019 installment in the series has been co-signed by over 14,000 scientists from 158 countries.

Currently, their 2022 report has been reported on by 107 news outlets around the world, and has reached over 4 million people on Twitter through people retweeting the link to the report.

Betts explains that these constant climate updates Ripple and Wolf put out demand attention because of their consistency.

“The key objective here was to keep bringing it up,” Betts said. “The 24-hour news cycle is brutal. People will hear about something really important and then it’s forgotten within days.”

Ripple and Wolf find some solace in the numbers they have combed through to compile this report. Namely, there is a “dramatic rise” in institutional divestment from fossil fuel companies in many countries. Betts agrees that there is room for hope, if this hope is met with efficient and coordinated efforts to decrease greenhouse gas emissions.

“We’re gradually coming up with solutions,” Betts said. “Is it fast enough right now? No, it’s not. But even the rate of

improvement is increasing.”

A film entitled “The Scientist’s Warning” was released concurrently with the 2022 report, and shows how climate change is crippling developing countries.

Betts notes that developed countries are experiencing environmental phenomena too, such as the Oregon heat dome June 24-29 of this year that killed at least 96 people.

“Catastrophic climate change has arrived and the situation is very likely to get much worse in the short- and intermediate-term,” Wolf said. “To avoid the most dangerous future scenarios, we need transformative and socially just changes across many aspects of society.”

Betts says that climate change is happening at a rate that hasn’t been seen for thousands of years, and that it’s known to be caused by human emissions.

“We’re already seeing some pretty nasty things that are happening as a function of climate change. If you think about it, we’ve really only warmed about 1 degree Celsius, and we could be warming up to 2 and a half; so if we are seeing these changes already, it highlights the need to change our behavior, and quickly,” Betts said.

# Concussions & Community: Rolling through life



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Naomi Asbock and Marena Clark-Lazaire go head to head during a practice short track derby at club practice on Nov. 14. Asbock joined the new PAC class to learn how to skate.

By AUDREY ANDERSON  
News Contributor

When Jade Minzlaff, a 4th-year chemical engineering student at Oregon State University, is asked about her favorite sport, she answers with roller derby.

Many others when asked what their favorite sport is, will reply with answers such as football, basketball, soccer and sometimes even golf, but Minzlaff's answer is shared by a group at OSU.

To most, roller derby might seem like a sport that promotes aggression and wearing fishnet tights. That roller derby is for the outcasts that break the rules and can't function properly in our so-called real world.

To Minzlaff, commonly known by her derby name "Gorilla Warfare," roller derby is much more. Jade and many others have found a community within OSU that promotes unity, encouragement and positivity.

OSU has been taking strides to provide

unique opportunities to students and promote fascinating sports like roller derby.

They have teamed up with the Sick Town Derby Dames, the local roller derby league, and a volunteer-run non-profit organization in Corvallis, to create a Roller Skate and Derby Skills Physical Activity Course class and a roller derby club.

The Roller Skate and Derby Skills PAC class is offered during the fall, winter and spring terms and allows around 30 OSU students to learn the fundamentals of skating and roller derby.

The class teaches various skills, including how to safely fall while roller skating, perform specific stops and bumps in roller derby.

Along with teaching

valuable skills and performing particular drills, the PAC class also incorporates the interesting and physical so-called hot dog tag game, a game in which lying on the ground and screaming, "I need buns," is highly encouraged.

The roller derby club is a student-led club that focuses on educating others about roller derby and becoming a pivotal part of the roller derby community.

At this time, the roller derby club cannot hold skating sessions as they are not covered by insurance.

Still, they are making headway in providing members opportunities to contribute to the Sick Town Derby Dames by volunteering acts and advertising to the public.

Julia Colling, also known as "Smear" and as a chemical engineering student at OSU expresses, "I've learned how to get more involved with the community. We do a lot of

community service and fundraising."

Malinda Shell, the current president of Sick Town Derby Dames and Instructor of the Derby Skill PAC class, explains, "We're trying to provide things for students to do, and we find that a lot of people just want to skate."

Malinda, known as "Malicious" along with Adrienne Ewanchyna, the Head of Training for the Sick Town Derby Dames and bearer of the name "Blade," believes that the offered PAC class at OSU provides community members with a safe environment that is welcoming to all and teaches essential life skills.

Randalynn Keeny, a sophomore studying Marine biology and commonly known as "Killer Tidalwave" confirmed that she has grown as a person claiming, "I've had issues

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Julia Colling derby name "Smear," races away from the pack during derby club practice on Nov. 14. Colling is in her last term of chemical engineering at OSU.

where I push myself a little too much or too hard and put a lot on my plate, but it [roller derby] helps me with that."

She also explained how her confidence in herself has grown since starting roller derby, now running for secretary of the roller derby club and becoming a pivotal part of her sorority.

Another claim by Adrienne Ewanchya and Malinda Shell is that roller derby promotes body positivity and empowerment.

"I think it's just changed my perception of how I feel about myself," Ewanchya said.

I can be a little bit heavier, but I could still be fit. I could still be strong. It is a sport where body types of all shapes and sizes are a benefit," Ewanchya explained.

The Sick Town Derby Dames and the instructors of the PAC class encourage all students to clap when others fall and cheer for each other while they're doing laps or other challenging activities.

Morgan O'Rourke-Liggett, a grad student in the Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Department and a new skater called "Critical Roller," described, "Falling means that you pushed yourself and that you are trying harder to push yourself."

Instead of looking down upon others when they fall or mess up, the Roller Skate and Derby Skills PAC class inspires people to realize human imperfections and acknowledge the strength one has for getting up and continuing with such a physically demanding sport.

Self-expression and one's ability to be themselves are essential to the Sick Town Derby Dames, according to Marena Clark-Lazaire, commonly known as "ClobberHer."

Marena, who has played roller derby for about ten years and is finishing up an animal science major at Oregon State, claims, "We all have our quirks, and we mesh well together."

To the Sick Town Derby Dames, finding oneself and feeling comfortable in your skin is much more important than blocking the jammer or scoring points.

With growing interest and awareness of Roller derby within the OSU community, Malinda and Adrienne, along with many others, encourage all to experience the benefits of roller derby firsthand by joining the PAC class, roller derby club or skating with some friends at one of their many open skate events.



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Julia Colling derby name "Smear," races ahead of her opponent and coach Malinda Shell derby name Malicious during derby club practice on Nov. 14. Shell is also currently one of the class instructors and the president of the Sick Town Derby Dames roller derby team.

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# Oregon-Oregon State rivalry finds a new name after being set for 83 years



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An illustration depicting an Oregon State University football helmet and University of Oregon football helmet facing off against one another. With the recent controversy of the game's previous name.

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Sports Contributor

Dating back to 1894, the intense rivalry between the Corvallis school and the opposing school in Eugene began with a scrimmage, when the then Oregon Agricultural College Coyotes won against the then University of Oregon Lemon-Yellows in a score of 16-0.

It wasn't until 1916 when Oregon State College switched its mascot to the Beaver that the school's yearbook renamed itself "The Beaver" after the state animal.

The name "Civil War," however, didn't come along till long after the first game. As the inaugural game continued to take place, it began to draw more and more attention with

over 15,000 spectators in Multnomah Stadium (now Providence Park) in 1908.

With many new and dedicated fans coming into the picture, it wasn't uncommon for fans to get too carried away. With the definition of a civil war being a war between citizens of the same country or state, the UO football coach John McEwan (1926-1929) felt it would be a fitting title since it was the rivalry of two schools in the same state.

Before it was deemed the "Civil War", many people would refer to the game as either the "Oregon Classic" or "State Championship Game." People began to shift to using the term "the Civil War" in 1938 when the nickname about the war began to pick up traction after the OSC publication "The Beaver" referred to

the game as "the Civil War" when discussing the 1937 season.

As of 2020, this game has been played 125 times placing it in the top ten most-played college football series.

Two years ago in 2020, the two schools came together and agreed to revoke the renowned title when the murders of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd had been brought to light alongside the entire Black Lives Matter movement.

With input from both the current and former athletes, the schools concluded the name "Civil War" still has ties back to the United States Civil War and slavery, despite not being related.

Previous OSU president Ed Ray released a statement regarding the decision shortly after:

"Changing this name is overdue as it represents a connection to a war fought to perpetuate slavery. While not intended as reference to the actual Civil War, OSU sports competition should not provide any misconstrued reference to this divisive episode in American history. That we did not act before to change the name was a mistake. We do so now, along with other important actions to advance equal opportunity and justice for all and in recognition of Black Lives Matter," Ray said.

Continuing into the future, and confirmed by Football Athletic Communications Member Shawn Schoeffler: "It's called the Rivalry Series."

The Rivalry Series is set to be the branded name moving forward, agreed upon between both OSU and the UO. The new name holds no connection to the mistreatment of African Americans and is placed to only focus on the football rivalry between the two schools.

## STAT BOX

- The Ducks lead the overall series at 67-48-10 as of the end of the 2021 season
- Longest win streak: Oregon State, 8 (1964-1971)
- 2020: After dropping behind by 12 entering the fourth quarter, Jermar Jefferson led the Beavers to an improbable 41-38 win on a foggy night in Corvallis in front of an empty stadium, knocking the Ducks out of playoff contention and notching the Beavers' first victory over a ranked opponent since 2014
- The last time both teams were ranked entering the rivalry matchup was 2012, where the No. 5 Ducks beat the No. 15 Beavers 48-24

# Examination of Corvallis's microshelter situation

By SKAND S.  
News Contributor

Affordable housing and addressing homelessness were one of the major issues during the midterm elections this year throughout Oregon. Alongside inflation and gas hikes, the worker shortage in case management has further exacerbated the housing situation in Corvallis.

Corvallis has been consistently ranked as the most rent-burdened city in Oregon, meaning it has the highest number of households that pay more than 30% of their income for rent.

The City of Corvallis has been experimenting with using microshelters to address the situation of affordable housing. Microshelters are transitional housing, an intermediate step to permanent housing.

According to the Executive Director of Unity Shelter Shawn Collins, microshelters are basically sleeping units.

Unity Shelter is a non-profit organization that manages these microshelters. Under the city permits, microshelters are limited to 120 square feet with the smaller units being of size eight by 12 feet with a front porch and the larger units being eight by 15 feet.

Every microshelter location is also accompanied by a service unit where people can prepare food and includes cleaning supplies, refrigerators and microwave ovens. Each unit costs about \$16,000 including construction and installation and from a permit perspective, microshelters are treated as food trucks by the county.

Across the six locations, there are 31 microshelters in Corvallis and 10 of them are larger units that are typically occupied by a couple or a parent and a child.

Microshelters emerged from a program that Unity Shelter operates called the SafePlace. It was formerly called SafeCamp. SafeCamp started as a project to provide housing in the form of tents.

According to Collins, SafeCamp was intended to create a safe space for literal camping.

However, owing to the difficulties faced in getting the tent heated up, SafeCamp tried multiple alternatives. From this emerged the idea of having microshelters. The current microshelters have both heating and air conditioning units.

Microshelters provide an intermediate step of living indoors again for people who are transitioning out of long-term homelessness, which can be as long as 10 years for some.

“Part of the transition is learning how to live around other people again [and] learning how to share space,” Collins said.

Unity Shelter takes an alternative route of not having any fixed time for the people to live, unlike some other transitional housing programs that have a limit of 90 days. Some people have been living for as long as two and a half years in the microshelters.

Despite Unity Shelter not having a fixed time for the people to live within microshelters, it has already successfully helped 50% of the residents to move out to stable housing since January 2021 according to Collins.

While Unity Shelter has seen significant success with transitioning people, the demand for microshelters continues to grow. Unity Shelter has served 26% more people from January to October this year compared to last year. The current waitlist for microshelters is around 180.

The microshelters are allotted on a priority basis that considers several factors such as medical needs, how long the applicant has been homeless and background checks.

“It’s a weighted list — in the sense that we look at people’s vulnerabilities and that kind of raises them to the top of the list rather than first-come-first-serve,” Collins said.

Prior criminal records might be a barrier to getting housing according to Collins which is, for example, why there is a dedicated location that can handle people who have previously been sex offenders.

For Collins, applications with criminal records should be weighed both with the safety of other residents in mind along with the applicants’ need for housing.

Currently, five out of the six locations are managed by various churches in the city. The permit for microshelters allows up to four microshelters to be placed within city limits on a church property or business property.

“The churches are sort of like the property manager and we are the people manager,” Collins said.

Churches typically provide bathroom facilities, trash, and potable drinking water to the residents of microshelters.

Two such microshelter units are managed by the Good Samaritan Church. The microshelter program started in summer of this year and has hosted four families who have moved out to permanent housing.

“It has been great to see them transition out of the shelters and into more permanent

situations,” said Ruth Krueger, a Minister for Parish Life at the Good Samaritan Church.

The major costs that incur are the monthly porta potty and electricity charges. The supplies for the service unit have been donated through a collection drive.

Since there was no existing program in Corvallis, Unity Shelter had to go through the process of getting a conditional permit from the city government for microshelters. This involved a multi-month process of setting up applications, negotiating with the county officials, and conducting public hearings.

According to Collins, setbacks during the early public hearings led Unity Shelter to arrange monthly meetings with the representatives of the neighborhood housing association to resolve the issues they had.

As of now, all the concerns have been addressed by Unity Shelter and “there are

times where we don’t meet because we don’t have any issues,” Collins said.

Krueger has also had a similar experience, “It’s been really positive ... we haven’t had a single problem — so we are here to help resolve problems if they happen but we haven’t gotten any,” she said.

Collins believes that it is also important to support people once they are out of microshelters to permanent housing because “suddenly being on your own, paying your own bills, managing a household — it’s a lot.”

According to Collins, there often exists a language that describes homeless people almost as if they are another species.

“[Almost as if] they have different kinds of values and no sense of morality... the reality is they are people in need and part of what they need is the dignity of being able to have safe places,” Collins said.



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Executive Director of Unity Shelters, Shawn Collins, stands in front of a two-bed microshelter at the Safeplace Unity Transitional Microshelters site on Nov. 15. The Safeplace microshelters too small to be considered tiny homes according to local building code, but after working with the city and county, Unity Shelters has been able to fully certify and permit the site for shelter use.

# What changes can Oregonians expect from incoming governor Tina Kotek?

By WES FLOW  
News Contributor

Oregonians have elected Tina Kotek to be their next governor, and the governor-elect will face several policy challenges, from houselessness to education and healthcare issues.

Kotek, a Democrat, defeated Republican challenger Christine Drazan and Independent candidate Betsy Johnson. Kotek served as speaker of the house in the Oregon Legislature until January.

Kotek, who joins New Hampshire Governor-Elect Maura Healy as the nation's only openly lesbian governors, replaces term-limited Democrat Kate Brown.

"I think much of the policy content will be similar to the Brown Administration, but Kotek's governing style will differ," said Benton County Commissioner Xanthippe Augerot. "I hope that Kotek will forge public-private partnerships, and work to incentivize the private sector to help meet policy goals."

## HEALTHCARE CHANGES

Commissioner Augerot expects major changes in leadership across state agencies, particularly the Oregon Health Authority.

"That may slow down the delivery of essential funding streams for county services," Augerot said. "But may lead to better local-state partnerships down the road."

One area that needs better state-county communication is public health and mental health services, Augerot says.

"Over my past six years in office, the Governor and Legislature have often not



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Democratic candidate for Governor of Oregon, Tina Kotek speaks to a crowd of students and community members at the Oregon State Memorial Ballroom on October 24, 2022 in Corvallis. Kotek answered questions from students addressing multiple pertinent issues including abortion access and climate change.

taken county capacity and service delivery systems into account," Augerot said. "One size fits all' policies and funding mechanisms... simply don't work for us in Benton County."

However, the state has improved in some areas of healthcare over the past decade.

The number of Oregonians with health insurance rose from 85.4% in 2011 to 95.4% in 2021, according to Chunhwei Chi, director of Oregon State University's Center for Global Health and a professor in OSU's College of Public Health and Human Sciences.

Oregon expanded Medicaid coverage through the Oregon Health Plan to achieve this, Chi said. According to Chi, Kotek supported the expansion of the OHP as a legislator, which extended coverage to approximately 100,000 Oregonians.

"I am confident that she will put more focus on OHP to achieve her health priorities," Chi said.

According to the Kotek campaign's website, Tina for Oregon, Kotek's priorities include reducing the number of Oregonians without health insurance.

Oregon's uninsured rate in 2021 was 4.6%, according to Chi. In 2021, the uninsured rate was 6.6% in the 36 states that have expanded Medicaid coverage, of which Oregon is one, and 12.7% in states that hadn't, with a national average of 8.3%.

"This is a very remarkable achievement," Chi said. "Oregon was doing much better than most states."

According to Chi, Oregon's public health systems, another area of focus for Kotek, have had several weaknesses exposed in them.

"The structural challenge that most states' public health systems... face is systematic underfunding in public health, which leads to the under-development of public health infrastructure," Chi said.

The Kotek campaign has also stated that Kotek intends to increase access to

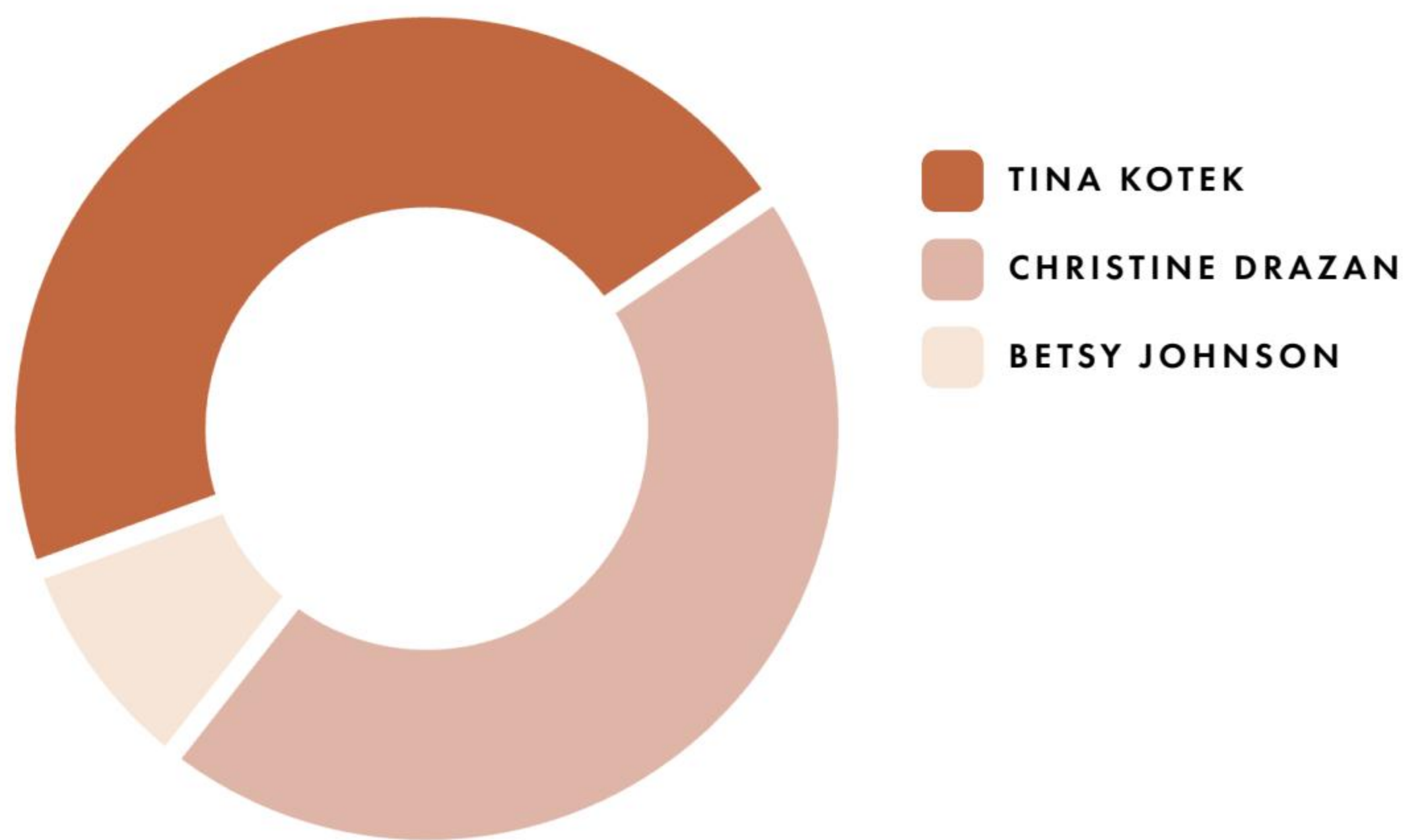


**% of votes & vote count for Oregon governor by candidate**

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CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES	%
TINA KOTEK	DEMOCRATIC	902,382	47.0%
CHRISTINE DRAZAN	REPUBLICAN	835,587	43.6%
BETSY JOHNSON	INDEPENDENT	165,619	8.6%
OTHER		14,496	0.8%

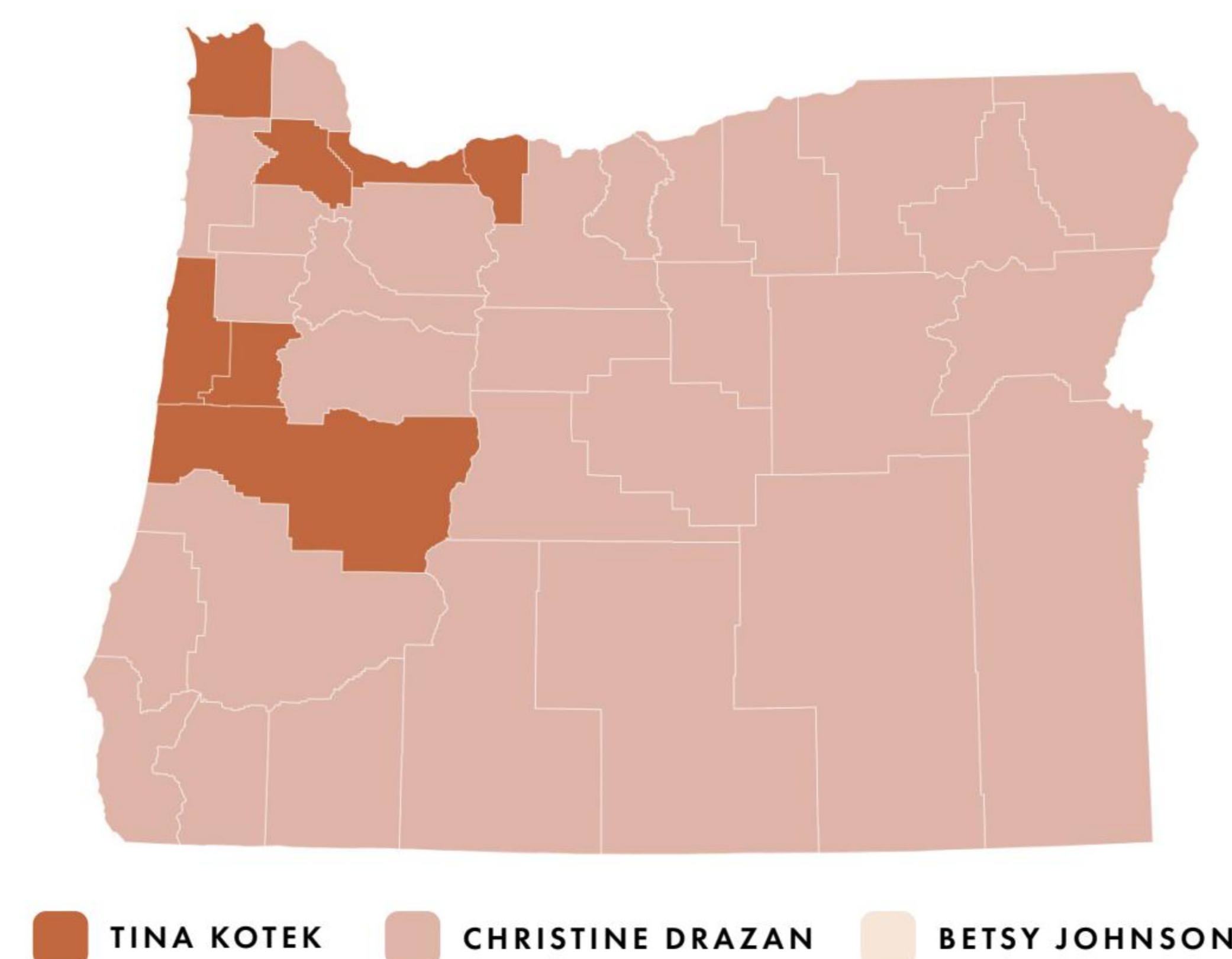
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healthcare in rural Oregon communities.

“On average, the rural populations in most communities have poorer health...which translates into greater health promotion and healthcare needs,” Chi said. “At the same time, they also face a lower level of financial... and geographical access to healthcare.”

The passage of Oregon Measure III, which amends the Oregon Constitution to require the state ensures access to affordable healthcare, presents another significant challenge for Kotek.

**HOUSELESSNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH**

According to her campaign, Kotek also plans to expand mental health and substance abuse services statewide. In particular, Kotek supports improving access to these services for Oregonians experiencing houselessness, a policy that Andrea Myhre, Executive Director of Corvallis Housing First, thinks is an important measure.

Myhre said it would be important for Kotek to “continue to support more funding and better systems for mental health, substance use treatment, residential treatment options, affordable housing and shelter funding.”

Myhre says that Oregon lawmakers have taken steps to counter houselessness, including increasing funding for affordable housing and shelters, but also that state support for innovative strategies and policies is important.

“Supporting more innovative approaches like Project Turnkey will be important,” Myhre said.

Project Turnkey is an ongoing statewide plan to convert unused motels and hotels in shelters for unhoused Oregonians.

The project began in 2020, when the Oregon Legislature allocated \$65 million in state funding to the effort, according to a 2021 press release from the Oregon House Democrats.

Kotek supported the project as speaker of

the house, her campaign says.

**EDUCATION**

Kotek also intends to make changes to Oregon’s education system, reducing standardized testing in favor of “real-time assessments to monitor student learning” and requiring high school students complete courses on financial literacy and life skills.

“Governor-Elect Kotek’s educational priorities are good,” said Corvallis School Board Chair Sarah Finger McDonald. However, McDonald has concerns about the state’s education policies.

“We need to change how we ask school districts to fund facilities improvements,” McDonald said. “We’re lucky in Corvallis that our community supported a bond so we could rebuild and renovate our schools... other districts where bonds do not pass or where they have a small tax base are not able to improve their school facilities.”

According to McDonald, this could be alleviated with state grants and funding, something Kotek may be amenable to.

“I have heard Gov. Elect Kotek touch on this issue when she talks about education,” McDonald said. “I hope she recognizes facility improvements are part of the way we support students.”

Another education goal of the Kotek campaign is raising statewide graduation rates to 90% by 2027.

“I think this is feasible,” McDonald said. “I’d like the goal to be graduating 100% of our students.”


According to McDonald, Corvallis students have benefited from summer programs, which don’t currently receive separate funding from the state.

“School districts need permanent funding of summer programming separate from the school general fund,” McDonald said. “I asked Governor-Elect Kotek about funding summer programs...and she expressed strong support.”

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**% of votes for Oregon ballot measures**

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**MEASURE 111**

Enshrine Right to Health Care in State Constitution



**MEASURE 112**

Remove Constitutional Language Allowing Slavery as Punishment



**MEASURE 113**

Disqualify Legislators from Reelection Based on Attendance



**MEASURE 114**

Strengthen Firearm Regulations

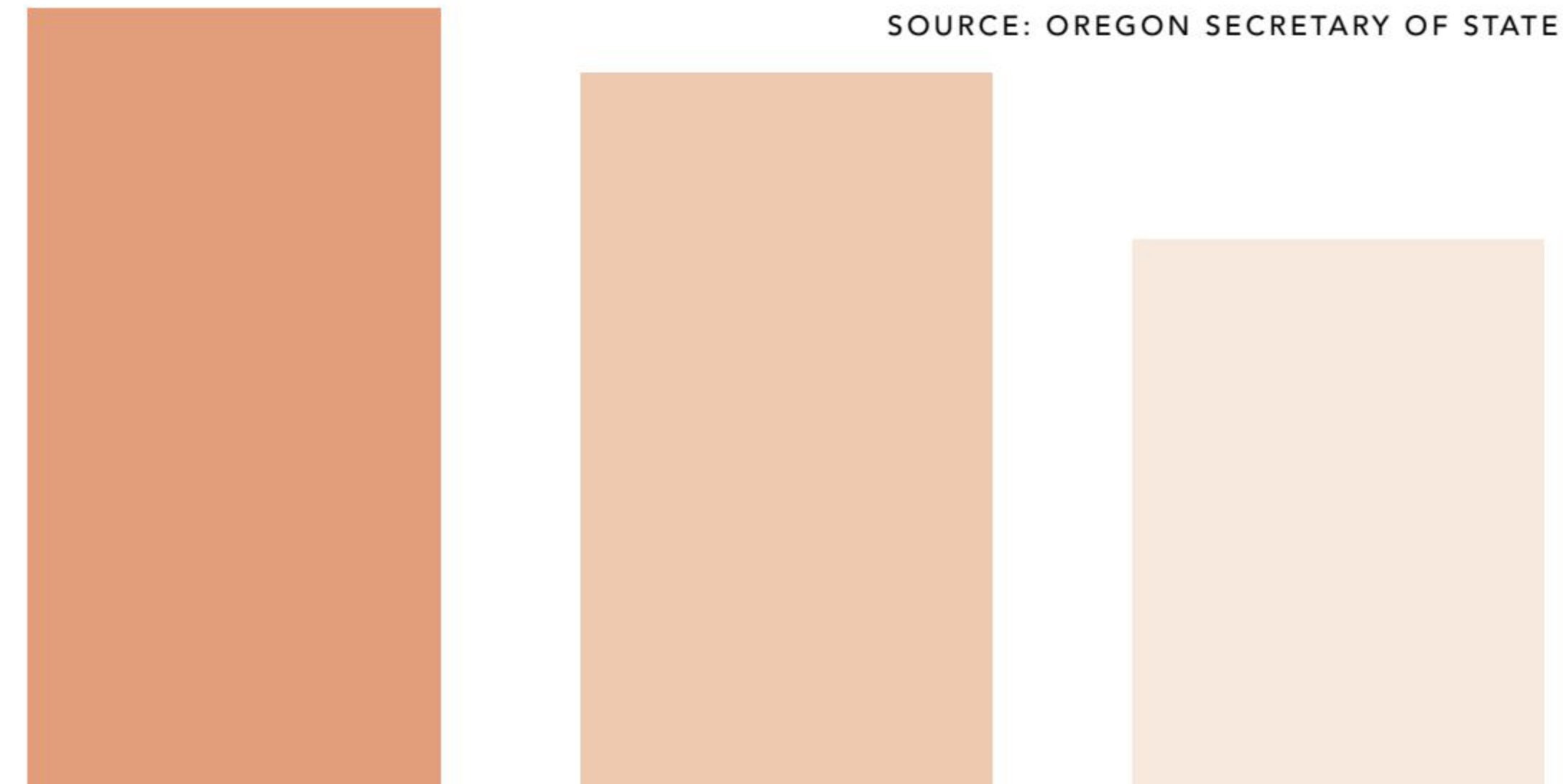


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**% of votes for City of Corvallis mayor - 1st choice**

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**38.13% CHARLES MAUGHAN**      **34.42% ANDREW STRUTHERS**      **26.62% ROEN HOGG**

Charles Maughan remains in the lead over his opponents Andrew Struthers and Roen Hogg, who trail behind, respectively. Due to Corvallis' Ranked Choice Voting system, one of the three candidates must get 50% of the votes in order to move forward as the mayor-elect.

Since no candidate currently holds 50% of the vote, the county will recount the votes redistributing them to only the first and second place candidates. A final decision is expected in early-to-mid December.

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# Corvallis residents share hopes for next year

By GINNIE SANDOVAL  
News Contributor

As 2022 comes to a close, Corvallis residents share how the last year has impacted them and what their hopes are for the coming new year.

For Corvallis' younger and older generations, the last year has come with both big and small changes. Oregon State University freshman, Nicholas Piscopo, says that he has undergone many changes this year.

"It's been really great. It's nice to get away from computers and finally feel normal again," Piscopo said.

After spending at least half of his time in high school virtually learning, he now gets to enjoy living in the dorms and going to classes in person. Next year he looks forward to continuing to have a normal education and potentially living off campus.

As for Beth Walls, a retired Corvallis resident, things this year have pretty much stayed the same.

"I haven't changed anything," Walls said. "I still go out and do my normal activities."

Walls delivers for Meals on Wheels in Albany and since they never shut down, she continued doing what she does.

Next year, Walls hopes things will change enough to be able to enjoy life a little more.

In March of this year, Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and since then, many businesses have had to start again. Corvallis resident for twelve years Elisa Streicher works at Sabor,

a small business owned by her sister, selling sweet and savory Tamales at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays.

Streicher said that when the restrictions were lifted, they hoped to get back to the way it was before, but found they were faced with many new obstacles presenting in the business of food.

"It's like we're starting all over again," Streicher said. "At first, it was hard because people were still scared of getting sick, but sales have started to get better the more confident people are about being out."

This year, Streicher realized that even with the mandate no longer in place, people are more hesitant to eat food prepared outside of a restaurant. So now, even though their tamales are frozen, they take extra precautions and are always making sure their customers know that their tamales are prepared with extreme care.

As for next year, Streicher said there is some concern over talk about an impending recession.

"Things are getting much more expensive. The price of chicken compared to last year is twice as much. It's the same thing with pork and vegetables," Streicher said.

They also have difficulty obtaining the products they need because, with all the employee shortages, there are no drivers to deliver the materials for the distribution trucks.

Despite these potential worries, Streicher still has hopes that next year will continue to get better.

One Corvallis business owner says that they were lucky enough to continue to thrive during the pandemic. April Hall-Cutting, owner of Wild Yeast Bakery, has lived in Corvallis for 15 years and opened Wild Yeast Bakery nine years ago.

"People kept eating during covid, so our sales never dropped off," Hall-Cutting said.

Wild Yeast Baking Company provides direct delivery services to their customers and has a stand every Saturday at the Farmer's Market. Hall-Cutting says this all contributed to their continued growth and strength during the pandemic.

This year, with the restrictions lifted, Wild Yeast Bakery has continued to do even better and is finally able to open a physical location in Corvallis.

As for next year's expectations, Hall-Cutting says there is some concern over higher prices and having to raise their own to meet them.

"I'm sad about that. But people are always going to need to eat and our bread is organic and made from really high-quality ingredients," Hall-Cutting said.

Hall-Cutting believes that the quality of their bread and pastries along with their reputation, they will get through the unforeseeable future.

While next year may be unpredictable, one Corvallis resident is very optimistic. Linn Benton Community College student and long-time Senior Employee for Wild Yeast Bakery, Ciera Hilkey, talks about going to college during and after the pandemic.

"When I would go to the campus, there'd be nobody there because most people were still online," Hilkey said. "I'm in student leadership and this is the first year where I have in-person classes, so it's all been really exciting school-wise."

Hilkey said that being a part of student leadership has been really fun because she finally gets to help plan events again. Next year she looks forward to managing a larger course load and steadily moving upward.

"I plan to just continue having a positive outlook on life and working on myself," Hilkey said.



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Nicholas Piscopo a freshman at OSU, talks to reporter Ginnie Sandoval in downtown Corvallis on Nov. 10. Piscopo spoke about looking forward to this year and beyond at OSU.



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Beth Walls a local retiree, talks to reporter Ginnie Sandoval in downtown Corvallis on Nov. 10. Walls spends her time volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program.

# Opinión: Para ser un país diverso, más de la población necesita ser bilingüe



Alexander Banks  
*Opinion Piece*

En Nigeria hay más de quinientos idiomas. A comparación, solo alrededor del veinte por ciento de la población habla un idioma que no sea inglés en casa.

Además, más del cincuenta por ciento de los nigerianos hablan inglés. ¿Por qué los estadounidenses no quieren aprender otros idiomas?

La lengua es una herramienta muy importante en la evolución de los seres humanos. Los idiomas se usan para conectar con gente y construir comunidades. Antes de la comunicación verbal, resolvíamos nuestras diferencias con puños.

¿Qué más se puede hacer? Desafortunadamente, unos países toman las lenguas más seriamente que otros.

Emily Davis-Malewitz, una instructora de español en Oregon State University, dijo “Hay muchos patrones observables en español, y parece un rompecabezas para armar.”

Davis-Malewitz nunca se imaginó que sería una profesora de español. Ella comenzó a aprender español en la secundaria y siguió en la universidad.

Davis-Malewitz obtuvo su licenciatura de español en 2003, y una maestría en literatura de español en 2008.

Davis-Malewitz dijo que aunque uno sea un buen estudiante, nada lo puede preparar a uno para el mundo real.

De hecho, desde aprender español y viajar, Davis-Malewitz ha desarrollado una empatía

más profunda para la gente que quiere aprender idiomas, incluyendo inmigrantes en los Estados Unidos.

“Yo lo viví en España,” Davis-Malewitz dijo. “Todo es difícil porque no tenemos el idioma para comunicar todo lo que necesitamos,” Davis-Malewitz dijo.

Bradley Boovy, director del programa internacional de OSU, recibió dos licenciaturas en español y alemán. Luego siguió a obtener su maestría en español, y finalmente su doctorado en el estudio alemán.

“Comencé formalmente en la escuela secundaria. Pero mi familia es ‘Cajún,’ de Louisiana, por lo que siempre he estado interesado [en el idioma] cuando era niño,” dijo Boovy.

Boovy ahora trabaja como director para el grado internacional en OSU, y trabaja en mejorar el sistema.

“La importancia aprender otros idiomas es difícil de comunicar a los angloparlantes nacidos en los Estados Unidos debido a la poca exposición que tenemos desde una edad temprana a otros idiomas,” Boovy dijo.

Boovy comparó a los Países y dijo que una de las razones por las que la gente holandesa habla tan buen inglés es por la exposición inmensa de inglés en el país.

Según Nuffic, una organización holandesa investigando educación en su país, los niños de Holanda comienzan a aprender inglés tan pronto como a los cuatro años.

“Los medios globales están absolutamente

saturados de inglés,” Boovy continuó. “La cultura es tan dominante que muchos angloparlantes no ven el aprendizaje de otros idiomas como una necesidad.”

Los Estados Unidos es un país conocido por la libertad y la diversidad. Además de los países de África, los Estados Unidos es uno de los países con mayor diversidad cultural del mundo.

A medida que la población continúe aumentando, el país continuará siendo más diverso. No hay indicios de que la diversidad crecerá más despacio en los Estados Unidos.

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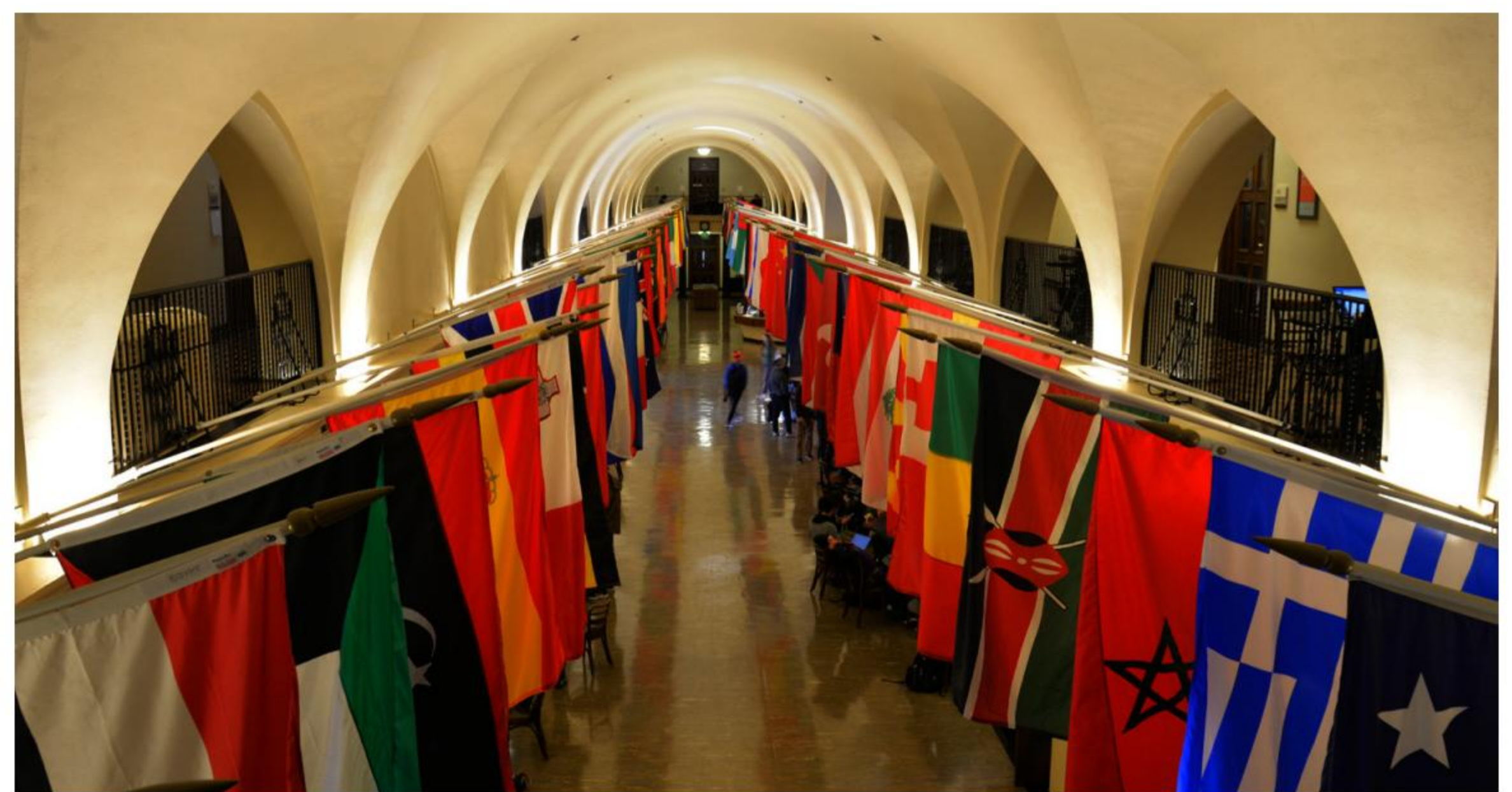
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Flags of the world in the Memorial Union on Nov. 21. Each flag signifies a nation represented within the student and faculty body at OSU.

# The man behind the puzzles, Tucky Helm

By LARA RIVERA  
Assistant Editor

A wildland firefighter in Alaska, a pencil, a notebook and a couple co-workers were at the right place, right time for a crossword puzzle.

On slow days in Alaska, Tucky Helm, The Daily Barometer's puzzle contributor, would create crossword puzzles for his co-workers to complete and pass around. He started with a pencil and paper because they did not have any internet access most of the time when they were on the field.

Helm went from solving The New York Times crossword puzzles to creating them.

"If only there was like a puzzle major here [at Oregon State University]," Helm said.

Without a puzzle major at OSU, Helm looked at other ways to share his newfound hobby.

"It's way more fun making puzzles with an audience," Helm said. "I like seeing how people approach the clues that I write."

Helm's process starts with making the grid

following rules introduced by a New York Times crossword editor. For example, the grid has to be rotationally symmetrical in terms of how the squares line up.

The most fun part for Helm is coming up with a theme and getting creative with it. Once Helm has the theme panned out come the theme words which are typically the longer words.

"I like using double meaning and puns," Helm said about writing the clues. "Or, like, making clues that confuse people but then they have like a nice 'aha' moment."

Helm's crossword puzzle-making goal is to expand on themes, and include content that is more interesting yet subtle.

A crossword puzzle takes Helm about two weeks on the backburner. Whenever a word "clicks," Helm takes out his notebook and pencils it in.

To keep it interesting, Helm likes to sprinkle in words into his crossword puzzles that are character names or pop culture references.

Helm's puzzle-making journey really

started with sudoku puzzles on a computer program he designed in about two weeks. He started by making a sudoku solver where he made it solve a blank grid.

"Most of it was guessing on the computer's part," Helm said. "The computer makes it the hardest it can be while still being solvable."

"[I] feel like the problem-solving skills that come with it are pretty valuable," Helm said about puzzle making.

Helm's long term dreams of puzzle creation are to create a new type of puzzle, unseen by the world. He notes that the creativity and flexibility within words is what makes him hope of creating a new type of puzzle that makes people rack their brains around finding a solution.

"The nice thing is the English language is really confusing," Helm said. "Grammar does not really make any sense a lot of the time."

Helm said this is what makes making puzzles in English all the much easier.

For now though, Helm will stick with the

classic crossword puzzle that the world is familiar with.

Helm's puzzles will be featured in the monthly print issues of the Barometer, and can be found on our website <https://dailybaro.orangemedianetwork.com/>



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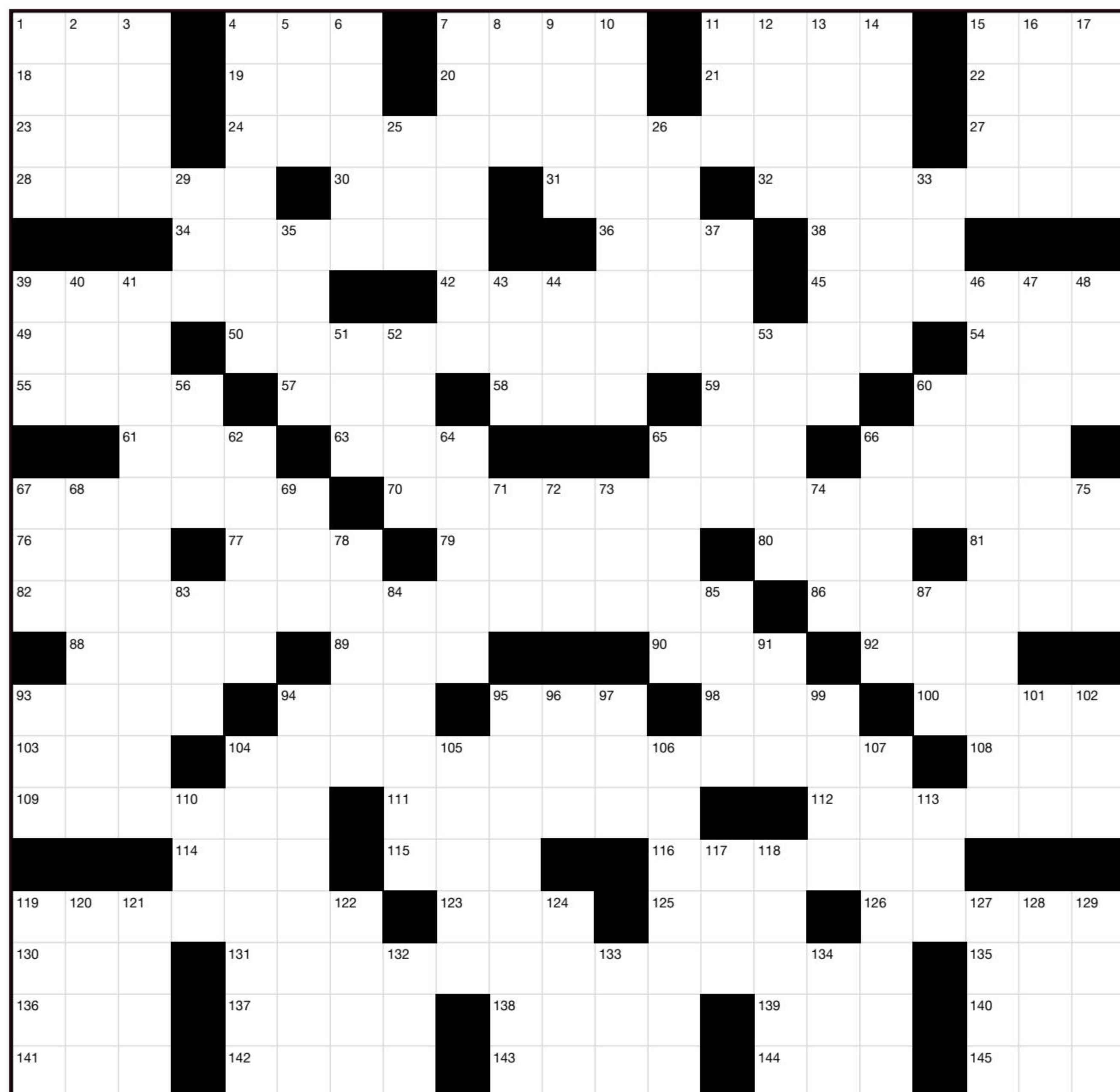


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Tucky Helm, Orange Media Network's first ever puzzle maker, poses for a portrait on Nov. 14 in the Student Experience Center. Helm's goals are to expand themes and add a variety of content to the Barometer's forum section.



# CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Where dogs and purses rest
4. Old-heads, for short
7. Prefix for one tenth
11. Forgetful person's gadget
15. World War II set comic "\_\_\_ Sack"
18. Buck
19. Name names
20. Actor McGregor
21. One act
22. Exist
23. Indigenous people of the Great Basin
24. Light blue Gatorade flavor
27. Throw away
28. Precedes echo
30. What happens when 8-down and 130-across get together
31. Hawaiian flower necklace
32. "Enough \_\_\_\_\_!"
34. 1966 Soviet film "\_\_\_\_\_ Rublev"
36. Big name in TVs
38. Bambi's aunt
39. Largest peninsula in the world
42. Hypothetically
45. Character Elliott in Jordan Peele's "Nope"
49. 1959 film "Ben \_\_\_"
50. Car feature for lazy drivers
54. Water mover
55. Move along slowly
57. Back of a book
58. Instructional books, AKA "How \_\_\_"
59. German one
60. Belief systems
61. Muscle spasm
63. Container for eggs or ink
65. Neymar and MLK
66. Bar orders
67. Almost home?
70. Most filmed fictional character of all time
76. Apple tech.
77. Spanish cheer
79. South American dish
80. Chuckle
81. Wall sit or plank, for short
82. Pelicans' power forward
86. Coffee descriptor
88. Survey the field
89. Suffix with Caesar
90. Use a bottle
92. "\_\_\_ haw!"
93. A person's manner
94. Included on an email
95. Protestant Christian grp.
98. Thomas A. Anderson
100. Attention getter

103. Single stranded nucleic acid
104. The first parts of 24-across, 46-down, 82-across, and 131-across
108. Gold atoms
109. "\_\_\_\_\_ a Pity", George Harrison's 1970 song
111. Give an alcoholic a beer, say
112. Dog poop spreader
114. Disapproving noise
115. Before Oct.
116. Until now
119. Finalize on a home purchase
123. Delivery serv.
125. Roughly equal to USD
126. Director Welles
130. Dodge Truck model
131. Hayward field event
135. Src. citing style
136. Jim Carrey detective character
137. "\_\_\_\_-do-well"
138. Identify
139. Soccer player Hamm
140. Turner or King Cole
141. Big name in clocks?
142. Argentina, compared to Chile
143. Commonly filled with letters and black squares
144. Whatever
145. After kay

## DOWN

1. Marijuana, in slang
2. "Up the \_\_\_\_\_"
3. Orange part of orange
4. Like Whole Foods products
5. Actress Gadot
6. Starkey's stage name
7. Gods
8. Female sheep
9. Astronomer Sagan
10. Out of control bonfires
11. Half of a fly?
12. Meatball store
13. Tina Fey's role on 30 Rock
14. Never ending
15. Bucket List Project artist
16. Barren
17. Reject allegations
25. Signal
26. Poison with flu-like symptoms, as used by Walter White
29. Flimsy part of a soda can
33. Unit of vegetable
35. Anti-alcohol HS prog.
37. Mnemonic rule
39. Tuna variety
40. Straight
41. Smallest of the big 5
43. Ensure one's reliability
44. Environmental prefix
46. Blanc's roughest toughest role
47. Stoner's musical get-together
48. Alternatives
51. Little \_\_\_ (kids)
52. B. Wells and Tarbell
53. Potentially dangerous
56. With the times
60. How one might fall?
62. Make fun of, in slang
64. Series of links
65. Portuguese Johns
66. Just fine
67. Celebrity news src.
68. Sun Maid products
69. Peyton's brother
71. Time period
72. Losing My Religion grp.
73. Longer than EPs
74. Shade
75. Versatile bean variety
78. Choose
83. Coding error msg.
84. Single \_\_\_\_\_
85. 1492 ship
87. House member (abbr.)
91. For every
93. Leveled-up X-Ray
94. Backcountry toilets
95. Like the gang in the opening scene of West Side Story (1969)
96. 2015 popular dance move
97. One's full effort
99. Edible African pod
101. Hero
104. Airport security org.
104. Response to a well-crafted pun
105. Do better
106. Fizzled, with "out"
107. "If you will"
110. Some Audi models
113. "\_\_\_ the ramparts we watched"
117. Yes, to Pierre
118. Gossip
119. The end product of carcinization
120. Frilly material
121. Sign
122. No, to Vladimir
124. Burn remnant
127. Of sound mind
128. October's gemstone
129. Across the USA
132. Milit. ration
133. Unnecessary stats.
134. Designer Maya

# SUDOKU

Read more behind our very first puzzle contributor, Tucky Helm, and how he developed a passion for making puzzles and the future of puzzles at the Baro on page 21.

By **TUCKY HELM**  
Puzzle Contributor

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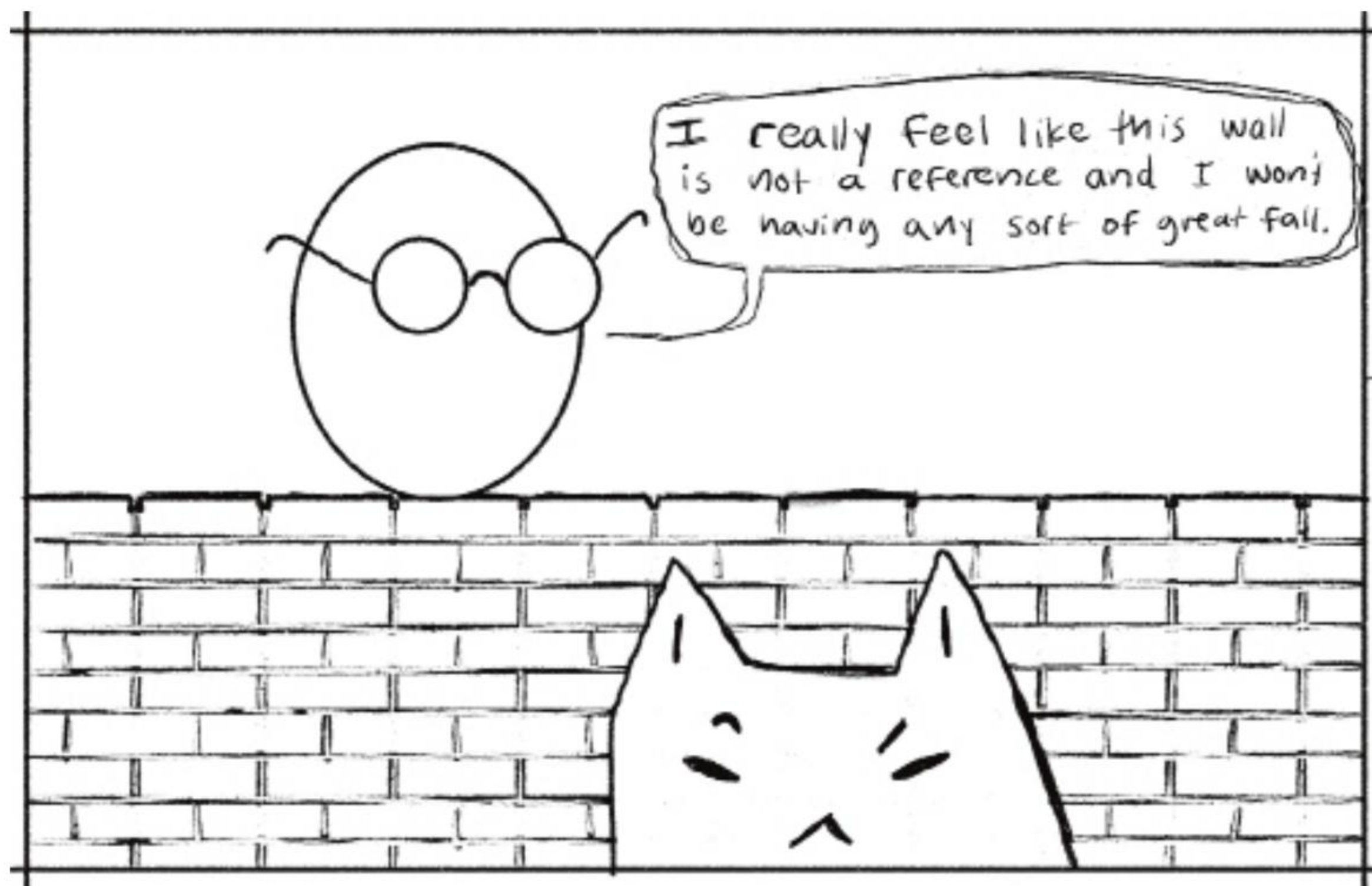
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The Barometer lists OSU's favorite and least favorite things this month.

- YAYS**
- bowl game,
  - winter break
  - family reunions
  - snow
  - ice skating

- NAYS**
- shorter days
  - snow that doesn't stick
  - lack of Taylor Swift tickets
  - awkward family reunions

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