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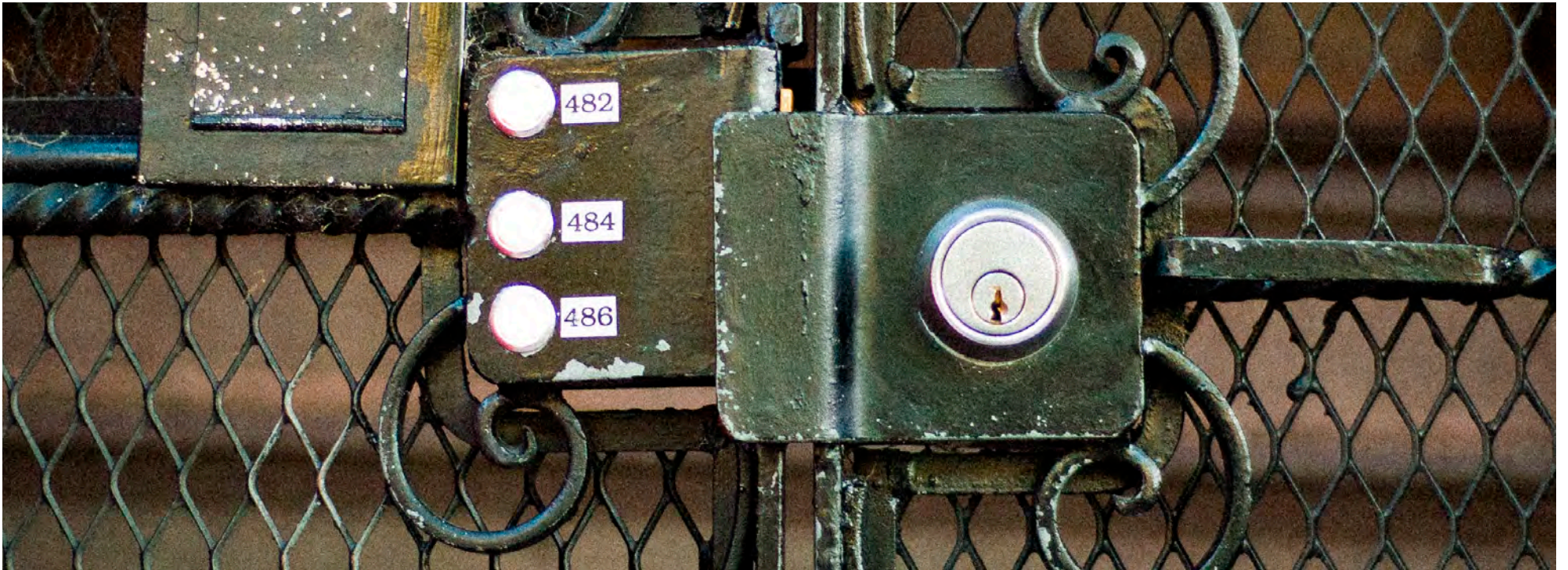
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IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU — STAY SAFE NEAR THE UNIVERSITY



Halden Hoodenpyl was relaxing in his house at East 18th Avenue and Hilyard Street when, at around 9 p.m., he heard a noise coming from his window. He looked and saw a solitary hand trying to squeeze through the screen. Hoodenpyl ran to the window, pushed the screen back and saw a man in a hoodie running away. While many university students will experience crimes and attempted crimes such as this, being aware of what to look for and how to protect yourself can help you avoid being a victim of crime.

University of Oregon Police Department Communications Director Kelly McIver said the department advocates for people having a great time and feeling comfortable on campus, but being smart about it.

“Unfortunately, near the start of fall term is a peak time on all college campuses for sexual assault and harassment,” McIver said. He said that with so many people going out and socializing, being aware of how much

IT FEELS LIKE YOUR PARENTS ARE OVERPROTECTIVE. Until you’re a victim of a crime. Many students experience crime during their time in Eugene.

alcohol you’re consuming, watching your drinks and making sure you have a network of friends that know where you are helps to protect against this and other person crimes.

One UO student who prefers to remain anonymous because of her status as a GTF, dealt with the peeping Tom. She was in her home and heard a thump outside her window. Her neighbor came in and told her a man had been standing outside her window. They went outside and found that he had been standing on a paint bucket to see through the high windows.

“After it happened I called the cops,” she said. “The police were really helpful. They were able to interpret the situation better than I was at the time. I was hysterical.”

She said that she believes Eugene is a safe community, but crimes around campus do happen and it’s important to make safe decisions such as not walking alone at night, keeping your blinds closed, carrying pepper spray, telling people where you are going and making sure your doors are

locked.

McIver said that students also need to be aware of potential property crimes, bicycle thefts being the most common.

“Using a good quality U-lock, and taking the extra minute or two to make sure you lock the frame and the wheel is important,” McIver said. “In these days quick-release wheels can be popped off. Thieves will look for cable locks or chain locks and cut through those with bolt cutters in just seconds. If it’s a halfway decent bike they’ll take it.”

The Eugene Police Department released a statement recommending that in order to avoid property crimes people should lock doors and windows even when home, leave no visible possessions in your car no matter the value, and to never leave your laptop unattended. In addition to getting a high-quality bike lock, students and faculty can register their bikes with the campus police.

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KELLY MCIVER
University of Oregon
Police Department
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ASUO President Sam Dotters-Katz encourages students to take risks and find their purpose.

ASUO PRESIDENT OFFERS HIS ADVICE

As Sam Dotters-Katz stood on the stage of Matthew Knight Arena during convocation on Sunday, he looked onto a sea of expectant faces and smiled. Pre-speech jitters gone, he felt a rush at the possibility of helping shape the college experience of the hundreds of freshmen seated before him. Stepping up to the mic, he delivered his advice:

"COLLEGE IS A SEARCH FOR A PURPOSE"

Nine years ago during his own convocation, Dotters-Katz was a freshman and a history major. Three years later, he spoke on stage as president and a political science student. This year, after obtaining degrees from the UO in both majors, being a former campaign manager for the 2010 Oregon State Senate race, and returning for law school, Dotters-Katz is certain of his own purpose.

"I am passionate about being a leader," Dotters-Katz said. "You always hear ... that as young people we're the future leaders of the world – and that's not just something that happens. It's something that we have to grow into."

During his speech, Dotters-Katz stressed that the future depends on the success of this generation in solving

▲ FAST FACT

Sam Dotters-Katz went to his first University Convocation nine years ago as a freshman history major.

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The most important thing about Sam is his genuine passion for making this world a better place.”

CHRISTINA HARDESTY
ASUO external affairs director.

inherited global and societal issues – and by establishing the groundwork for an inclusive, diverse and nonpartisan ASUO. He hopes to help the institution give all potential leaders the skills to tackle the issues coming down the pike.

"BE UNAFRAID TO TAKE A RISK"

Halfway through his fourth year, Dotters-Katz took a major risk by delving into politics for the first time. In early 2008, without any prior knowledge of the ASUO, he and a friend decided to run for executive positions. A month and a half later, Dotters-Katz had won his first presidential election.

According to his roommate, Kenneth Safley, spontaneity is commonplace in the life of Dotters-Katz. When they met, Dotters-Katz introduced himself out of the blue. The next day they were golfing. A week later, Dotters-Katz had invited people over to his house for dinner, starting a group that Safley now refers to as their "law school family."

"GREATNESS IS EXPECTED OF YOU"

There is perhaps no one to whom Dotters-Katz's advice pertains to better than himself. As a public figurehead, he accepts appraisal for a job well done,

but he also shoulders the criticism when things go wrong.

To maintain his sanity, he hits the gym daily. He plays with his dog, Sawyer. Hangs out with friends. Watches "Breaking Bad." Really, he swears, he's just a normal guy.

"The most important thing about Sam is his genuine passion for making this world a better place," ASUO External Affairs Director Christina Hardesty said. "He has good intentions behind everything he does ... but at the same time, he's such a normal guy."

Greatness is something she thinks Dotters-Katz can accomplish.

Sunday's convocation was far from Dotters-Katz's first, but he hopes it won't be his last. Someday, he might like to stand on the stage once more as university president. For now, it's a dream, but there's just something about the university environment that he can't seem to shake.

"When you're in the position of the student body president ... you realize how special a place any college campus is. It's a marketplace of ideas," he said. "There's no better place to work than a college campus. I really believe that."

BY SAMI EDGE. @SAMI_EDGE

UO ADMIN TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH SASS

FOR THREE MONTHS, administrators have struggled to find the appropriate place for SASS on campus, but they've reached an agreement that works.

The number of reported forcible sex offenses doubled from 2011 through 2012, as reported by UOPD. Since the beginning of July, UO administration have been hesitant to renew a contract with the Sexual Assault Support Services. It wasn't until Tuesday that ASUO President Sam Dotters-Katz and Vice President of Student Affairs Robin Holmes shook hands and agreed to renew the contract.

The contract's renewal was delayed due to the administration's disapproval of a new amendment in the document, specifically one that creates a new campus-centered position. Originally, the SASS position was approved to have an office located on campus with the

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intent being that the employee would be focused specifically on UO students who had been sexually assaulted. The administration's problem with the position was that it would be funded by the University, and since it would be a University paid position, whomever was hired would be required to report if a student were to speak to them about being sexually assaulted.

"The University feels there are already substantial services for students provided when a student is sexually assaulted," Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students Paul Shang said. "There are a number of Ph.D. counseling psychologists and medical professionals available on campus where everything you say to them is confidential."

The administration sees SASS as a duplication of services that the University already offers, but the ASUO sees SASS differently. That's why the ASUO Senate voted to create the position last year, primarily because SASS offered programs that the UO doesn't provide.

"SASS does more than just help put on events like Take Back the Night [a three day anti-sexual violence event on campus]," ASUO Summer Senate President Amy Jones said, who is filling the position of Senate president until a new member is elected. "They offer a 24-hour helpline, and someone from SASS will go with you to the hospital if you've been assaulted and need medical attention."

According to Jones, having a campus-centered employee would enhance all of SASS'

programs even more for students, but with the administration saying that the employee would be a mandatory reporter, the entire contract has been held up leaving all of SASS' services less available to students.

Before Dotters-Katz and Holmes came to an agreement on the contract, both of them, along with ASUO Vice President Greg Mills, had a meeting on Monday afternoon that yielded no results. But during Tuesday's Senate meeting, Dotters-Katz and Shang announced they came to an agreement.

"We're at a point where we've found an agreement that will be satisfactory for everybody," Dotters-Katz said during the Senate meeting.

The contract will still have the campus-centered employee, but the position will be placed off-campus, meaning the employee will no longer be a mandatory reporter and will be able to provide traditional SASS services.

"Everyone here has the best intentions and only want to provide the highest level of service when it comes to preventing sexual assault," Dotters-Katz said. "Everyone is on the same team."

The contract is currently being rewritten with the new changes and according to Dotters-Katz the contract should be ready by the end of the week.

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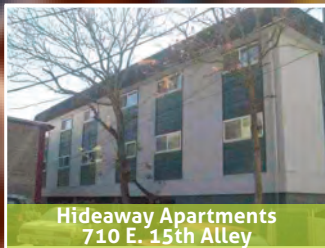
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SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCE AND PARTY PATROL BRING ANXIETY

After nearly nine months since it passed, Eugene's Ordinance on Unruly Gatherings – known as the Social Host Ordinance – is still on the minds of Eugene residents. There have only been 11 citations since the ordinance went into effect last April – a small percentage of overall party-related citations. However, the ordinance, which makes hosting an unruly gathering a criminal offense punishable by a \$375-\$1,000 fine, was a large point of contention for students when it first passed last January. Former ASUO Senator Lamar Wise attempted to repeal the law and had no result, though he collected 2,000 signatures and presented his initiative in front of the Eugene City Council.

On Monday as part of the annual "Your Neighbors and U" event, UO President Michael Gottfredson, ASUO President Sam Dotters-Katz and members of the University of Oregon Police Department and Eugene Police Department went door to door across six blocks near the UO, reminding residents of the ordinance and its consequences.

According to EPD spokesperson Melinda McLaughlin, because this fall is the first that the ordinance has been implemented, Eugene police don't know how many social host citations to expect. Typically, party citations – along with EPD party patrols – increase during fall with students returning to campus. Last weekend, there were a total of 67 citations, 55 of which were UO students; however, none of the citations were related to the Social Host Ordinance.

Jennifer Summers, UO director of substance abuse prevention, was part of "Your Neighbors and U," and said that all the students she talked to were aware

of the ordinance. Because the ordinance has many different aspects that it uses to classify an unruly gathering, Summers said it is important that students understand the ordinance. Because of its high level of accountability for both the party's host and the landlord of the property the party takes place on, Summers believes the ordinance has been effective in teaching students about responsible parties.

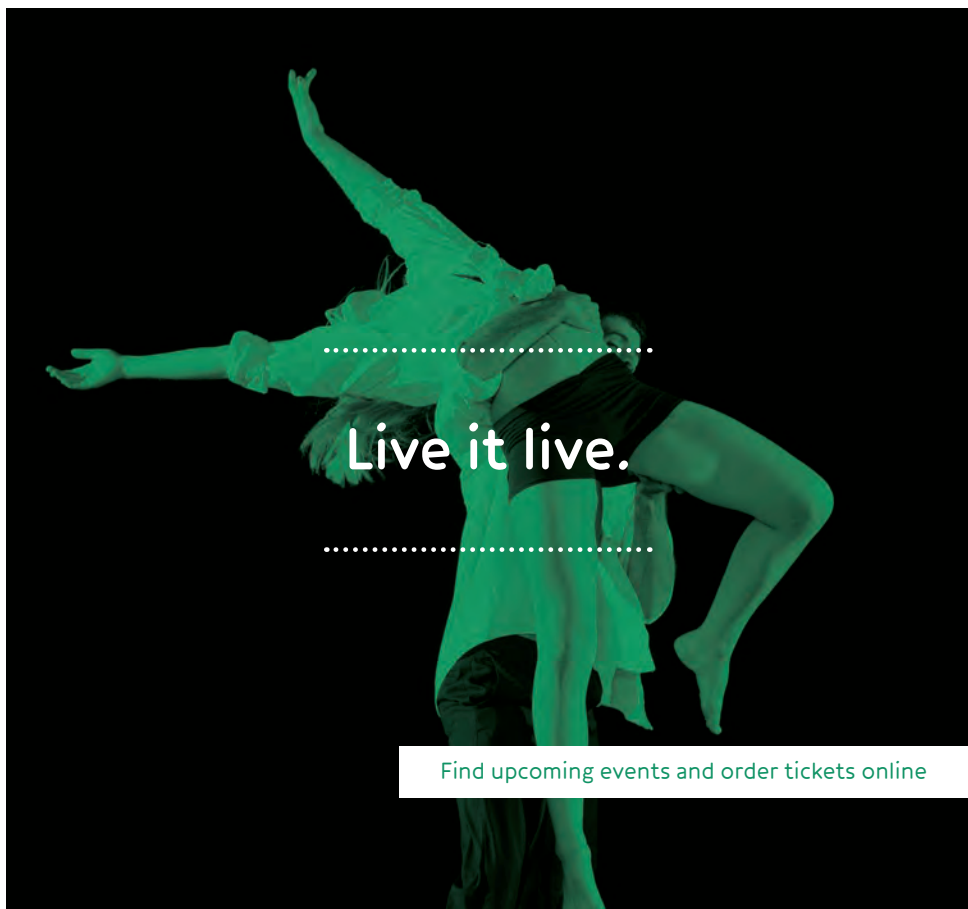
Some UO students, however, still worry about the consequences. Senior Ellie Richardson, who lives in the West University neighborhood with eight roommates, worries that she could be put at risk of being punished simply because of the number of people living with her. Under ordinance rules, if Richardson and her roommates were watching a football game, drinking a few beers and received a noise complaint, they would be in violation and could be fined. Though she believes it's unlikely that this would happen, Richardson said the possibility is worrying.

"It doesn't really make sense," Richardson said. "That it could even happen is kind of absurd."

Regardless of community opinion, Summers says the ordinance has changed party culture around the university.

"Mainly, it's just gone through and educated students on the threshold of responsibility for a party," Summers said. "I think it's a learning tool for students to recognize what it means to party responsibly."

BY SAMANTHA MATSUMOTO,
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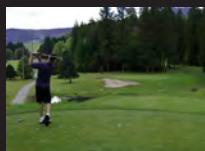


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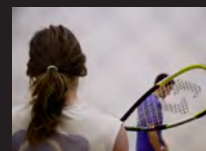


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LA VITA BELLA: A SUMMER IN ITALY

It's summer – sometime in July – and I'm sitting at a café in a town square, drinking a glass of white wine, people-watching and glancing at the sparkling lake ahead of me. The sun hits my face as I begin to hear music playing. An older man is playing the accordion near me by the steps of a large and magnificent church.

This scene is from last summer, when I was in Desenzano del Garda, an Italian city in the north bordering one of the country's largest lakes, Lake Garda. I was visiting family and friends for the summer – particularly, my ninety-three-year-old grandmother – for five weeks.

During these weeks, I took walks along the lake, wandered the cobblestone mazes that made up the town's center or simply sat with my grandmother on the swing outside of her house, hearing stories about my family, about our shared past.

The town is relatively small, (especially if you compare it to Venice, which is only two hours

away) yet, it's active. The town's square, or piazza is crowded most nights, and not just with youth hungry for the next club, there are also strollers and canes, families taking their nightly walks, elderly finding refuge from the hot days in the cool nights. The piazza is closed off to cars at all times, and, sometimes, there are concerts or festivals – all free – that occur right in the center, illuminating the piazza with its opera, dance or theater.

This Italian scene, like many others, are just things you don't see in America – at least not in the same way. There's a tradition, a national pride, I feel wherever I go, as well as beauty and history – with its beautiful old churches, and beautiful old houses stifled with cracked paint and walls and beautiful pebbled beaches that have always been there.

There is a reason the saying, *la vita bella*, is best known in Italian. Life is beautiful – especially in Italy.

BY KATHERINE MARRONE

AWKWARD ENCOUNTERS IN TAIWAN

My left arm was wrapped loosely around my godfather while my right hand awkwardly tried to wrap around his body as he used his hand to lightly push me away. I heard two ladies who work at the breakfast counter giggle as they watched us and I say to my sister, "I think people in Taiwan don't really do the whole 'hugging' thing."

Since I was 3, my mom, sister and I have traveled to Taiwan every other year to visit our family members. Traveling there this past summer felt like a different experience than before. As a Chinese-American, I've slowly realized how contrasting some of my customs were to the people in Taiwan.

During my trip, I was holding the handrail in the underground train and a 5-foot-10-inch man stumbled as the train came to a stop and smashed his foot straight into my toenail, leaving it slightly pink and bruised. With my eyes wide open, feeling speechless, I expected a "sorry." Instead, he looked at me and walked right out of the train doors to his destination.

Once, walking around the street markets, a hurried woman zoomed toward my left side. I walked straight into her. I was extremely embarrassed and apologetic. I tossed my hands up gasped, "Dui bu qi," meaning "sorry" in Mandarin. She squinted her eyebrows and stared at me as she continued to scurry away; and from that moment I realized that "sorry" was an uncommon thing to say to strangers.

Throughout my many awkward encounters in Taiwan, I found a few customs that people in Taiwan do differently than I am used to. First would be no one was accepting of my hugs when I tried to greet them. I have become used to hugging with friends, family members and even acquaintances, but I found that it was considered a strange gesture for Taiwanese people. Overall, through the countless times of visiting Taiwan, this was the first time I've come to realize how much more American my customs were.

BY PAULINA LAINGE

The city of Verona, Italy as seen from Castel San Pietro, which overlooks the entire city.



Venice, Italy is home to many cathedrals and beautiful old buildings.



THE JOURNEY IS THE DESTINATION: MY EUROPEAN BIKE TRIP

Dried sweat coated our sun-exposed skin and trickled down our faces as we pushed our bikes up hills that seemed like mountains, through gravel logging roads, hay fields with grazing cows and forests not meant for biking. It seemed as if we spent most of the day pushing rather than pedaling. The cows gazed at us curiously, probably wondering what the hell we were doing as flies buzzed around our heads.

The lesson we learned that day: Don't divert from the original route and Belgium has hills.

As 6 p.m. rolled around, a feeling of hopelessness came over me as I contemplated paying a Belgian farmer to take us over the seemingly never-ending plains to the border.

This was day five of our European biking adventure beginning in Rotterdam, Netherlands with a destination of Venice, Italy. My original summer plan was a month-long cruise throughout the Baltic region of Europe with my mom and ended up being a 2.5 month excursion throughout – exploring 17 countries and biking 800 miles through five of them: Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, France and lastly, Italy.

Our day in the Belgian hills was one of several struggles we faced on our journey. I'm not sure what was more challenging: that or being stranded in Switzerland for 24 hours without any money.

As that day grew longer, the hills grew higher and the descents shorter. I was exhausted and my ass hurt. Despite my aches and pains I pushed forward. I was the navigator. Mom followed close behind, using the least amount of gears possible to stay up right on the bike. It was quite hysterical hearing her grunt and grumble about whatever challenge we were about to face next, as she swayed from side to side. I never realized how funny she was before that trip.

We decided we had enough when pushing the bikes became equally hard as riding them. We used the GPS to find an alternative route to avoid such mountains, then didn't see another human soul for three hours! The highlight of the day was making it out of the hay fields and then more hills to follow. Soon after, it was smooth sailing. At the end of that day we laughed until we fell asleep, reminiscing on the ridiculous day, snuggled in our tent.

As we biked through small towns and charming villages via cobblestone streets, our days were long and we covered anywhere from 25-75 miles from one country to another. We camped under grapevines and took in our surroundings. Three weeks and 1,200 kilometers later, we had arrived.

For the next three days we sat, drank, ate, embraced the beautiful culture and lost ourselves in Venice.

Throughout the trip I constantly found myself looking forward to the next town or the next country. The bike trip was an uplifting learning experience and one that I could never possibly forget. We had fun along the way – despite the strenuous biking – or perhaps, because of it. Looking back, I realize that the most important thing isn't what you find when you get to where you're going, but what you see along the way. The journey itself is the destination.

BY SAVANNA WASSERMAN, @SAVWAS23

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Plus, for all you beer lovers out there, fall means the release of the seasonal craft beer selections. Oktoberfest, the largest beer festival in the world, takes place in Munich, Germany and is currently underway. Being a beer fanatic, it is my dream to one day be able to attend. But until my school days are over, I can get by with enjoying some of the exceptional seasonals that can be found in stores near us at this time of year. Here's a list of a few:

1.) **Pumpkin Ales:** Whether the brewers are using real bits of pumpkin or pumpkin flavoring during the brew process, pumpkin ales are quite popular and can vary from brand to brand. Typically, they're made with spices that would be found in pumpkin pie such as cinnamon and nutmeg. One of my favorites would be Samuel Adam's "Harvest Pumpkin Ale." The spices and flavor are well-balanced, and it's full bodied and darker in color. If you prefer something lighter, perhaps Blue Moon's "Harvest Moon Pumpkin Ale" would better suit you. Its citrus flavors shine through a pumpkin wheat taste.

2.) **Oktoberfest:** Just because you can't make the journey to

Munich to taste Oktoberfest beers from around the world that the festival has to offer, you can still enjoy some of the festive flavors that are being served. Oktoberfest beers are typically malty and full-bodied and pack a lot of punch with caramel flavors. One that I enjoy is the "Okto Festival Ale" from the Widmer Brothers Brewing Company located in Portland, Ore. They were the first American brewery to make an Oktoberfest style beer. This amber is brewed German-style and has sweet, malty flavors with a crisp aftertaste. If you prefer something with a heavier feel, then I suggest the "Paulaner Oktoberfest Marzen."

3.) **Harvest Ales:** With fall being the time of harvest, many brewers collect hops from the fields and directly incorporate them into harvest ales, completely capturing the strong and fresh flavors of the plants. Many have a citrus or pine-like taste and wheat-y tones. A popular choice would be the "Sierra Nevada Estate Homegrown Ale," brewed with hops grown in Sierra Nevada's fields booming with fresh and citrus flavors.

Whether you prefer a lighter and more subtle taste or something heavy with a kick, there is something out there for you! Don't be afraid to try new flavors and participate in the fun fall festivities that the time has to offer.

BY SAVANNAH WASSERMAN, @SAVWAS23

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BY JESSICA FISHER

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Here's to hoping the pie toppings don't include stale fruit loops.

The atmosphere is warm, to say the least. Kind of hell-like, actually, but it's to assume that's what the owners of Sizzle Pie going for. A grunged-out waiter comes to take our order. I admire her black hair – it reminds me of, well, everything else in the restaurant. Everything is black and red, including an off-putting vegan pie sitting in the warmer. Cartooned and creepy, mustached pizza faces lay out the pie sizes above our heads. My friend and I decide on the largest creepy, mustached pizza face topped with white truffle oil, goat cheese, green onions and pancetta.

Bling-bling. A big sign lets us know that “good food takes time” and from this a near thirty-minute wait follows.

It goes by pretty fast. I take the time and scope out the crowd. It isn't the kind to be expected, but the early time is probably to blame. Seated in the tables surrounding are middle-aged couples probably “grabbing a unique new bite downtown.”

As time ticks on, more unkempt beards – and fewer \$150 Patagonia jackets – begin making their way inside. Many head toward the bar, which features concoctions so fittingly named things like, “The Def Leopard,” “Bad Brains,” and

“Dopesmoker,” I spot no ironic cans of Pabst. Above the bar, more red showtime lights spell out, “EAT PIZZA EVERY DAY.” I wonder if I need be of age to follow this advice.

Alas, the awaited arrives. It's cheesy, it's hot and it's big as hell.

I grab a slice, but then immediately grab a handful of napkins, instead. What I first thought to be a load of grease ends up being the pizza's white truffle oil topping – the same thing, only pleasantly scented and loads more expensive. I think this particular pie is called “The Gold Chain” because it shimmers like one.

The toppings are spread out far between, but it isn't bothersome. In fact, it kind of makes each bite different – sometimes green onion-y, sometimes pancetta-y, but always white-truffle-oil-y. The crust – an extremely important part of every pizza establishment – is thin, chewy and perfectly browned. The flavor combination actually ends up being amazing, and the other pizzas on the menu now have my trust.

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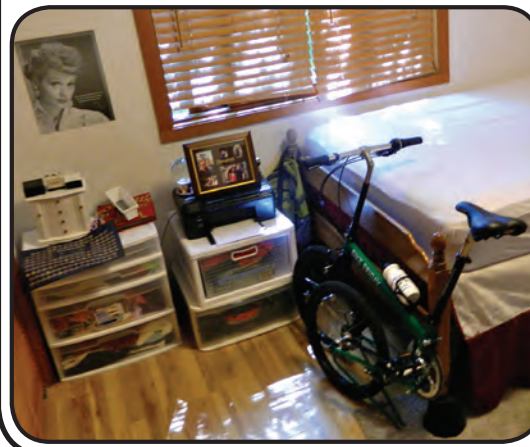
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NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS

When Chip Kelly bolted to the Philadelphia Eagles this past January, the general perception was that Oregon's football program would be well suited under offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich. However, how Kelly's high-gearred offense would fare at the next level remained a question.

After his third consecutive loss this season, Kelly's splash into the league on Monday night football in week one has ensued into a downward plunge with far more questions than answers. After igniting a dominant 26-point first half against the Redskins in the season opener, the Eagles have been outscored 73-131 by their opponents, displaying some obvious deficiencies in every aspect of the game.

While the offense has managed to move the ball efficiently it has not resulted in points, and the

special teams and defense are among the league's bottom tier. This was evident during last Sunday's defeat against the Denver Broncos in which special teams gave up two touchdowns and the defense allowed 52 points.

Statistically, offensive weapons like Lesean McCoy and Desean Jackson initially thrived in Kelly's offense. But it is apparent now that adjustment making as far as the passing game goes will be far more challenging to manage than what Kelly dealt with versus Pac-12 defenses.

While at Oregon, Kelly managed a run-first oriented scheme with marginal quarterbacks in Jeremiah Massoli and Darron Thomas who were more of a threat on the ground than through the air, but could initiate the offense well enough to be successful. With Michael Vick, Kelly is in a situation involving an inconsistent veteran and the decision to either shoot for winning now, or rebuild with second-year QB Nick Foles.

At Oregon, Kelly recruited players fit for his system, involving moderately undersized offensive linemen that could manage the strains of an up-tempo offense. At Philadelphia, Kelly is working with a group of traditional linemen and a veteran quarterback who has had health concerns over the entire course of his career.

That being said, Kelly is still in the early processes of his tenure in the NFL and his complex

and high-octane attack has displayed flashes of brilliance. The former Ducks coach, who reached a BCS bowl in every year during his head coaching career at Oregon, is no stranger to adversity. In his college coaching debut at Boise State, the Ducks were dominated in a 19-8 loss that circulated even more attention following an altercation involving one of his star running backs, LeGarette Blount. Kelly and Oregon would later go onto winning the Pac-10 that year and reached the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1994.

It remains difficult to gauge or predict the outcome for the Eagles this year, but what has gone noticed is the potential that this set of weapons on offense engaged in this scheme can produce. It was expected for Kelly's team to go through some growing pains. The team has an entirely different coaching staff with different schemes on each side of the ball.

A system like his could take a couple years to find its grasp in the NFL, but right now winning games will remain difficult with a defense ranked dead last in yards allowed.

So while Helfrich and the Ducks continue to roll, Kelly's formula for success at the professional ranks still remains in question.

BY JUSTIN WISE, @JWISE25

“
She’s probably one of the greatest coaches I’ve had up until this time in my career.”
TARA LUBERT *junior*



Oregon’s acrobatics and tumbling team has seen success in its early years as an Oregon sport.

Felecia Mulkey looks to change lives

The head coach for a three-time defending national championship team got to that point almost by accident. In fact, without a last-second effort, that coach might currently be a lawyer.

That coach is Felecia Mulkey, the leader of Oregon’s acrobatics and tumbling team. “Three-time defending champs” would sound impressive in any sport, but it’s all the more notable considering only four titles have ever been played in the acrobatics and tumbling meet format. In her four years as head coach, Mulkey has already built a dynasty, and it started because of her desire to grasp onto the last possible inkling of an athletic coaching career, even if she was completely content to let it go.

Before coming to Oregon, Mulkey served as the marketing director for Kennesaw State University. As a side job, she coached the competitive cheer team, and even though she said she was bad at it, she was electrified by the way it affected her players.

“I saw it change lives,” she said.

Mulkey loved it so much, she wanted it to be a full-time job, but it never happened. As a result, she applied to law school; she was ready to make a change. But before law school called, she noticed that Oregon was going to start a team similar to hers at Kennesaw State, only the Ducks were going to hire a full-time coach. That news didn’t change any of Mulkey’s plans, though.

“I thought they’d already hired a full-time coach,” she said, “so I called to ask exactly what they did to make this process happen.”

Mulkey hoped her information from Oregon could help her come up with a plan to construct Kennesaw State’s cheer program in a similar mold. If they couldn’t, she was off to law school.

Then she talked with Oregon again. Contrary to Mulkey’s beliefs, they didn’t actually have a head coach. In fact, Oregon wanted her to apply for the job.

Mulkey couldn’t believe it, calling the whole situation “a whirlwind.” Uncertain what to do, she called her brother for help. His answer was unequivocal.

“He told me, ‘You need to go there,’” Mulkey said. “‘The Grateful Dead played in their football stadium.’ That was the only feedback I got.”

Mulkey might not have made her decision based on her brother’s advice, but she went to Oregon nonetheless. And she said her decision was undoubtedly the right one. She loves so many things about Oregon, from the “outdoorsy vibe” to the health-centric culture to the hospitality.

She also loves her team, and the goal for all of them is simple: win a fourth consecutive title. Freshman Mari Yacoubian and junior Tara Lubert said the same thing, and they completely trust their “intense” coach to help them deliver.

“She’s probably one of the greatest coaches I’ve had up until this time in my career,” Lubert said.

That coach was almost never there to provide that type of impact to players like Lubert. It’s possible another coach could have been nearly as successful as Mulkey in her position, but it’s hard to imagine anyone being better. For Mulkey, she’s just happy everything turned out the way it did.

“I could, right now, be a lawyer,” Mulkey said, “but I’m grateful for what I’m doing. I think I dodged a bullet there.”

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BY RYAN MILLS

Football is Oregon's \$68 million problem



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My eyes are closed. I am sitting in a posh lounge with my feet up on a coffee table listening to TV and the sounds of pool balls clinking against one another. I needed to relax after lifting in the weight room and watching film in the private theater. My grumbling stomach is grateful for the fresh fruit, paninis and pasta that are all at my disposal in the cafeteria.

As I run my hands through my freshly-cut hair, I gaze out of the second-story window at the training field and think about how things could not get much better. That is, until I open my eyes and realize that my reality is far from that of an Oregon football player. The creative writing office I am daydreaming in has small windows and the stale coffee is considerably less satisfying than a panini. I will never get to experience the \$68 million-football training facility the athletic department opened in August.

Oregon football is not an extracurricular activity of an academic institution – it is a

business. The new training facility is evidence of the school's extravagant emphasis on football. I have a problem with excess. Is it necessary to put a barber in a training facility? I appreciate a good haircut as much as anyone else, but I highly doubt a fresh haircut is critical for the continued success of the Oregon football program.

As Senior Associate Athletic Director for Marketing and Public Relations, Craig Pintens points out that the new facility provides a private space for the team to meet, so they no longer have to share with other sports teams. God forbid the football team would ever have to affiliate with the mere mortals of the golf team.

The athletic department's strategy is self-evident. Gimmicks and excessive benefits attract the best recruits. Once recruits are secured, the program can slap its number on the back of a jersey and sell it for a hundred bucks a pop. I question the ethical validity of an "educational" institution that markets student jerseys for money. It has become clear that players are pawns in an institutionalized factory that uses players' physical skill set to generate income on a massive scale.

That being said, as a student who does not play football, I feel neglected.

In high school, I never had the physique that was necessary to play football. Instead, I spent my time buried in Marxist literature and writing esoteric poetry, something that I continued to study once I reached the University. So, where is my \$68 million-creative writing facility?

The answer is simple: My interests are not good for business. My value as a student is low, because I cannot garner the University copious amounts of money. Like me, creative writing professor Ehud Havazelet believes that alternative interests should be valued and supported.

"Once you leave the university or finish playing football, you might get a job, but what else is left? What is the place of art?" he said. "The human experience needs more than just competition. When you are on the football field you are using reflexes, but when you are writing or listening to music you are enriching the human experience through contemplation."

Head coach Mark Helfrich will make \$1.8 million this year. An English professor at the University of Oregon will make \$98,300. Is football really more important to the university than the English language? The University is setting a standard in which the monetary benefits of athletics are more important than the educational integrity of the school. Phil Knight can continue to fawn over the exquisite football palaces he creates while the rest of us wait for the education we deserve instead of the business we are entrenched in.



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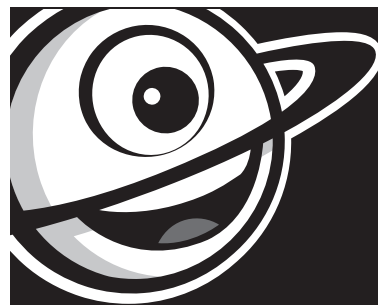


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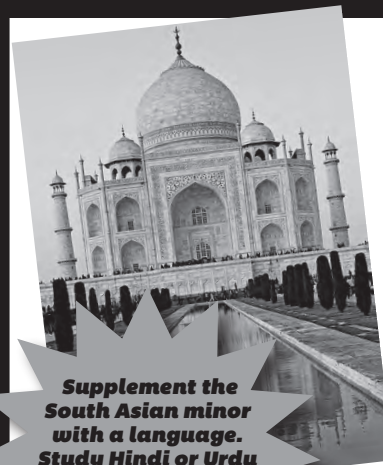
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“It’s fun to come see some friends and some family. Torn? No, I’m a Duck.”

CHA’PELLE BROWN, on coaching against his alma mater Colorado on Saturday.

Cha’pelle Brown steps back on Folsom Field

When alumni return to their alma mater for a football weekend, activities usually include reminiscing around campus and hitting up the bar where they spent most nights (or mornings.) Come game day, the itinerary calls for tailgating and catching up with old friends before kickoff. While most Colorado alumni will be in the stands cheering for the Buffaloes on Saturday, Cha’pelle Brown will be on the sidelines, wearing the opposing team’s colors.

Saturday’s game against Colorado isn’t just another day on the job for Brown, it’s a reunion for the Oregon defensive backs graduate assistant coach. He’s looking forward to the trip to Boulder, Colo., and isn’t losing sleep over having to face off against the school he once called home.

“It’s fun to go back and see some friends and some family,” Brown said. “Torn? No, I’m a Duck.”

Brown was a standout cornerback at Colorado from 2006-2009, recording 257 career tackles for the Buffaloes and finishing 26th on

Colorado’s all-time defensive list. Brown played in a total of 46 games for Colorado and was named the team’s most valuable player his senior year, earning honors as an all-Big 12 conference selection.

Originally from the Los Angeles area, Brown was a graduate assistant last season at Colorado. He found his way to Oregon through connections with head coach Mark Helfrich, who was the offensive coordinator at Colorado when Brown played there.

“The craziest part is not really that he coached me, but more that he was an offensive coach and I was a defensive player,” Brown said. “So that was a cool thing to be able to take care of business and do things right to get the opportunity to get on this staff.”

Only four years removed from being a student-athlete, Brown said he is really only familiar with the players, since Mike MacIntyre is in his first year as Colorado’s head coach.

“I just know the players. I don’t

know the system or the coaches,” Brown said.

Despite his time as a Buffalo being formative in his career, Brown is glad to be part of the Oregon coaching staff and hopes to use his experience to positively affect the Ducks’ performance on the field this year.

“Colorado was a huge part of my growth,” Brown said. “I miss some of the experiences with the teammates, but I am glad to be here.”

On a day-by-day basis, Brown works frequently with secondary coach John Neal and his responsibilities lay within helping the defensive backs.

“It’s a great opportunity to work with a great coach,” Brown said. “[Neal] allows me to be hands on with him and I just work with the defensive backs.”

Coaching has always been something in the cards for Brown. Even when he was still playing football he knew he’d end up on the sideline coaching younger men, making the transition fairly

seamless.

“I think I always knew I wanted to be a coach. As a player that was the type of player I was,” he said. “So I just knew when it was done. Greg Brown asked me to coach and it was something we all knew, that I was going to be a coach afterwards, so it wasn’t a long journey. It was easy.”

After keeping in contact with some Colorado players, Brown is excited to reunite with a few old friends, but he’s committed to not letting the memories and former teammates distract him from this weekend’s goal: walking away with a win.

“It’s just another day at work. It’s not about me – it’s about the Ducks,” Brown said. “When I get out there and see the field it might be a little different, but right now it is not about me. It’s about the players, so as long as they are ready to go.”

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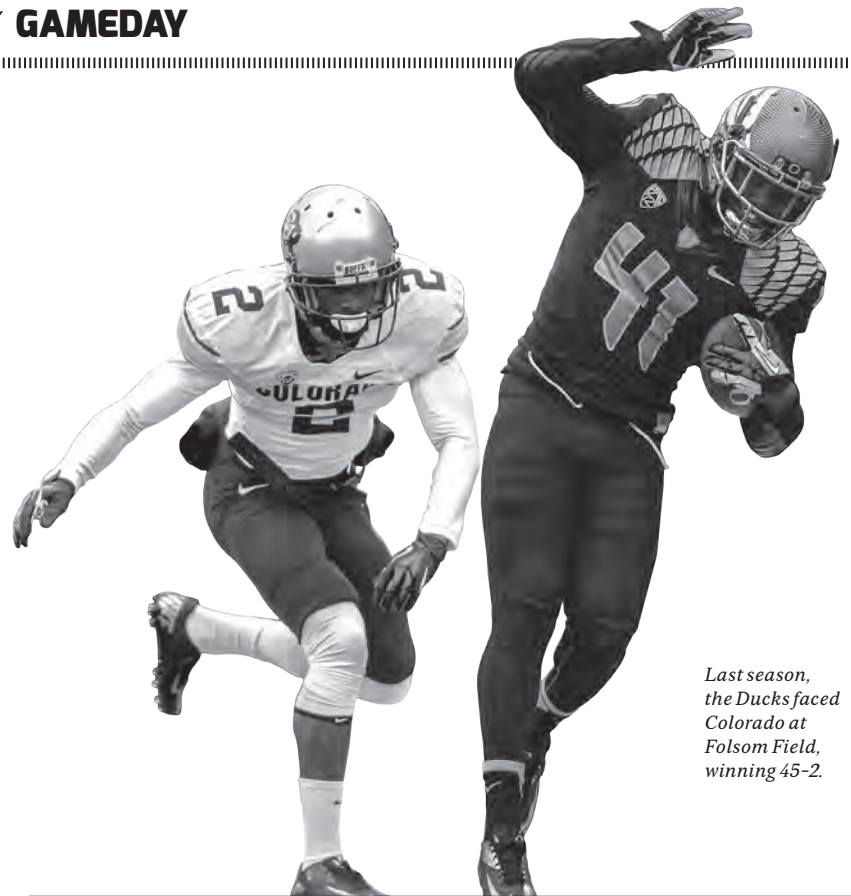
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Why Colorado will beat Oregon

Editor's Note: Each week during football season we will feature an essay from the opponent's student newspaper on how Oregon will lose. This week's edition is from Jillian Arja, @JillianArja, sports editor at Colorado's CU Independent.

Have you ever seen a duck fight a buffalo? Probably not because it would not be much of a show. The buffalo would stomp on the duck, and that would be the end of it.

That is how this weekend's football game between the Oregon Ducks and the Colorado Buffaloes is going to go. By the end of the fourth quarter, there will be no Ducks left.

I am not going to deny that Oregon is a good football team. The stats will show you they are. But when it comes to fight and courage, my Buffaloes will outmatch the ducks in every category.

Oregon does have some great

competitors on its bench. But come Saturday, they will be heading where the buffalo roam. These little ducklings better have more than a good running game to score and win as they enter Folsom Field.

With Oregon's leading rusher De'Anthony Thomas sitting out from a leg injury, Oregon is going to have to come up with a Plan B for this weekend's game.

Colorado does have weapons of its own on the field. Running back Paul Richardson and quarterback Connor Wood lead a great offensive attack. They have combined for some impressive touchdowns, 82 yards, 75 yards and 55 yards respectively.

Oregon comes into this game, ranked third in the Pac-12 and undefeated. They average 332.5 rushing yards per game, which is the most in the nation.

These Ducks will be entering the land of the Buffalo, however. After a perfect start to the season, the Ducks will earn their first loss of the season Saturday afternoon.

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Colorado wide receiver Paul Richardson holds up the Centennial Cup after their victory against Colorado State.

DUCKSHAVE ADVANTAGE IN THIS SATURDAY'S MATCHUP

BY RYAN KOSTECKA, @RYANKOSTECKA

The high-flying Ducks are at it again, and are one of the top teams in the country when it comes to any offensive category. Standing in their way of a 5-0 record are the Colorado Buffaloes. While every distinction from the past few years would show that this is a matchup worth laughing at, this year is proof that time can change things.

In Oregon's case, as time has worn on, the Ducks have gotten better. And, astonishingly, they've gotten faster. As for the Buffaloes, over the course of a year, they went from being a one-win team to being an opponent have to take seriously.

Saturday's showdown in Boulder will be the first time the Buffaloes have played in front of their home fans in a month. It should be an emotional game with heavy hearts for Colorado as its Sept. 14 home game against Fresno State was cancelled due to the floods streaming throughout the state.

➔ Here's how the teams stack up:

OFFENSE

Oregon: The Ducks lead the nation in rushing with 332.5 yards per game and an astonishing 7.64 yards per carry while coming in second in scoring offense at 59.8 points per game. Running backs Byron Marshall and Thomas Tyner will be called on to replace De'Anthony Thomas,

who will not play because of a sprained ankle. The duo does a good job of carrying the load behind Thomas, combining for 500 yards rushing and eight touchdowns while Marcus Mariota is a highly dangerous dual threat quarterback, throwing for 1,003 yards and nine touchdowns and rushing for 295 yards and five touchdowns.

Colorado: The Buffaloes have finally found a go-to offensive playmaker that has the potential to take over games. His name is Paul Richardson and he's back from an injury. Richardson is the nation's leader with an average of 162.3 yards per game receiving and fifth in the nation in catches per game at 8.7. Throwing to Richardson is Connor Wood. Wood has thrown for 887 yards and eight touchdowns, but over half those yards and touchdowns have gone to Richardson.

Advantage: Oregon

DEFENSE

Oregon: The Ducks are tied for fourth in the country by giving up 10.8 points per game. Leading the way is linebacker Derrick Malone with 35 tackles on the year and defensive end Tony Washington with 4.5 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles. Oregon's secondary is considered its greatest asset with all-American cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Olomu leading the way. Last week, the Ducks secondary held Cal quarterback Jared Goff to 11 passing yards. Goff went into that game leading the nation with 433.67 passing yards per game.

Colorado: The Buffaloes are led by linebacker Addison Gillam who has 33 tackles on the year and defensive end Chidera Uzo-Diribe, who like Washington, is tied for fourth in the nation with three forced fumbles. Greg Henderson leads Colorado with two interceptions on the year and both him and Jered Bell have returned an interception back for a touchdown.

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AS TRUE AS HIS ROOTS

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Mark Helfrich's qualities as a collegiate football coach are well-documented. He's flawlessly transitioned Oregon football into a new era, making the coaching change positively inconspicuous. But who is he? A one-track minded football coach with an inflated ego? No. ➔ Helfrich grew up in Coos Bay, Ore., a coastal town along the southwestern elbow of the state. With a population of less than 16,000, Coos Bay is home to a handful of notable sporting greats. Mel Counts, an NBA center drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1964, played professional basketball from 1964-1976 and won a Olympic gold medal for the United States in the '64 summer games. Coos Bay native Steve Prefontaine's life was tragically cut short at age 24, but he remains a highly decorated figure in the Oregon running community to this day.





Enter Helfrich, who now carries a title he never planned on having.

"My whole goal in life was to be a doctor," Helfrich said. "I was a biology major in college and kind of a weird set of circumstances led to coaching. Part of it was wanting to play a little bit more football, be involved in athletics and it kind of worked itself out."

Circumstances or not, Helfrich has always had a sophisticated football knowledge, even as a teenager at Marshfield High School.

"At lunch time he would come into the classroom and we would sit at the overhead and he would draw up goal line pass plays," said Bruce Bryant, a teacher and former head baseball coach at Marshfield. "He would say, 'look at this. This would be a great goal line pass play.' He'd draw the whole thing up, offense and defense. He was always strategizing, always thinking."

Helfrich got his first coaching gig in 1997 at Oregon as a graduate assistant – essentially a graduate teaching fellow of coaching. The next year he was hired as a quarterbacks coach at Boise State where he tutored Bart Hendricks, the Big West Conference Player of the Year in 1999 and 2000. Hendricks says there was more to Helfrich than a bright football mind.

"His ability to really walk that fine line where he could be serious when he needed to be, coach and say the right things ... yet when he could be, there were times when he would joke around and have a good laugh. That I really respected," Hendricks said.

From Boise State, Helfrich went on to serve the same position at Arizona State, where he coached Jeff Krohn, Andrew Walter and Rudy Carpenter, all of whom had successful careers as collegiate quarterbacks. In 2006, Helfrich was named offensive coordinator at Colorado, becoming the third-youngest such coach in the country. He then returned to Oregon in 2009, this time as the coordinator of Chip Kelly's revolutionary offense. Certainly such a swift meteoric rise has to change someone, instill a sense of entitlement, or elitism.

But not for Helfrich.

"I think that's one of the reasons why I respect Mark so much, is because he hasn't changed," said Tom Osborne, Oregon's special teams and tight ends coach who has worked with Helfrich at both Oregon and Arizona State. "He's the same guy. A lot of guys, all of a sudden they move to the corner office, they're the head guy and their personalities change. They forget what it's like to be one of the workers on the floor ... and he hasn't forgot that. He hasn't changed a bit."

Osborne believes Helfrich's humble upbringing played a huge role in shaping the man that not many Oregon fans know beyond spread options and press conferences.

"His humility comes from his parents," Osborne said. "He was raised to be a guy that doesn't think he's better than anybody else."

Mike Helfrich, or "Big Mike," as friends knew him, was Helfrich's father. He retired early after acting as the vice president of the local U.S. Bank and served as a proactive member of several Coos Bay boards and committees. A former Oregon lineman, he was active in local athletics, coaching football at Marshfield for several years. Linda Helfrich was a schoolteacher and both are well-known and respected members of the Coos Bay community.

"You're not going to find two better people than Mike and Linda Helfrich," said Mike George, Helfrich's basketball and football coach at Marshfield High

School. "Mark got his characteristics as being a great person from his mother and father."

Big Mike was one of his son's biggest fans, attending nearly all of Helfrich's sporting events, both as a player and a coach.

"He and a couple friends, that became their deal," Helfrich said of his father. "It was neat to see him having that much fun doing something that he loved."

It was when Mike Helfrich was doing something he loved that he suddenly passed away. He was in Tucson, Ariz. for Oregon's game against the Arizona Wildcats in 2011, a game the Ducks would eventually win 56-31. Unfortunately, one of their biggest fans wasn't able to see them triumph. He was found dead in his hotel room prior to kickoff.

"He was a great man. He would not have done one single thing differently in his life," Helfrich said of his father. "Knowing that is a very reassuring thought. The last time I saw him alive was here, at the Casanova Center. I literally walk by there everyday and it's a great memory."

While the memory of his father still weighs on Helfrich's mind during games, he's achieved success through four games at the helm, a success Oregon football fans have become accustomed to in recent years. He's brought out the best in his players, team and those who surround him.

According to former Marshfield coach and teacher Tim Wall, he always has.

"He was just such a gregarious, friendly, open person," Wall said. "Just the way he is now really. He's the real deal, what you see is what you get. He's just a genuine person."

Despite the constant frenzy of coaching college football, Helfrich maintains strong personal connections with many friends, players and associates. Virginia Tech offensive line coach Jeff Grimes is a good friend of Helfrich. They worked together at Boise State, Arizona State and Colorado. He said Helfrich will still respond to text messages almost instantly, and not because he feels obligated to.

"Not too long ago I joked with him and said, 'now that you're a big time head ball coach you can't even text me back,'" Grimes said. "Ten seconds later I get a text back from him and later that afternoon he called me. He cares about people, and I have all the confidence in the world that will never change."

The unlikely combination of boundless football knowledge and sincere kindness that Mark Helfrich embodies is, in a word, special. He won't spark controversy or make many headlines out of negativity. The local boy from the small coastal town has quietly, seamlessly ascended the college football ranks and now finds himself sitting in a lavish corner office with inappropriately large windows and an awkward amount of empty floor space.

But those meeting him for the first time wouldn't know his office sits atop a lavish football palace.

"There are very few people that get to the level that he's gotten to. It's not easy, because you have to be special," Bruce Bryant said. "Mark's special. He's got a lot of talent, but the thing that makes him even more special is that he's a special person. He cares about people. That's the difference."

Both Mel Counts and Steve Prefontaine made their mark after leaving Coos Bay and Helfrich may or may not live up to any expectations that precede him. But none of that will have mattered. To those who know him well, he's already made his mark.

HIS LIFE

Just like Steve Prefontaine before him, Mark Helfrich made his way from a podunk town on the Oregon Coast to the University of Oregon. Here's how:

1992 ▶ Helfrich graduates from Marshfield High School as salutatorian of his class.

1992 - 1995 ▶ Helfrich starts as quarterback for Southern Oregon University, ending career ranked sixth all-time in passing yards (4,490)

1996 ▶ Hired as running back coach at Southern Oregon

1997 ▶ Player and coach for Vienna Vikings (Austria)

1997 ▶ Added to Oregon coaching staff as graduate assistant

1998 - 2000 ▶ Quarterback coach at Boise State University

2001 - 2005 ▶ Quarterback coach at Arizona State University

2006 - 2008 ▶ Quarterback coach at Arizona State University

2009 - 2012 ▶ Offensive coordinator at University of Oregon



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Colorado junior wide receiver Paul Richardson is top 10 in the nation for receiving with 487 yards.

RICHARDSON BOUNCES BACK STRONG

Everyone wanted Paul Richardson on their team. Excluding Stanford, the entire Pac-12 conference was after Richardson and it eventually came down to a game of timing. He wanted to leave California and that very feeling would land him in Colorado in 2010. Richardson has since pursued the dream that his father, who played in the NFL, had birthed in him and is continuing to climb the ranks as a player.

"Following his footsteps was fun," Richardson said. "It's great doing some of the things he did and surpass him because that means more to him that he was able to see me do it."

In the spring of his sophomore year, Richardson suffered a knee injury that would change the course of his college career. After leading his team for his first two seasons, Richardson learned to be patient in the recovery process while also maintaining his self confidence.

Now a redshirt junior, Richardson is the leading wide receiver for the Colorado Buffaloes and ranks ninth all-time on the touchdown reception list at his school. He is also one of the highest rated NFL draft prospects in his class.

What made Richardson the player he is today isn't something that he accounted for when he entered college as Scout.com's No. 22 receiver in the nation. After leading the Buffaloes in his first two seasons, Richardson suffered a torn ACL in the spring of his junior year. He returned to practice by the end of the season, but it was largely due to the support of his family, specifically his brother who would help him get out of bed everyday.

"I had to fly one of my brothers out here to help come take care of

me because I couldn't even lift my own leg," Richardson said. "He had to lift my leg and pull me out of bed. [The family] stayed in prayer with me and made sure that I didn't doubt myself so that my nine-to-12-month recovery didn't turn into a year-in-a-half to two-year recovery."

Following the injury, Richardson feels he has become a stronger player. In addition to receiving support from his family, Richardson gained inspiration from players like Adrian Peterson, who has become the role model for recovering from an ACL tear. Richardson overcame a potentially career-ending injury and has turned it into a positive.

"Watching Adrian Peterson was amazing," Richardson said. "That gave me motivation as far as just knowing that 'hey you're going to be alright' and ever since I touched the field I was never worried about my knee."

Now recovered, Richardson is back to focusing on helping his team win games and surpassing his father as a player. Richardson has already racked up 487 receiving yards on 26 receptions, has pulled in five touchdowns and is back on pace to move up in the all-time receiving lists at Colorado. Considering he was sitting in his dorm room with a brace on his knee just a year ago, Richardson has become an inspiration himself for other college players to remain confident in their game during a time of injury.

"It's helped me because I've gotten stronger," Richardson said. "I've gotten faster, I've gotten a little bigger and I'm able to recover better."

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FOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS, SCHOOL AND SPORT IS A BALANCING ACT

BY JUSTIN WISE. @JWISE25

Mark Helfrich is now five weeks into his first campaign as the head coach of the Ducks and everything has gone smoothly with seemingly no change in how Oregon has played. But one change that begins this week is the added responsibility of classes and schoolwork.

At 4-0, No. 2 Oregon prepared for all of its victories without the additional load of schoolwork. It's something that mostly goes unnoticed, but the involvement of school evidently modifies the preparation for the week. Heisman candidate Marcus Mariota was quick to say that the team's overall focus isn't hindered.

"We have to be here earlier with guys having class at noon, but other than that everything stays the same, stays routine," Mariota said. "It's going to be just a little different from week to week."

Players' lives will become more scheduled with more time spent away from football, but the team as an entirety recognizes it without concern.

"It's a standard that we have here," junior defensive back Erick Dargan said. "This is not a distraction. We have to wake up earlier and prepare harder, but it's not too big of deal."

From now on, everything will move up an hour earlier with practices beginning at 9 a.m. and classes beginning at noon. The average day for players will then consist of team and positional meetings and the balance between homework and watching film at

home. However, this is something the team is prepared and ready for.

"We kind of prepare for those things while we weren't at school," Bralon Addison said. "The coaches do a good job of keeping the schedule the same and getting us out on time."

It may become more of an issue for some as the weeks move by in terms of course load, but the added benefit of school starting later in the season is something that offensive lineman Tyler Johnstone likes.

"I like it because we don't get everything thrown at us at once," Johnstone said. "Some schools have to deal with school and football starting at the same time and it's a lot to handle."

In terms of schoolwork another privilege for football players, as well as all student-athletes, is the facilities that assist them. The John E. Jaqua Academic Center has created something of an advantage for them with the various places to study and receive tutoring. The 40,000-square-foot academic center includes 35 tutoring rooms, 25 advising rooms, a library, a lounge and several teaching labs.

"For those that have tutors they will go to the Jaqua, but a place to study can be anywhere for us," Dargan said.

The regimen may be slightly adjusted, but the overall initiative remains the same for the players and coaching staff, who will make the trip to Colorado this Saturday.

"We just keep staying focused on the week at hand and getting better each week," Addison said.



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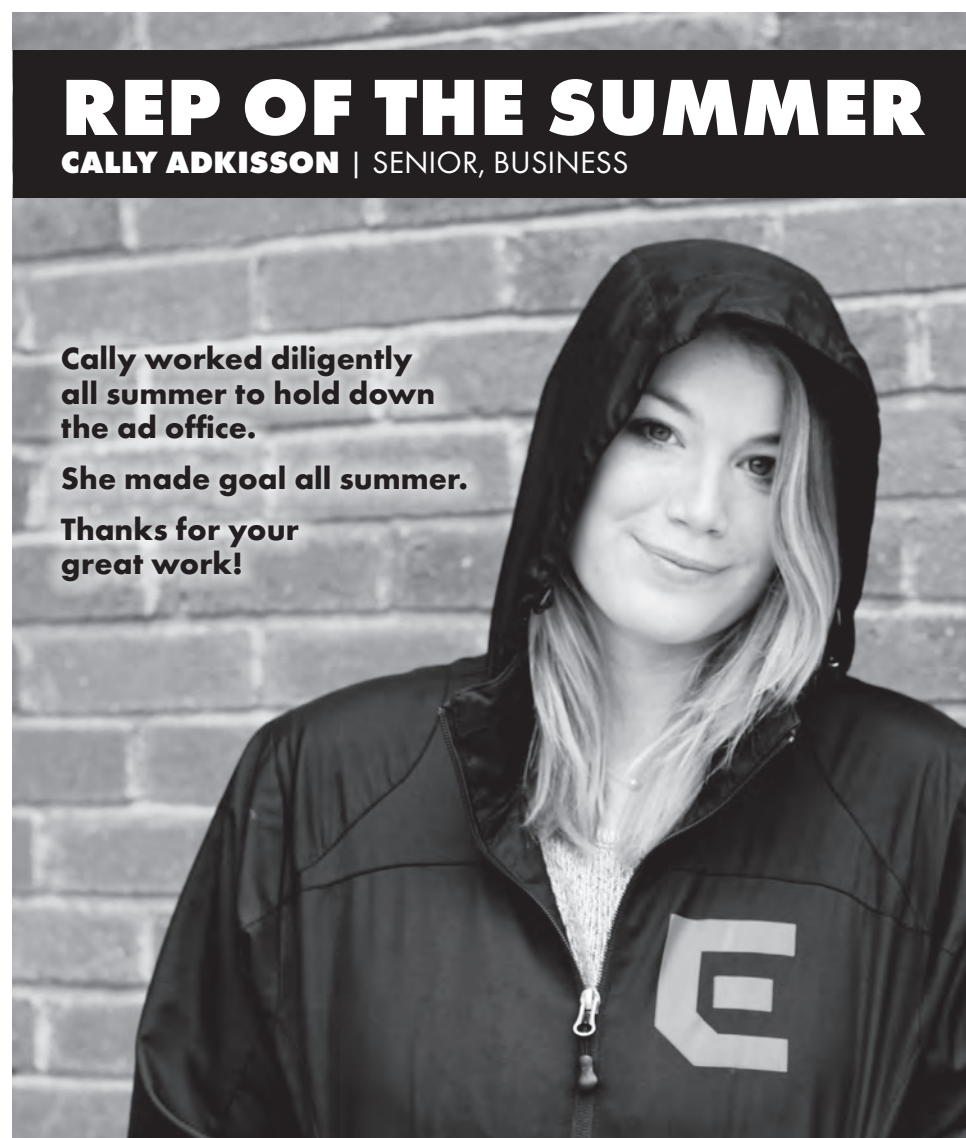
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Week six should provide no letdown in entertainment for college football fans. There are three games featuring top 25 teams playing each other but none more entertaining than the Pac-12 showdown between No. 15 Washington and No. 5 Stanford in Palo Alto, Calif.

With an early action game being one worth watching, make sure you get to your local grocery store the night before to pick up some Eggo waffles, peanut butter and syrup. The combination of all three with chocolate milk to down it with will make watching the game all the more satisfying because even if the game isn't entertaining, your stomach will be very satisfied.

MORNING: FLORIDA STATE VS. MARYLAND (9 A.M. / ESPN)

It's an ACC showdown featuring No. 25 Maryland and those awful uniforms they wear traveling down south to Tallahassee, Fla., to face the No. 8-ranked Seminoles. While each team boasts 4-0 records, neither one has been challenged by superior teams. The game features two ranked teams, but don't expect this one to be close as Florida State will use its speed to spread the Terrapins out and cruise to the easy win.

AFTERNOON:

There isn't much going on here for the afternoon slate. Seeing as the FSU-Maryland game shouldn't be worth watching after 11:30 a.m., that leaves you with five hours to go until the next premiere game. With the weather predicted to be pretty nice out, take your significant other out on a picnic. It's the best of both worlds because not only do you get to eat (which is a must for all the beer you're going to consume later), your significant other will be so ecstatic that they'll leave you alone the rest of the day for the big games. Oh yeah, don't forget to stop by the store and pick up snacks, beer and make dinner arrangements because you won't want to leave your couch again.

EVENING: NORTHWESTERN VS. OHIO STATE (5 P.M. / ABC)

In what could be a preview of the Big Ten championship later in the year, undefeated teams No. 16 Northwestern and No. 4 Ohio State face off in a big-time game for both teams. For the Wildcats of Northwestern, it's a chance to prove themselves to the country that they are a legit Rose Bowl contender. For the Buckeyes, it's the last time to impress voters before the season finale against Michigan because it's the last ranked opponent they face before the Wolverines. Both teams have a common opponent when Northwestern defeated Cal 44-30 in week one and the Buckeyes beat the Bears 52-34 in week three.

LATE EVENING: STANFORD VS. WASHINGTON (7:30 P.M. / ESPN)

The biggest game of the weekend features two Pac-12 teams from the North division looking for supremacy. Once again, both teams boast identical 4-0 records but the talent of teams they've played is far different with the Huskies facing tougher competition. Washington gave Stanford its only loss last year, a 17-13 victory in Seattle, so the Cardinal will be looking for payback. The winner of this game jumps into the driver seat of the Pac-12 North but will still have to face Oregon in the coming weeks.

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