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*University of Oregon Athletic Department was the ninth-highest grossing program in collegiate sports this year.*



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# \$115 MILLION EARNED BY OREGON ATHLETICS

The University of Oregon athletic department earned more than \$115 million in revenue for the 2012-13 fiscal year, according to USA Today Sports' latest update to its college athletics spending database.

In fact, Oregon has outpaced just about everyone when it comes to spending and earning since the database was introduced in 2005. The database shows that Oregon is taking home 188 percent more in revenue than it has since the days of Mike Bellotti, Ernie Kent and a non-existent baseball program.

This year, The Ducks were the ninth-highest grossing program in college sports and the highest in the Pac-12 – though there is some plus-minus to consider since private schools like USC and Stanford aren't required to release their financial information.

2013 marks a return to profitability for the Ducks, who have only broken even annually since the football program made it to the national championship in 2010-11 football season.

The top 10 grossing programs for 2013 are made up of the usual suspects: four

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*USA Today Sports has a collegiate athletics spending database, where they update spending habits for athletic departments around the nation.*

SEC schools, three Big 12 schools, two Big Ten schools and Oregon.

Texas earned \$165 million, its revenues and expenses rising 85 percent and 75 percent, respectively.

Of the top 10, Alabama is the only one approaching growth similar to Oregon's since 2005, earning 130 percent more and doubling its spending.

This year has also been the most expensive for the Ducks. In total, the athletic department dropped a hair under \$95 million on sports this year. Ballooning coaches salaries and scholarship costs account for much of the spike, spending \$35 million on coaches alone in 2013, while the price tag for coaches in 2005 was \$9 million – good for a 261 percent growth over nine seasons.

As for this year's profit, the Ducks banked about \$20 million after expenses. The biggest gains came from donor contributions – which shot up 44 percent from last year – to the tune of \$46.6 million. That figure still takes a backseat to 2010 when the Ducks were able to net nearly \$74 million in donations, good for a 312 percent jump

from 2009.

Steadily climbing earnings from ticket sales and licensing fees have also helped. In that time, proceeds from ticket sales have doubled and licensing revenues have risen 230 percent.

Though those numbers may be jarring, the database also shows that only a relative sliver of those expenses this year came from outside sources. Oregon ranked near the bottom – 217 out of 230 schools – in the portion of an athletic department's costs paid for with student fees or support from the state or university at large. Two percent of the Ducks' budget was subsidized, the lowest portion in the Pac-12.

Costs of buildings have also been a big reason for the bill's growth spurt. In 2010, buildings and grounds expenses hovered around \$10 million, then spiked to \$24.4 million in 2012 and \$25 million last year.

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## NEWS



Even with the UO's tobacco and smoke free policy, students and staff still smoke in the campus area.

# UO looks to strengthen next year's tobacco policies

Cigarette butts litter Pioneer Cemetery and the edges of campus. Groups of students and staff are constantly finding new places to smoke, yet the University of Oregon is coming up on its second year anniversary of being a tobacco-free campus.

Can the university boast being tobacco free?

University Health Center Director of Health Promotion Paula Staight said she doesn't have specific data regarding the decrease of smoking on campus, but has seen frequency of students smoking on campus has decreased.

Staight did recognize the fact that students are still smoking in the campus area.

"There are some hot spots on campus," Staight said.

In hopes of combating the problem, over the summer the health center plans on coming up with a plan to inform campus of the perimeters of the ban and to increase its enforcement. The exclusion of the use of e-cigarettes as well as cigarettes and other forms of tobacco will be more specifically enforced.

Staight, along with representatives from Oregon State University, presented both universities' tobacco-free efforts at the 2014 National Health Conference.

"All campuses seem to be dealing with similar issues regarding enforcement and butt litter," Staight said. "That said, it takes a while for social norms to change and evolve and we are just going on two years out."

The hope is that a tobacco free campus will lead to less smoking.

"Generally stricter tobacco policy leads to less smoking and higher quit rates," Staight said.

The Health Center offers many alternatives to aid students who are trying to stop smoking.

Health promotion specialist Renee Mulligan said that about 40 students per term accept the help offered in the form of a nicotine replacement therapy program.

To take part in this program, a student would first visit the Peer Health Office and request the free nicotine replacement therapy.

Then, the student is asked to fill out a personal action plan in addition to a peer health educator going through an intake questionnaire with the student.

At this point, the student is able to collect the product free of charge from the pharmacy.

"Students generally need two to three boxes to quit," Mulligan said. "So, they are asked to come to the Peer Health office each time to check in."

The current process for students to receive replacement therapy will remain through the summer, though it is subject to change in the fall.

The tobacco ban on the UO campus started in fall 2012. It came as schools across Oregon and the country have begun looking at and implementing tobacco bans.

The ban at the UO came with a \$1 million grant from PacificSource Health Solutions, which has been used to implement a tobacco-free strategy for the first five years. This was part of \$4 million donation by PacificSource that also went to Oregon State University for a similar initiative.

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## FROM RAFTING TO YOGA, EUGENE HAS IT ALL

The sky is clearing up, temperatures are rising and Eugene feels like a completely different world in the summer. With the abundance of sunshine comes more ways to stay active and take advantage of the summertime weather. Here are five ways to get up, get outside and get moving in Eugene this summer.

### WATER RAFTING

From the Umpqua to the McKenzie, there is no shortage of rivers in Western Oregon and summer is the perfect time to take advantage of them. For the more adventurous soul, river rafting is a great option to enjoy the river and pump up your adrenaline.

Senior Emily Greene has been going water rafting with her family for years.

"My family has always rafted on the river in the summer," said Greene. "Oregon is perfect for that."

Check the UO Outdoor Program for upcoming rafting trips.

### HIKING

Have you ever gone on a hike and reached the summit, only to have your view disrupted by a thick layer of fog? With blue skies over the summer, your view will be crystal clear. Check out some different hiking spots such as Sahalie Falls, Koosah Falls and Clear Lake.

If you want to learn about some great hiking spots visit the Outdoor Program for the City of Eugene, also known as the River House.

"Come join our program and we'll take you to the best spots," said senior program supervisor Roger Bailey.

### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking is a great way to stay in shape over the summer. This is a difficult workout and a chance to see some of the best views in Eugene.

Most hiking trails have a mountain biking option as well but make sure to be aware of your surroundings and other hikers on the trail.

The Outdoor Program offers a bike school over the summer to learn how to maintain your bike.

"It is a great class for people who want to learn how to take care of their bikes!" said Rithy Khut Business Operations and Office Coordinator.

### SURFING

People don't often associate Oregon with surfing, but during the summer there are some great spots on the coast to catch a wave. The coastal cities in Oregon come alive in the summer. There are some great spots such as Oceanside or Cape Kiwanda.

### OUTDOOR YOGA

If the previous activities seem slightly too intense, try taking your regular indoor fitness activities outdoors. The Student Recreation Center often offers special classes outside when the weather is ideal.

If you do not have a gym membership, gather a group of your friends and start your own yoga class. The key is to enjoy the outdoors while doing some form of exercise. You do not need to be an expert to stay active and soak the sun in the summer.

BY EMILY WEISZ

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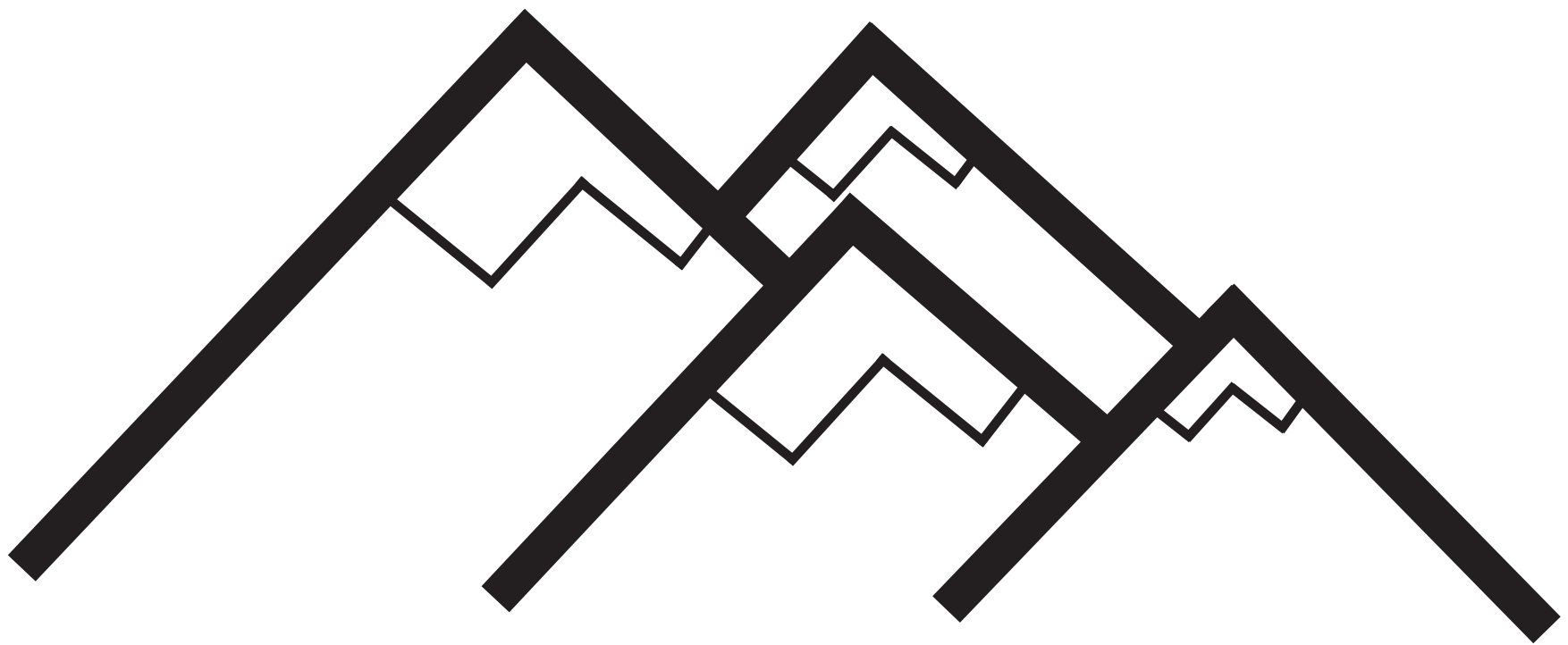
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# 4 Peaks brings music acts to Bend

Music festivals are moving to the mountains. For a picturesque festival experience with thousands fewer people than the average festival, consider buying a ticket to the 4 Peaks Music Festival, which is June 20-22 in Bend, Oregon.

The first thing you should know about 4 Peaks is that the name refers to the picturesque view, consisting of Broken Top Mountain and the Three Sisters, from the 20-acre Tumalo Ranch where the festival is located.

The festival began in 2007 when Stacy Totland and a few friends had a vision for such an event in Central Oregon. Gregg Morris, a Bend musician and writer said he is grateful for the bands the festival brings in because it fulfills Bend's lack of national touring acts, which often require a trip to Portland for concertgoers. Morris, who also does public relations for the festival, has been attending since 2007.

"The thing I like the best is twofold: I can bring my family and it has the best selection of music in the area, from regional to local to national bands," Morris said.

Morris also enjoys the camping experience on the ranch, which most of the attendees opt for.

What started as a backyard party turned into an annual event with national touring acts that have sold out for the past three years. To keep the festival's intimate and friendly vibe, only 1000 tickets are sold each year.

"It's unique because of the location it's in and the intimate nature of it. There are really gorgeous mountain views and it's a small, family-friendly environment," Totland said.

This year's headliner is Railroad Earth, who derive its name from a Kerouac story and don't define themselves with a single genre, but as "a string band, but an amplified string band with drums," "Country & Eastern," "A souped-up string band?" and rock and roll.

The lineup also lists Dumpstaphunk, The Pimps of Joytime, Carolyn Wonderland, Poor Man's Whiskey, Hot Buttered Rum, Brothers Comatose, Moonalice, Polecat, White Water Ramble, Tracorun, The Congress, The Coffis Brothers, Eight Dollar Mountain, JED and Broken Down Guitars to create three days of jam, bluegrass, soulful, groovy, string-filled tunes.

While many music festivals are becoming more commercial, bringing bigger names and bigger crowds, Totland would like 4

Peaks to retain its spirit and community.

"I'd like to see it grow just a little bit, but keep it intimate," said Totland.

Ashland-native bluegrass string quintet band Eight Dollar Mountain is looking forward to playing this year's festival for the first time. Eight Dollar Mountain cites the father of bluegrass himself, Bill Monroe and famous bluegrass duo Flatt & Scruggs as its influences. With a banjo, dobro, mandolin, guitar and bass, the band infuses these traditional bluegrass roots with energetic harmonies and rhythms to keep crowds dancing.

"All these bands can reach that point of excitement and engagement from the audience," dobro player Mark Lackey said. "We really get people moving and dancing."

Tickets are \$135 for the whole weekend. Saturday-only tickets cost \$85. The ranch is located at 19449 Tumalo Reservoir Rd, Bend, Oregon, just a two hour drive from Eugene and a three hour drive from Portland. For more information, visit [4peaksmusic.com](http://4peaksmusic.com)

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# A YEAR IN REVIEW

BY KATHERINE MARRONE, JORDAN TICHENOR, JUSTIN WISE AND SAMI EDGE

**FROM A SNOWBALL FIGHT THAT MADE NATIONAL NEWS** to Oregon legalizing gay marriage, this year has been a whirlwind. Here are some of the biggest events from the 2013-2014 school year for the University of Oregon.



## Mark Helfrich's first year

After falling short of season expectations, first-year head coach Mark Helfrich guided Oregon to its sixth consecutive 10-win season, which culminated in a 30-7 victory over Texas in the Alamo Bowl.

Averaging 45.5 points per game, Oregon began its 2013 campaign by breezing through its first eight games. However, an injury to Marcus Mariota's knee set the offense back and the Ducks sputtered into the end of the season, losing two of their last four regular season games. There were highlights to take away from the year though, which included a 36-35 win over Oregon State in the Civil War.

Josh Huff finished his four years in a Ducks uniform, tied for the most touchdown receptions of all-time (24), while Mariota, Hroniss Grasu and Ifo Ekpre-Olomu received first-team All-Pac-12 awards.

All in all, Oregon failed to meet its national championship aspirations, but brings back a heavy lineup of returning starters that are anchored by the versatile Mariota – who forewent the opportunity to enter the NFL draft for another stab at a fall playing in Autzen Stadium.



## Dan Savage comes to University of Oregon

If someone could be a national icon because of sex alone, it's Dan Savage. He's a renowned sex advice columnist (his column is featured in the Eugene Weekly, as well as other publications across the nation) who's best known for his quick, witty advice to whatever sexual or romantic questions one might have.

So, it's probably no surprise that tickets to his show "Savage Love Live" at the University of Oregon were sold out within three days after they went on sale.

Worried that your kinky fetish is abnormal? Savage makes you feel at ease. Want to know whether or not you should explore your sexuality or stick to your partner? He'd probably recommend exploring. Dan Savage doesn't hold back when it comes to sex. And he didn't hold back when he came to the University of Oregon, either. He even gave a "sex talk" to the Emerald. His advice for college students when it comes to sex? Don't waste that time when you're young and hot.



## A snowball fight causes campus mayhem

No one expected the flurry of snow storms that hit Eugene, and the rest of Oregon, this past year.

They also had no idea that a video from one of those snowy days would become a viral hit, covered by everyone from ESPN to Business Insider.

Let's back up a bit: When the snowfall hit, Eugene and the UO campus closed down. Most took it as a day off to explore the rare sight of Eugene as a winter wonderland and members of the football team even organized a playful snowball fight over Twitter.

However, the snowball fight turned into a group of students and athletes throwing snowballs at passing cars outside the EMU, eventually dumping snow on a retired UO professor as he was exiting his car.

Within a day of the Emerald publishing the video, attention had been garnered on reddit.com and views on the video were pushing a million. Almost overnight, international news picked up the story and UO football player Pharaoh Brown was suspended from playing in the Alamo Bowl for his participation in the incident.





### Track and Field sweeps indoor championships

On paper, both the men and women Oregon track and field teams were projected to finish within the top contingent of teams at the NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It was never expected that both the men and women would sweep the competition for the first time since Arizona State accomplished it in 2008.

With a standout performance from freshman Edward Cheserek, who won both the 3,000 and 5,000 meter, the Oregon men comfortably sat eight points above second place Arkansas at the meet's end and grabbed its first team title since 2009. It wasn't as easy for the women though, who headed into the final event, the 4X100 relay, in fourth place.

The women would then go on to provide the defining moment of the meet. After Oregon trailed for most of the relay, its anchor Phyllis Francis out-sprinted Texas' Ashley Spencer by 0.2 seconds to put the Ducks a half-point above the Longhorns and give the women's team their fifth consecutive indoor national championship.

Oregon brought home from Albuquerque, two trophies, as well as 28 first-team All-American awards, the most ever in its history as an esteemed program.



### Oregon legalizes same-sex marriage

It was bound to happen eventually. The question was varying: When? When would it be legal for people of sexual identities to marry one another in Oregon? On May 19, the question was answered when Oregon became the 33rd state in the United States to legalize same-sex marriage. Crowds of same-sex couples filled courtrooms all over the country, hand-in-hand, eager to confirm their union with the state – a union that, for some, had lasted as long as decades. The couples filled the courtroom in Lane County that day and thereafter. It's a step in the LGBTQ\* movement that will make history forever – a day that no one will likely forget.



### Men's basketball players accused of sexual assault

Details of an alleged rape committed by three former University of Oregon basketball players were released to the public on May 5 – almost two months after the crime allegedly occurred. The news sparked a flurry of press inquiries, student protest and critical reevaluation of campus sexual assault policies.

Today institutional investigation into the incident continues, though the players have been dismissed from criminal charges by the Oregon District Attorney and dismissed from the basketball team. In the last month, the UO Faculty senate has approved a task force to address sexual violence and survivor support, extended the jurisdiction of the student conduct code off campus and revised its definitions of sexual assault and the standard of evidence required to punish someone found guilty of that offense. This week, a Review Panel on Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response was appointed by members of the university administration and asked to begin work immediately.

As the majority of the campus community heads into a summer vacation, questions remain, namely: What will become of all of this? For now, only time will tell.

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# Sami Kiser blends her passion for lacrosse and sign language

**SAMI KISER HAS FOUND HER PASSION.** After a year of volunteering with deaf children, the senior women's lacrosse player plans to pursue a career as a deaf educator.

After the Oregon lacrosse team fell to Denver in a battle for first place in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation on April 26, senior Sami Kiser, along with her teammates and coaches, was not ready to leave the field.

The team had some people to thank first – Kiser's non-hearing and deaf students stood on the sidelines during the game as guest coaches.

As the team huddled and post-game stretches concluded, the team signed "Thank you for coming" to the group of children and teachers.

"It was great to see the hearing and deaf community come together in that moment," Kiser said.

Kiser, who will graduate next week with a degree in communication disorders and sciences, will most likely witness many more of those moments as she hopes to pursue a career as a deaf educator after college.

This past year, she volunteered in a classroom with deaf children. However, Kiser first learned American Sign Language during fall term of her sophomore year.

"It's a language you have to be patient with and if you are passionate about it, it will come to you," Kiser said.

The Maryland native then took a second year of the language and found her calling this past fall. As Kiser was enrolled in class titled ASL for Educators taught by Heidi Corce, she officially decided to she wanted to become a deaf educator.

"I was sitting in class and I don't know what happened but it all of a sudden hit me," Kiser said. "I turned to my teammate Shannon (Propst) and

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*For the last year, Sami Kiser has been volunteering in a classroom with deaf children, and has found a passion for American Sign Language.*

I was like 'I want to be Heidi when I grow up.'

Corce said that Kiser's high energy and positive attitude molds her into a natural leader.

After that class, Corce invited Kiser to help teach at Bertha Holt Elementary, where Kiser would eventually volunteer twice a week.

"I just knew that was the right place for me," Kiser said. "I leave there just beaming."

When Kiser told her first year sign language teacher Johanna Larson about her experience at the school and decision to pursue a career in the field, it was an emotional moment. Both Kiser and Larson teared up when they heard the news.

"Deafness is a part of my life, so to see someone with that much emotion want to do that means that the world will be better for my family," Larson said. "I can't wait to see what happens with the kids she teaches."

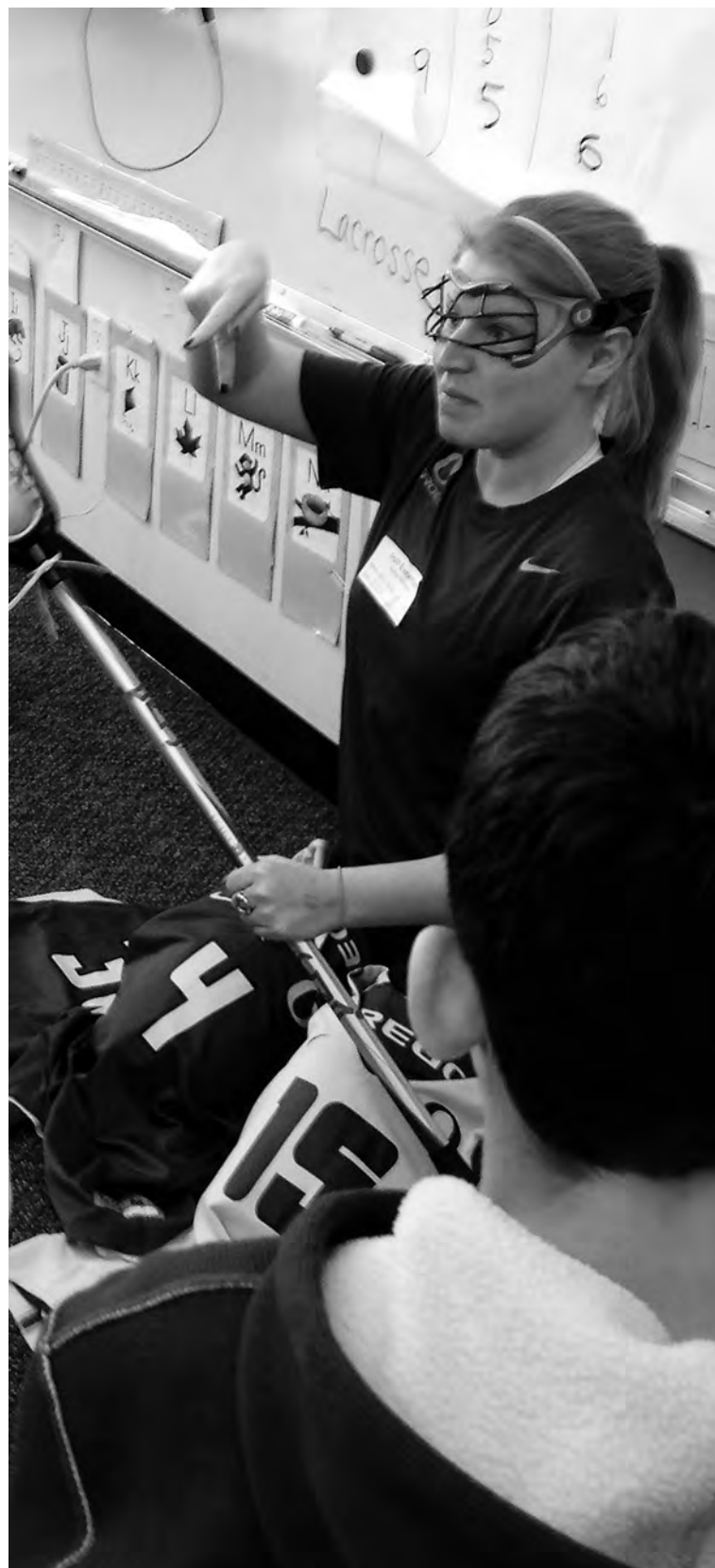
Kiser also found a way to combine her passion for teaching and love for lacrosse together when she taught her students how to play the game, along with some of the rules.

"It was amazing. I'm seeing what their world is like everyday, so the fact that they could see what I do every day was great," Kiser said. "It touched my heart."

From the lacrosse field to the classroom, Kiser brings energy to whatever she is involved in, which Larson added is key for someone who signs.

"She is fun loving, full of life and her eyes are always sparkling," Larson said. "That really helps because deaf people can't always hear the tone of one's voice, but they can see in your face whether it's genuine."

BY BETH MAIMAN, @BETHMAIMAN



*Since falling in love with American Sign Language, Sami Kiser has decided to pursue a career in the field.*



Oregon Pit Crew supports many different sports at Oregon. A few members recently traveled to Oklahoma City for the Women's College World Series.

# Pit Crew goes the distance to support softball

When three members of the Oregon Pit Crew walked into the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, the University of Oregon softball team stopped, looked at their fellow students and burst into cheers.

The students made it just in time for the team's second game of the Women's College World Series against Florida on May 30.

It was just the boost the Ducks needed – the energy of Oregon's famous student section.

Seniors Brian Duke and A.J. Locati, along with sophomore Grant Silverstein, made the 2,000-mile journey to cheer for the Ducks in the historic postseason run.

After Oregon's Super Regionals win, the trio decided to get to Oklahoma City however possible. They knew that if they could make it there, they would be assured tickets courtesy of the UO

**▲ FAST FACT**

Three members of the Oregon Pit Crew, Brian Duke, A.J. Locati and Grant Silverstein traveled 2,000 miles to support Oregon softball.

“

... Every great play, they've been right there and a part of our team.”

**ALEXA PETERSON**  
Senior Oregon Softball player.

athletic department.

They pursued sponsorship, but it seemed like nothing would work out.

On Tuesday, Duke and Locati produced a video to solicit donations through GoFundMe. Their initial efforts earned them about \$300.

“We got so much money so fast that we were like, dang this might actually happen,” Duke said.

They knew that they probably couldn't afford airline tickets for all three, so they decided to only send one member.

However, on Thursday morning Duke received a call from Lisa White, coach Mike White's wife. Lisa collaborated with parents of softball players to raise enough money (about \$1,000) to send all three to Oklahoma City. Fans and former Pit Crew members also helped with donations through the website.

“When we first walked into the stadium, I just screamed the loudest I possibly could,” Duke said. “The whole team was cheering us on. We switched briefly, they were cheering for us, and we made it. It was the most incredible thing.”

Senior Alexa Peterson said that the team was thrilled to see the trio enter the stadium just in time for the game.

“I think we cheered just as loud for them coming in as we did in both our

wins against Oklahoma and Florida State,” Peterson said. “We were so excited to see them because they've been at our games this season and have been a driving force behind getting fans out ... Every great play, they've been right there and a part of our team.”

During the season, the group decided that they would try to create a spark to increase student attendance at home games.

“We just made it awesome and cheered as loud as we possibly could, so we didn't have to rely on other people and our softball team loved us for it,” Locati said.

Duke said that he especially enjoys cheering on softball because students and fans can have a bigger impact on the game – their voices are more magnified in the crowd.

“It wasn't about making the other team play poorly – it was about making our team feel like it wasn't the world series. It was just another game at Howe Field,” Duke said. “It was those guys that were always there screaming like idiots and so they can relax a little bit, ‘This is just another day.’”

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). As you quietly go about your business, you invite others to draw their own conclusions about you -- they will anyway. Most would agree that you're up to something, but they assume it's something very good.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). While speed is of the essence in matters of finance, go slow with a new love relationship. Knowledge puts you in control, especially if what you know is whom you can trust and whom you can't.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're a rebel with a very good cause, and you'll attract attention for it as you tell more people what you're up to. Let loved ones help. It gives them a sense of satisfaction and you more freedom.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The opportunity to help that comes up today seems custom-made for you: It's something you can very easily accomplish that others would have a terrible time with.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You never know whether you'll maintain your composure in times of stress until you've been put to the "stress test." So welcome whatever comes up to ruffle your feathers and rile your spirits. It's making you better.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Chances are it will be better to give a little more than you planned than to withhold what is being asked for. Ultimately, what you give will be expendable and not very important, but it will make someone feel better.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have resources cerebral and financial, creative and practical. Use them all to solve the problems of the day. The one to solve first is: How can I have more fun?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's little point in taking action unless you're going to do it with some enthusiasm. Personality and energy matter more than they did yesterday, and you'll bring more of both to everything you do.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Like a child's favorite blanket, there are ideas that provide comfort even though, strictly speaking, they may be unsupported. Maybe you've outgrown an idea, but separating yourself from it entirely creates discord within.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You never know what people are going through, and even if you were to ask, many of them wouldn't say. That's why the love you spread is so important. A smile here, a listening ear there -- it makes a difference.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whether in child-rearing or the boardroom, a certain amount of trouble is to be expected and should be met with calm determination. The No. 1 rule: Stay as centered as possible.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). The saying goes, "Like attracts like." If you don't feel good about the people who are around you, leave. You'll rise to your environment, so make it a good one!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 9). You're a natural-born leader. That doesn't mean you know everything about leading people; it just means you're eager to learn. You'll pick up new skills over the next six weeks. Claim a new goal in August and follow through. Three months later, it's in the bag. January and February are the luckiest in love. Pisces and Libra people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 2, 22, 24 and 18.

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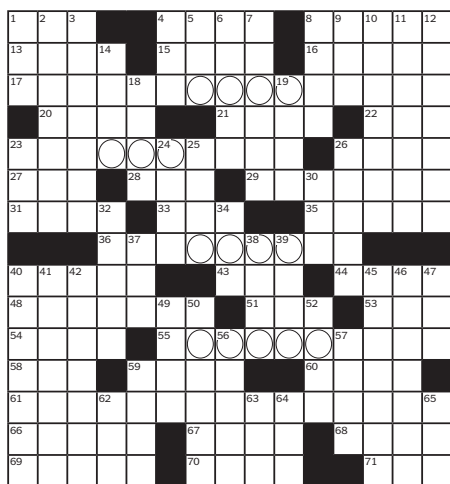
- 1 PC connection means: Abbr.
- 4 Downloads for mobile devices
- 8 Floats through the air
- 13 Greenish blue
- 15 Country located in what was once the Inca Empire
- 16 Stan's partner in comedy
- 17 Instruments played at theaters during silent films
- 20 Tehran's land
- 21 Shrek, e.g.
- 22 Clock-setting standard: Abbr.
- 23 Singer with the 1963 hit "If I Had a Hammer"
- 26 Françoise, to François, maybe
- 27 Quantity: Abbr.
- 28 Guy's rental for a gala
- 29 Inactive, as a volcano

- 31 Drinker's party instruction, for short
- 33 Lay eyes on
- 35 Needle and cone producers
- 36 First president to live in the White House
- 40 Welles of "Citizen Kane"
- 43 Large coffee server
- 44 Sword handle
- 48 Understand speech without hearing
- 51 Letters on a wanted poster
- 53 Atlas page
- 54 "Micro" and "macro" subject, for short
- 55 Ha-ha producer in a sitcom
- 58 Sun. follower
- 59 "\_\_\_ She Lovely"
- 60 Shakespeare character who says "I hate the Moor"

- 61 Why this puzzle is like "Seinfeld"?
- 66 Hurricane or blizzard
- 67 Hit on the noggin
- 68 Peeved state
- 69 Dresses in Delhi
- 70 Therefore
- 71 Earth-friendly prefix

#### DOWN

- 1 Detroit-based labor org.
- 2 Having ants in one's pants
- 3 Hand-held Mexican food
- 4 Likely (to)
- 5 Dispenser candy
- 6 Before surgery, informally
- 7 Increased rapidly, as troop numbers
- 8 Had on
- 9 "Solve for x" subj.
- 10 Traffic signaler near highway construction
- 11 Source of a metal once used for foil
- 12 Ensembles for six
- 14 Political commentator Colmes
- 18 Monogram letter: Abbr.
- 19 Ricelike pasta
- 23 File folder feature
- 24 Drunkard
- 25 Yoked animals
- 26 Pennsylvania Dutch speakers
- 30 45 or 78: Abbr.
- 32 Tennis's Borg
- 34 \_\_\_ Claire, Wis.
- 37 Area code lead-in
- 38 Tow



PUZZLE BY LYNN LEMPEL

- 39 Egyptian symbol of life
- 40 Dixie school, affectionately
- 41 Cheese stuffed in stuffed shells
- 42 "And now a word from our \_\_\_"
- 45 Lennon song with the lyric "You may say I'm a dreamer ..."
- 46 Terse
- 47 Toll road: Abbr.
- 49 The first "A" of 51-Across
- 50 Vienna's river
- 52 Going (bickering)
- 56 Say
- 57 Pep rally cries
- 59 Many early PCs
- 62 Onassis who married Jackie
- 63 Complain, complain, complain
- 64 Yoko who co-produced 45-Down
- 65 Old Pontiac muscle car

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OPINION

## Here's to my freshman nemesis

My college education ended on Thursday in the same classroom it began. From the back row I tuned out my final lecture, and instead used the time to remember myself in the same room, four years prior. I recalled a baby-faced teenager sitting in the front row. He was generally ignorant and overconfident – far less handsome and cool than he would eventually become. While ruminating I quickly grew to despise this person – this outdated, lesser version of myself. I call him my freshman nemesis.

My freshman nemesis was a goddamn idiot. He lived in Carson Hall, third floor, and he rarely left his room other than to eat or go to class. For fun, he'd Skype his distant Mormon girlfriend. They could chat for hours at a time.

On weekends, if he were feeling particularly adventurous, he would walk all the way to Yogurt Extreme to bask in its spunky ambiance. But he tried to stay on campus – within his pathetic comfort zone. In case you're wondering, my freshman nemesis never once "bashed the bishop" in the shower, but he suspected that his hall-mates did.

In the beginning, he waited steadfastly for new friendships to form. His strategy

was to let them happen organically. But he failed to understand that new friendships required exposure to new people. Lectures, he realized, were not the kind of setting conducive to making new friends. So he stubbornly spent his first year of college with only two or three friends.

My freshman nemesis rejected the inevitability of conflict between roommates. With each unavoidable argument, he felt as though he had somehow failed. He clung to the ideal that the right roommates would jive without any disagreements or quarrels. He also had no respect for the importance of communication once these arguments broke out. One evening, in the heat of a dispute, he asked his roommate, "Why do you always get so butt hurt?" For his use of such immature and offensive language, he was shunned by his roommate for three days.

As much as I hated thinking about my freshman nemesis – as much as I wanted to go back in time and punch him in the kidney – he serves as a helpful measurement of personal growth. I'd had a difficult time identifying personal progress in college because the changes have come so slow. I couldn't begin to feel

my cumulative development over the last four years without thinking back to the beginning.

After that final class on Thursday, a dozen or so friends came over and we reveled into the night. We all felt a bittersweet significance. After two to three years together, most of us would soon graduate and move on. So naturally, friends slugged whisky from mugs. Others threw cupcakes at each other in my living room. It was nearly reckless.

Safe from the crossfire, I had a chance to tune out one last time. I thought again about my baby-faced freshman nemesis. Could he have expected, in his four years, to find such extraordinary friends? Could he have anticipated such enormous personal development? Does everyone hate their freshman nemesis as much as I do?

I rejoined my friends. I wanted to get a little reckless. I wanted to throw cupcakes at them. I wanted to throw cupcakes at everybody – the whole class of 2014.

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