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Collaboration Corvallis ready for fall term

Record OSU enrollment spurs partnership between city, university for improved student, community living

By Emma-Kate Schaake
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As a record number of students continue to enroll at Oregon State University's Corvallis campus, Collaboration Corvallis — a project composed of representatives from the city, Oregon State, ASOSU, Benton County and the Corvallis community — aims to address livability issues for students and community members alike.

The project began 18 months ago with a three-year plan to solve issues from increased enrollment. The areas of emphasis, with specific work groups assigned to each, include neighborhood livability, neighborhood planning and parking and traffic. A fourth work group will also be added to address the lack of affordable housing. Corvallis currently has a vacancy rate of less than 3 percent, which makes finding affordable and diverse living options difficult for students, faculty, families and other community members.

Steve Clark, vice president of OSU relations and marketing and an active member of Collaboration Corvallis, said that although

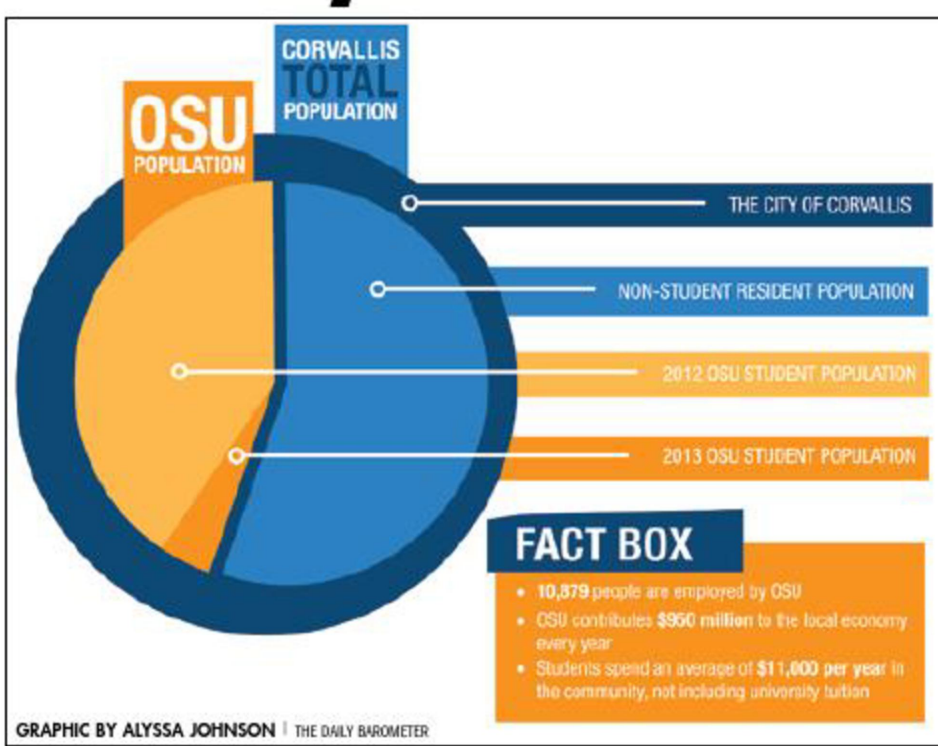
increased enrollment has created challenges, not all implications of that growth are negative. OSU creates jobs, contributes to the local economy and provides a platform for student and faculty research and innovation.

"There are a lot of positive impacts," Clark said. "There are some extraordinary things that are happening, contributions from the university and those who go to school here and work here."

To address the current issues, the university has implemented four major changes for fall term. Three new, full-time positions were added to Student Conduct and the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life, and the First-Year Experience initiative was implemented, mandating that all first-year students must live on campus. An off-campus living guide was produced to demonstrate correct student conduct in community housing neighborhoods, and parking permit prices were reduced for dorm residents who will park away from the congested central campus lots.

Raphelle Rhoads, the community conduct officer for Student Conduct and Community Standards, holds one of the new positions added this summer. Her position is a result of the Collaboration Corvallis partnership.

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Hatfield researchers feel shutdown's effects

At least 35 staff members displaced from labs in Newport; federal government provides 60 to 70 percent of funding

By Sean Bassinger
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Uncertainties relating to Newport's Hatfield Marine Science Center continue after the government shutdown displaced at least 35 staff members. Many researchers have had to resume their work

elsewhere because many of the labs receive federal funds. The Hatfield Center is home to projects related to active marine wildlife.

The shutdown required a closure of multiple federal buildings on the property. Researchers don't have access to some of the laboratories they need. If these shutdowns remain in effect for the next few weeks, entire projects could halt and layoffs may occur.

According to Hatfield Director Bob Cowen, \$15 to \$20 million of the center's research grants come from a combination of both federal and state funds.

The federal government provides at least 60 to 70 percent of this total amount.

Without the money to sustain themselves, researchers may have to stop much of their work.

"Some individuals will be on leave without pay," Cowen said. "Unfortunately, it's usually the entry level people who get hit the hardest."

Cowen said the center has no choice but to send federal employees home and shut down their operations until further notice. Meanwhile, essential personnel are allowed to stay so they can manage the marine labs and live organisms.

"They're going to help keep them alive," Cowen said. "We can't just let those shut down."

Rick Spinrad, vice president of research at Oregon State, explained how the Hatfield Marine Science Center places a heavy emphasis on research concerning salmon genetics, which helps researchers understand different populations along the coast.

The center also conducts major research on tsunamis, ocean observation techniques and changes in the ocean conditions, Spinrad said.

Because federal agencies and Oregon State have various facilities on the property, both often share resources.

"We had to find places where they could move equipment and find open space where they could work on (projects)," Cowen said.

If the shutdown continues for more than a week, Cowen and science center staff will have to significantly move other staff members around to accommodate the displaced individuals who work on tasks involved with data and lab work.

Cowen added that moving data servers and other laboratory equipment remains undesirable since the resulting transitions could permanently damage the property.

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Task force gets down to business

Newly appointed ASOSU task force directors begin duties

By Tori Hittner
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A new team of task force directors are ready for the 2013-14 year, according to Associated Students of Oregon State University President Brett Deedon.

More than 30 students applied for 13 available positions on the ASOSU task force team. Applications are typically submitted in the spring but were pushed off to the beginning of fall term due to an internal restructuring debate.

"One of the things that has come up in the past," Deedon said, "is the question of whether those positions have been efficient and effective to students. And it's a valid question. Students are paying for our positions here. They should know what's happening."

No major task force restructuring occurred, except for a position name change. "Campus Affairs" changed to "Academic Affairs."

Along with ASOSU Vice President

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The usually full east parking lot of the Hatfield Marine Science Center is nearly empty on Thursday because of the federal shutdown.

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Wednesday, September 25

Baked goods burglar
Officers cited a 45-year-old man for stealing approximately \$15 worth of items from Fred Meyer on Kings Boulevard. The items included deli food, cupcakes and a Sobe beverage.

Thursday, September 26

That's not what the fanny pack is for
Around 8:52 p.m. a female, 55, was cited for Shoplift II after attempting to steal a Ninkasi Total Domination valued at \$10.29. She allegedly tried to stow the beer in her fanny pack and walk out of the Safeway on 3rd Street.

Tuesday, October 1

There's a ninja on the loose
An 18-year-old male Oregon State



Compiled from the Department of Public Safety, Oregon State Police and Corvallis Police

University student could not find his wallet after returning home from class. He remembered being bumped into and thinks he was pick-pocketed.

Call the Avengers, Iron Man was kidnapped

A 2004 Chevy Tahoe was allegedly broken into at approximately 1:00 p.m. The thief allegedly stole prescription medications, sunglasses, the DVDs for

the first and second Iron Man movies and an assortment of random CDs.

Lock up the ENTIRE bike

A female student, 19, reported her front bike tire had been stolen sometime between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. It was valued at \$150.

Wednesday, October 2

Derailed

Bob's Towing assisted a man who drove his vehicle onto the railroad tracks. The 25-year-old male mistook the turn going northbound on 26th Street to eastbound on Southwest Washington Way, which resulted in him driving his car onto the tracks. Railroad authorities cleared the rail line undisturbed.

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Bowling with SOL

Multicultural LGBTQ group on campus hosts bowling night Thursday in MU basement

By Kaitlyn Kohlenberg
THE DAILY BAROMETER

SOL, a student-led organization, offered free bowling, pool and a welcoming environment at the Memorial Union Basement Thursday night.

SOL, which is not an acronym, works with the Pride Center and the Rainbow Continuum on campus to help forge stronger ties between the several cultural centers around OSU.

The group identifies as, "A student initiated collaborative effort to support and improve campus climate for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and allied persons of color."

The "Bowl with SOL" event on Thursday was an annual event for the organization.

"This event is more to grab the new students' attention,"

said Internal Coordinator Guillermo Rebolledo. "We really want to have more involvement with SOL because we are an LGBT multicultural group, but we also have the pride center, so we really want to work with students who are from the multi-racial backgrounds but they also identify with the LGBT community."

Several of the attendees were freshmen who enjoyed the opportunities from groups on campus, like SOL.

"It's a really good event because you rarely find a lot of events that are actually free," said Yvonne Seumaala, a sophomore in public health. "This is a really good opportunity for people to just go around and meet a lot of people."

Many students found the multi-cultural aspect an additional bonus to the free social event.

This multi-cultural spin is a large part of what makes SOL stand out from other groups.

"It's really important for us to get out there and have our name known for school, especially for the new students to come



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Gilberto Martinez, a freshman in mechanical engineering, plays billiards at "Bowl with SOL."

in and have a place to talk and feel at home," Rebolledo said.

SOL will host its Queer People of Color social and informational meeting on Thursday.

The QPoC meetings are to inform students of the

resources available on campus and to act as a safe space for students to talk and relate with peers on campus.

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On-campus bus stop closed for construction

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Philomath Connection bus stop is no longer available. Prior to the change, the stop was on Jefferson Avenue between 15th Street and 26th Street, in front of the former OSU Beaver Bookstore. It was eliminated due to the long-term street project and construction of the Student Experience

Center, which has caused traffic detours for both vehicles and pedestrians.

The new outbound Philomath Connection route heads west on Jefferson, south on 15th Street and west on Western Boulevard before resuming its regular route.

Four stops that were previously a part of the outbound Corvallis Transit will be

added to the Philomath Connection route. These stops are located at the intersections of 15th Street and Jefferson Avenue, 15th Street and Washington Avenue, Western Boulevard and 17th Street and Western and 26th Street.

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Calendar

Friday, Oct. 4

Events
Interfraternity Council (IFC), times vary, Corvallis. Chapter Events. The 19 IFC fraternities will host a variety of events for interested men to meet brothers.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Events
Interfraternity Council (IFC), 1-3pm, MU Quad. Tabling Event. Meet with members of IFC's 19 Chapters and get a schedule of upcoming events throughout formal recruitment.

Monday, Oct. 7

Events
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Tuesday, Oct. 8

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. ASOSU weekly Senate meeting.

Events
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Wednesday, Oct. 9

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. ASOSU weekly House meeting.

Events
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OSU Socratic Club, 7pm, Milam Auditorium. Hosting a dialogue on "Buddhism and the Teachings of Jesus," where two speakers present divergent views. Free and open to the public.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Events
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Friday, Oct. 11

Meetings
Anime Club, 6:30-9:30pm, ALS Rm. 4001. First meeting for the term. We will be discussing club activities, fundraisers and the club trip, and will be watching anime.

Events
Interfraternity Council (IFC), times vary, Corvallis. Chapter Events. The 19 IFC fraternities will host a variety of events for interested men to meet brothers.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Events
Interfraternity Council (IFC), 8-10am, MU Ballroom. Jump Registration. Men joining an IFC Fraternity should meet to turn in necessary information to take part in Jump.

Interfraternity Council (IFC), 10am, MU Quad. Jump. The final event of Fall Formal Recruitment where newly committed men jump into the arms of their chosen Fraternity.

Monday, Oct. 14

Speakers
Terra Magazine, News & Research Communications, 6pm, Majestic Theatre, 115 SW 2nd St. Science Pub. "Finding Our Way Through the Controversy Over Genetic Engineering in Agriculture: the good, the bad and the righteous." Speaker: Steve Strauss, director, Outreach in Biotechnology, OSU.



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Salem, Keizer police sued for \$5 million

By Joce DeWitt
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — The owner and two employees of a local towing company have filed a \$5 million federal lawsuit against three law enforcement agencies for malicious prosecution and abuse of process, claiming Salem and Keizer police officers falsely arrested them when they refused to release undercover police cars.

Plaintiff Gary Dental, owner of Bales & Brady Towing West, and employees Bradley Kelley and Timothy Hall, filed the complaint Sept. 19 in U.S. District Court. They seek compensation from the Salem Police Department, Keizer Police Department, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency and six officers from the various agencies.

Kelley and Hall were exonerated of their criminal charges, which stem from an incident in January 2012 when they refused to release to police officers impounded cars that were registered under fictitious names. A Polk County Circuit Court jury found the two not guilty in a one-day trial.

"Police essentially arrested these two employees because they were asking for documentation that every citizen should provide," defense attorney Kevin Lafky said.

He said the case was filed in federal court because of federal-level charges.

The Salem and Keizer police departments declined to comment on the case. A spokeswoman for the DEA also declined to comment because of the ongoing litigation.

The incident occurred Jan. 26, 2012, when at least one vehicle was parked in a parking lot on private property in the 4700 block of Lancaster Drive NE. According to the complaint, the lot was clearly marked as private and that unauthorized vehicles would be towed.

According to the the complaint, events then unfolded this way:

A business owner in a building that is served by the parking lot observed the unauthorized vehicle and left a note on the windshield to inform the driver that it was parked on private property. The business owner later found his note crumpled and tossed on the ground.

The next morning, the business owner approached the driver of the vehicle, later identified as one of the defendants, to say he could not park there. The driver of the vehicle responded with expletives and said he would not be moving his car. The business owner called the trustee of the property, who then called Bales and Brady to tow the vehicle.

Kelley and Hall went to the property to tow five unauthorized vehicles. They saw no one around the vehicles.

After taking photos of the vehicles in the lot, Kelley and Hall hooked up two vehicles and towed them to the Bales and Brady lot in the 500 block of Glen Creek Road NW.

After the employees towed three of the vehicles, two officers, identified in the claim as Salem police Officer Gerrit Roelof and Keizer police Officer Jeff Johnson, arrived at

Bales and Brady.

Roelof was unable to provide the license plate and vehicle identification of the vehicle because he did not have proof of ownership. Kelley called the Bales and Brady dispatch, which told him that proof of ownership was required to release towed vehicles.

Officers then returned to the towing company, some in plain clothing and others in uniforms, demanding release of the vehicles because of an ongoing investigation. One officer told the employees they would be arrested if they did not release the vehicles but did not provide proof of ownership or identification.

Officer Andrew Roberts of the Salem Police Department placed both Hall and Kelley under arrest and put them in a patrol car. The officers took the employees' keys and removed the vehicles from the tow yard.

The employees' attorney arrived at the scene to determine what the charges were. Roberts told the attorney he could not speak with his clients.

Hall and Kelley were then taken to the Polk County Jail. Dental paid \$750 bail for both Hall and Kelley and continued to pay them their hourly wage for the six hours they were in jail.

The Polk County District Attorney prosecuted Hall and Kelley for obstruction of governmental administration. Both were acquitted in January 2013.

The plaintiffs are suing for more than \$5 million and seeking a jury trial.

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Yesterday's Solution

ASOSU

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Victoria Redman, Deedon appointed hiring committees to oversee the application process. A number of organizations contributed representatives to the hiring committees, including the ASOSU legislative and executive branches, SafeRide, the Memorial Union and the Coalition of Graduate Employees.

"The key to this year was finding good leaders," Deedon said. "People who wanted to be here, who communicated well, who could work with others well. That was our biggest goal. And second, finding those people who fit into those positions well."

The appointed 2013-14 task force directors are as follows:

- Ghina R. Asilia: Nontraditional Affairs
- Wyatt Fluckiger: Veterans' Affairs
- Andrew Futerman: Environmental Affairs
- Cassandra Huber: Community Affairs
- Jonathon Josten: Graduate Affairs
- Sam Kelly-Quattrocchi: Queer Affairs
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- Samantha Schafer: Wellness Affairs

- Briana Tanaka: Campus Affairs
- Emily van Bronkhorst: Women's Affairs
- Bryan R. Williamson: Accessibility Affairs
- Jin Yin: International Affairs

Task force directors are divided into three separate categories: community, diversity and government relations. Obligations of task force directors include logging 15 hours per week, attending all-staff meetings and reporting to the executive directors who head the three categories.

Bryan Williamson, Task Force Director of Accessibility Affairs, looks forward to working with his colleagues. Williamson believes the new team has the ability to bring "tangible results that can actually make a difference here on campus."

Deedon wants students to recognize and take advantage of the availability of the new task force directors.

"It's a new year and it's going to be what we make it," Deedon said. "If you want to get involved, it's really easy to come in here and start something up and get a project going. These are open doors for all students to come in."

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MUPC wraps up Awareness Week

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The OSU Memorial Union Program Council is hosting a weeklong series of events that started earlier this week. Activities included free root beer floats on Monday, cookie and cupcake handouts on Tuesday and free snacks in the MU Quad on both Wednesday and Thursday.

In correlation with Friday's Beaver Community Fair, the final event for the MUPC Awareness Week will be a dunk tank in the quad. Prizes will be available for students who can successfully dunk an MUPC member into the tank.

Audrey Wiltz, the music and concerts events coordinator for MUPC, said the purpose of these events has been to get the MUPC name out there to students who may not be familiar with the student-led, student-driven organization council.

"We are committed to our work because it means that we get to create community in and around OSU," Wiltz said.

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COLLABORATION

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She deals with student infractions off campus, including the student code of conduct as well as state, federal and city laws.

The Student Conduct office is invested in proactive action "so students understand their rights and their responsibilities as Corvallis citizens and as OSU students," Rhoads said.

Major neighborhood complaints from community members typically include noise disruption and disorderly underage drinking. Rhoads said she aims

to encourage safe and responsible choices, and ensure that students' first infractions are also their last.

"The vast majority of students are excellent community members," Rhoads said. "It's a minority of students that are creating community disruption."

Rhoads said the focused goals set by Collaboration Corvallis "will help us reach out to students, hold them responsible for their behaviors, hear what is going on with them, help them evaluate their situation and build a success plan for the future."

In addition to complaints made against students, students

have also voiced concerns about housing standards and livability.

Corvallis City Manager Jim Patterson said the university and the city have taken responsible steps toward solutions for students and community members. Patterson said the collaboration project allows conversation to direct changes, instead of city-imposed mandates. The city is working to hold property holders and landowners accountable as well as students.

"The way we solve this is by working together," Patterson said.

Patterson said the work groups have made significant progress in the past 18 months,

but there are still many issues that need to be addressed.

"It is not about short-term fixes," Patterson said. "These problems didn't happen overnight and they won't be changed overnight."

The essence of the collaboration is to create a forum for all community voices to be heard, including students.

"As we move forward, I would like to see more students get involved — especially student government — because it's healthy and we can make a difference," Patterson said.

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*Chapter Events ongoing through 10/11. These events offer a great chance to meet members of the fraternities, see chapter houses, and see what the experience in an IFC Fraternity will be like! Come to the info tables on 10/6 to get a full list of events from chapters.



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Merkley forced to take cover as shooting erupts

By David Noguera

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

As gunfire erupted Thursday near the U.S. Capitol, Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley found himself with a first hand-view of the unfolding chaos.

Merkley said he was outside and coming back from a meeting with senators Bob Casey of Pennsylvania and Sherrod Brown of Ohio when swarms of police cars came screaming up Constitution Avenue.

"And we were looking around to see what they were responding to," Merkley said. "Suddenly, at that point, we heard a series of shots. At first, I didn't recognize they were shots. I thought that they must be police cars running over a steel plate in the highway or something. I'm looking around to see what they were hitting. And about then an officer began screaming at the three of us to get down, get



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Shots were fired near the U.S. Capitol on Thursday. Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley was outside the building during the shooting.

behind a car."

Merkley said within minutes he was ushered back to

a secure location. The senator said from there he placed calls to his wife and his mother.

Merkley praised members of the Capitol Police for putting their lives on the line every day.

2 shot dead in hunt cabin near granite

BLUE MOUNTAIN EAGLE

GRANITE — Two Baker City men were shot dead late Wednesday night at a cabin nine miles southwest of Granite in northeastern Grant County.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer says a preliminary investigation indicates the two were shot by a 14-year-old boy. All three were part of a group staying at the cabin, a deer camp on private land off Forest Road 1305.

The owner of the cabin fled and drove to Granite, where he was able to get help to call for police and ambulance response. The call was dispatched about 12:20 a.m. Thursday.

Palmer, Undersheriff Todd McKinley, and Deputies Ben Stinnett and Zach Mobley responded to the scene.

Palmer said the boy initially fled the cabin on foot, at some point accidentally shooting himself in the right leg. He returned to the cabin to plead for help, and another occupant held him at gunpoint, ordering him to the floor. The man was able to restrain the boy and duct-tape him to a chair until help could arrive.

McKinley, Mobley and Stinnett entered the cabin and took charge of the crime scene and the boy.

Blue Mountain Hospital Ambulance responded to the scene. The boy was taken to St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City and then taken by air to St. Alphonsus in Boise, Idaho.

The Grant County major crimes team — including the sheriff's office, district attorney, Oregon State Police and Grant County Juvenile Department — is investigating the shooting.

The names of the deceased were not released pending notification of relatives. Their ages were listed as 43 and 64.

The boy's name was withheld by authorities.

'Rain Man of beer' visits Deschutes Brewery

KTVZ

BEND — He's passionate for all things beer. He's collected cans for more than 35 years. He is a true beer historian.

And 55-year-old Lance Rice is also autistic. "My brother was a collector, and many other kids much younger than me were collecting cans in my neighborhood too," Rice said Wednesday evening. "But these kids, like other collectors, graduated from college, moved on and forgot all about their collections. But I haven't though, I haven't forgotten about mine." With the help of his nephew, Aaron, Lance is now living a dream that's been 40 years in the making.

The two are traveling to the top breweries in the country so Lance can write a book about craft brewing in America.

Aaron is a filmmaker and is creating a documentary, following Lance's journey. The project is called Lance's Brewery Tour. "It's been fun — I really enjoy it," Rice said. "I've met a long of interesting, fun people along the way that have told me their stories about how they got involved in the craft brewing industries." They started in June at Great Lakes Brewing in Ohio. Since then, they've visited 30 breweries in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maine, Michigan, Arizona and California, to name a few — and now Oregon. It's his first time to Bend and Deschutes Brewery. "I am trying this one — it's called the Bachelor Bitter. It's very good," he said. Lance will stop by Nankasi Brewing in Eugene and Rogue Ales in Portland this week, and then he's off to other breweries in Texas, Illinois, Colorado, Tennessee, Mississippi and many more. "I never thought this would be possible," Rice said. "I never thought that I would ever be able to do something like this."

Oregon legislature boosts education funding, raises taxes

By Rob Manning

OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Oregon legislators approved spending more than \$200 million in a brief special session over the last few days. Much of the money will go to education, but mental health care and services for seniors benefit, too.

Educators will see \$140 million more, across the state's public schools, colleges and universities. There's also \$15 million for senior housing and transportation and \$20 million for mental health services.

To generate that much spending, lawmakers raised corporate tax rates, eliminated an exemption for high-income Oregonians, changed medical deductions, and hiked tobacco taxes.

Legislators partially offset those increases by approving millions in tax cuts. They cut certain business income taxes and expanded tax credits for low-income, working Oregonians.

But the latest changes to Oregon's retirement system for public employees didn't add revenue to the current budget cycle. To the extent there are savings over the next two years from cutting Public Employee Retirement System benefits, they came from changes in



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The state capitol in Salem was the site for legislature on Thursday, where Oregon legislators approved spending more than \$200 million on education funding.

the 2013 regular session, last summer.

The latest PERS changes will have a future impact. The reined-in cost-of-living adjustments are expected to cut the state's long-term liabilities by

five billion dollars.

Attorneys representing public employees say the recent PERS bills - from both the regular session and most recent special session - may violate constitutional protections for

contracts. PERS beneficiaries have asked the state Supreme Court to review changes from the 2013 regular session. They could change that petition, or file a new one over this week's legislation.



Beaver Tweet of the Day
"Excuse me professor, your notes are interrupting my doodling."
K. blalock2 Kelsi Blalock

Pac-12 men's soccer: good as ever



COURTESY OF MICHAEL BALL | THE DAILY CALIFORNIAN

Freshman forward Devonte Small dribbles through Cal defenders. Oregon State fell to the No. 1 Golden Bears, 3-1 on Thursday, moving OSU to 7-4 on the season.

■ With Pac-12 conference as strong as it's ever been, OSU has chance to qualify for tournament with a strong finish

By Grady Garrett
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State men's soccer team had an opportunity to vastly improve its resume on Thursday when it went up against Cal, the nation's No. 1 team.

But the Beavers lost, 3-1, to begin Pac-12 play 0-1 after going 7-2 in nonconference action.

The thing is, there are many more opportunities for statement wins ahead.

With Cal, No. 3 Washington and No. 10 UCLA all ranked in the nation's top 10, Pac-12 men's soccer is stronger than it has been in at least half a decade.

This bodes well for OSU men's soccer, a program that has reached the NCAA Tournament just twice (2002 and 2003) in its 25-year history.

"It's nice to play against the best," said senior midfielder Alex Eckerson on Tuesday, before facing Cal. "If we can get a couple wins against these top-ranked teams, I think we'll be ranked and have a great shot at the tournament."

There are only six men's soccer teams in the Pac-12. Everyone plays everyone else twice. So that means the Beavers get five more cracks at a top-10 opponent — which gives them a significant advantage over

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Multiple factors in OSU passing attack

■ Mannion has racked up gaudy statistics thanks to offensive weapons, bend-don't-break defense

By Josh Worden
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Through five games of the Oregon State football season, the Beavers' offensive production has been polarizing.

For traditional football fans that prefer a grinding game with the focus on running the ball, Oregon State's style may not satisfy.

The Beavers' passing game, which has accounted for roughly 86 percent of their total offense, needed to step up in order to move the ball.

Junior quarterback Sean Mannion has done just that.

With an inconsistent running game, big plays from Oregon State's receivers and an offensive line that has been proficient in pass protection yet underwhelming in rushing situations, it's been the perfect storm for Mannion to put up record-setting numbers.

The third-year starter already had a solid go-to target in junior wide receiver Brandin Cooks, but it has been sophomore Richard Mullaney and senior Kevin Cummings who have been invaluable complements.

"Teams are really focusing on slowing down Brandin," said offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf. "They're double covering Brandin down in the red zone, and we're able to throw the ball to the tight end or Mullaney or Cummings."

Sophomore Caleb Smith stepped up at the tight end position last week, helping pad Mannion's stats when he hauled in two of the

six total passing touchdowns.

Even after OSU's upcoming bye week, Mannion will likely still lead the nation in passing yards and touchdowns, of which he has leads totaling 368 yards and four touchdowns respectively.

And while few Beaver fans would like to remember any part of the Eastern Washington game, Mannion piled up 422 yards and three touchdowns in a contest where a blowout would have sent him to the sideline partway through the second half.

What may be the most decisive difference resulting in the necessity to pass the ball is the offensive line. Running lanes have been nearly nonexistent, as the Beavers average 2.4 yards per attempt and 68 yards per game on the ground, both of which rank in the bottom five in the nation.

That being said, the O-line has given up only six sacks through five games on 245 passing attempts, for an average of one takedown every 40.8 attempts in comparison to one every 15 in 2012.

Protecting Mannion has been especially difficult considering the disparity in play-calling between running and passing. So far, the line has been up to the task.

"(I'm) really pleased with pass protection," said offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh. "I think everyone in the stadium knows we're going to throw it."

Still, Cavanaugh credits

Mannion above any other player for the offensive success.

"Sean is a veteran guy," Cavanaugh said. "If we had a rookie back there when we had all those injuries, we would be in deep problems."

Shifting to the other side of the ball, the defense has also helped put Mannion in optimal position for piling up yardage.

The Beavers' defensive unit has developed a bend-but-not-break mentality in the last few games, specifically against Utah and San Diego State where the Beavers were behind in the fourth quarter and were forced to pass the ball with time running out.

Mannion was also aided by the overtime period in the SDSU game, when he tacked on another touchdown and 25 passing yards to his season statistics.

Without those stats, he would be short of the 2,000-yard passing mark this season and his lead on passing touchdowns for the year would be three.

Langsdorf values finishing the game with the win more than any offensive statistic, but he did admit he wasn't satisfied with Mannion's six touchdown passes against Colorado, even if it was a school record.

"I think we left a couple touchdowns out there," he said. "There was easily a chance for eight."

Sean is a veteran guy. If we had a rookie back there when we had all those injuries, we would be in deep problems.

Mike Cavanaugh
Offensive line coach

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Junior quarterback Sean Mannion unleashes a pass against Colorado last weekend. Mannion is leading the nation in completions (180), yards (2,018) and touchdowns (21).

Volleyball looks for first Pac-12 win

■ Oregon State looks for first conference win, travels to Arizona to face ASU on Friday, Wildcats on Sunday

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State volleyball takes on the Arizona schools this weekend for its first conference road games.

The Beavers (9-4, 0-2 Pac-12) spent all of the preseason on the road, but will be put to the test tonight as they face their biggest challenge yet against No. 15 Arizona State.

As one of the toughest challenges Oregon State has faced and will face all season, head coach Terry Liskevych said execution and playing to the team's potential will be necessary against the Sun Devils (12-2).

"We need to make sure we block their outside hitters and back row," Liskevych said.

As an offensive team, the Sun Devils have accumulated 611 kills, 148 more than their opponents so far this season.

Arizona State sophomore setter Bianca Arellano will be a player for Oregon State to watch. Arellano was named Pac-12 Conference

Player of the Week back in early September, and leads the Sun Devils with 486 assists this season.

In Sunday's match against Arizona (10-4, 0-2), the Beavers will have to deal with the offensive threat of junior outside hitter Madi Kingdon, who was named last week's Pac-12 Offensive Player of the week.

In preparation for their upcoming matches, the Beavers worked on not only the technical aspects of their game, but also getting in the right mindset.

Oregon State lost its first two conference games and are looking at this weekend's games as a chance to start again.

"We need to have a good mind frame going into these next matches," Liskevych said. "That's just as important as the physical aspects."

At 0-2, the Beavers find themselves at the bottom of the Pac-12 standings. Getting

at least one win out of the weekend would be big in the conference standings. While No. 15 Arizona State will be a challenge, Arizona currently holds the same conference record as the Beavers.

OSU junior middle blocker Amanda Brown said the team relishes being thought of as the

"We need to have a good mind frame going into these next matches. That's just as important as the physical aspects."

Terry Liskevych
Head Coach



NEIL ABREW | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State huddles up before Sept. 25's match against Oregon. The Beavers are looking for their first Pac-12 win on the road against Arizona State on Friday and Arizona on Sunday.

underdog and is ready for the many challenges that come with playing in the Pac-12.

"We're fine playing with people doubting us," Brown said. "We're confident in our abilities and what we can do."

The Beavers will continue to play the role of

underdog in a tough Pac-12 conference, but it's a role that does allow them to sneak up on their opponents, which they hope to do this weekend.

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teams in weaker conferences, considering strength of schedule and "quality wins" greatly affect a team's rating percentage index. And the tournament selection committee heavily takes RPI into consideration when picking the 48-team field, which is made up of 22 automatic qualifiers (conference champions) and 26 at-large selections.

The Beavers entered the week 88th in the RPI rankings, largely because they were the only Pac-12 team that didn't face a ranked nonconference opponent.

But their RPI will improve — quickly. And so will their national reputation, if they can get a few wins.

"If we can walk away with five to six wins (in Pac-12 play), that probably puts us leading the conference, ahead of teams (currently) in the top 10," said sophomore goalie Matt Bersano. "All we need is to get results and we're seen on a national scale."

That's what's different — and better — about this year.

The conference has been relatively weak in recent years, so a high conference

finish didn't always translate to a tournament bid.

Like in 2009, when OSU finished second in the Pac-10 with a 5-4-1 record, but was left out of the tournament. Or just last year, when Stanford won five Pac-12 games but didn't so much as sniff the postseason.

Over the past five seasons, the Pac-10/12 has sent a total of nine teams to the tournament (1.8 per year, on average). The 2007 season was the last time more than two made the tournament in the same year.

This year, three seems like the bare minimum number of Pac-12 teams that'll get in.

"A lot of teams are junior and senior-heavy," Eckerson said. "It was kind of rebuilding the last couple years and now it's finally back up to speed."

The other reason why the Pac-12 is positioned to get so many teams into the tournament?

Nonconference success. The conference's six teams combined to go 32-9-5 in nonconference games. The conference's top three teams — Cal, UW and UCLA — went a combined 17-2-4.

And the Pac-12's results are even more impressive when pitted against other conferences' top teams.

Cal beat No. 11 Georgetown and No. 8 Maryland. UCLA tied No. 2 Notre Dame and beat No. 6 Cal State Northridge. Washington tied No. 24 Connecticut.

Stanford, which won five of seven nonconference games and received top-25 votes this week, tied Maryland.

Even San Diego State, the conference's worst team at 3-4, forced overtime in a loss to No. 9 Akron.

"You want everybody in the Pac-12 to be good, because if everyone is, every single game you play matters," Bersano said. "If we get into (conference play) and some teams are 2-6 or so, that doesn't help us if we win. That does nothing for your RPI and RPI is what gets you in the tournament."

Bersano guessed it would probably take "five or so" Pac-12 wins to get OSU into the tournament.

But in the past, it would have taken more than that.

"We are blessed and cursed at the same time," Bersano said, "to be playing in, I think, the best conference in the country."

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Cross-country looks to continue success

■ Oregon State has finished second in its 2 races this season, looking to finish high at Inter-Regional Jamboree 5k

By Scott McReynolds
THE DAILY BAROMETER

After nearly a month-long break, the Oregon State women's cross-country team looks to continue its success today at the Inter-Regional Jamboree 5k.

The race is hosted by Sacramento State in Sacramento, Calif.

The team started the season placing second — finishing behind only No. 5 Oregon — at the Portland State University Viking Classic on Sept. 6, and second — behind only No. 7 Washington on Sept. 14 — at the Sundodger Invite.

Oregon State is racing against a deeper field today with seven of the 19 teams entering the race ranked in the West Region.

Despite the challenge, Oregon State is pleased with its strong start and excited to improve every single meet.

"We have a positive outlook going into the

race, and also high expectations of ourselves," said assistant coach Laura Harmon.

The confidence comes from runners like Kinsey Gomez, Emily Weber and a pair of true freshmen runners in Holly Cavalluzzo and Kristiane Width. Gomez, Weber and Cavalluzzo all finished with times good enough to place in the top 10 all time at OSU at the Sundodger Invite.

"I'm very excited for this fun opportunity to travel and compete with the team," Gomez said. "We have a great group of girls on our team."

Gomez is coming off of a performance at Sundodger in which she missed setting the school record by just one second.

"I just approach each race like a stepping stone," Gomez said. "I'm always trying to improve and get better with every race."

Gomez is expected to be on of OSU's top finishers. Oregon State hopes she's among the top finishers in the entire field when today's race is over with.

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Baseball holds scrimmage, attendance free

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State baseball team will scrimmage at Goss Stadium on Friday at 5 p.m.

The scrimmage will be fans' first opportunity to see the Beavers in action since last year's College World Series, when OSU fell to eventual runner-up Mississippi State in an elimination game.

With senior left-hander Ben

Wetzler, senior right-hander Scott Schultz and Pac-12 Player of the Year Michael Conforto all back for another season, expectations are riding high for Oregon State.

The defending Pac-12 champions will likely be among the favorites to win the conference once again in 2014.

The Beavers came up two

wins short of playing for the national championship a year ago and are looking to return to Omaha, Neb., for another shot.

Today's scrimmage is free and fans are encouraged to attend.

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Yeas & Nays

Yea to the first week of school.
Nay to the first week of school.

Yea to Thursday's sunshine.
Nay to Monday through Wednesday being hurricane season.

Yea to whoever put real soap in the first-floor Snell Hall bathroom. We've been washing our hands with foam for the last three years.

Nay to the government shutdown.
Nay to OSU research being interrupted because of the government shutdown.

Nay to graduate students having to work from student lounges because their offices and labs are in lockdown.

Nay to NASA not being able to do cool science because of the shutdown.

Yea to everything but the government right now.

Yea to the greatest time of the year — the MLB postseason.

Yea to the Oakland A's winning the AL West two years in a row.

Nay to the realization that you're going to have to watch the playoffs at work on a crappy stream on your computer, and trying to contain the overwhelming emotions while putting out a daily newspaper.

Nay to the editor of the Barometer talking too much about the A's, yet again.

Yea to the series finale of "Breaking Bad." We'll be humming "Baby Blue" for years.

Yea to Vince Gilligan, who makes Matthew Weiner look even more like a jerk.

Yea to Jesse Pinkman making it out OK — except for the fact that the dozens of cops who found Walter White would have also swarmed the stolen car that escaped from a double-digit murder scene, and Jesse probably ended up in prison 30 minutes after the show ended.

Nay to another great show ending. Thankfully, AMC is milking its last good show for another two seasons. We'll see you soon, Don Draper.

Yea to Sean Mannion and the Cookie Monster being the best quarterback-wide receiver duo in the nation.

Nay to bye weeks.

Yea to Steve Clark Easter eggs.

Yea to the Barometer managing to not piss anyone off in the first week — and actually receiving a scary amount of compliments. But it is only the first week.

Nay to the people complimenting who will turn around and make raging Facebook posts about an editorial we write sometime in the next few weeks — maybe it will be this one.

Yea to all the new freshmen.

Nay to people walking on the left side of the sidewalk. This isn't the U.K.

Nay to walking down the enormous paths in the MU quad and a wall of seven people comes at you and doesn't break, and you have to dodge at the last second and land in wet, muddy grass.

Nay to oblivious pedestrians walking in front of cyclists.

Yea to the first weekend of the school year.

Nay to that meaning the line at the Peacock will undoubtedly extend for an entire block.

See you at the Peacock tonight.

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Residence Hall Association greets incoming students

Justin McDaniels

Guest Column

Greetings to all Oregon State students, staff and faculty.
Welcome back to those returning to campus, and a big welcome to those new to OSU. My name is Justin McDaniels, and I am this year's Residence Hall Association President.

Whether you live on campus or not, there has been a shift and change at OSU that affects each and every one of us: the First Year Experience. With more students living on campus, along with an emphasis in FYE's goals on building community, myself as well as my other teammates in RHA figured it would be helpful to mention who we are and what we can do for OSU, and what we do for students living on campus.

RHA's mission is to "represent the members of the RHA in any and all matters of concern to those members, and to coordinate and/or sponsor activities relevant to the residence halls." Even though this is pretty specific to residence halls, we "shall also be a vehicle for communication and representation between its members, the various halls, other student organizations, ASOSU, University Housing and Dining Services, the vice provost for student affairs and other offices of the university."

What this boils down to is that we hope to be the voice of the over 4,000 students living in one of the thirteen residence halls on campus. We want to work closely with those who have a say in the community at OSU, and we want to make sure that the needs of the residents are being heard. RHA as an association wants to make sure that the needs of first-year students aren't forgotten.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that we were all first-year students at one time in our lives. We all came to this campus not knowing exactly what college was. A large portion of us had that awkward first conversation with our roommate, got lost on our way to classes and sometimes felt a twinge of homesickness — which we sometimes still feel to this day. The important thing is that the RHA wants to make sure that our residents have a memorable and fantastic first year here, because the first year is the most important.

We all hope that everyone's first week of school has gone well, that there were new friendships made and

all around good times.

College is a monumental experience, and you can make the most of it by investing time in OSU. It is highly encouraged to get involved in some way here: join a club, be a part of ASOSU, go Greek, join hall council if you live on campus.

There are many opportunities to network and expand your knowledge, which could make a vast difference in your college experience. This is not only a message to on-campus students, but those off campus as well. OSU thrives off all of you and would not be the place it is without everyone being an active member of this campus.

I am excited to see what this year will bring, and look forward to meeting all of you throughout the year.

All RHA executive members are always available for contact, and have office hours in Hawley 111 in the UHDS offices.

Go Beavs!

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Fall term in Oregon is season for Seasonal Affective Disorder

Kristy Wilkinson

The Daily Barometer

The Oregon State University student body is slowly embarking into the rain-filled season of October. With the increase of pumpkins, leggings used as pants and gingerbread everything, many students are also beginning their yearly battle with seasonal depression, formally called Seasonal Affective Disorder.

According to "American Family Physician," people with SAD experience a lack of activity, weight gain, lower

energy levels, fatigue, tendency to oversleep, irritability, increased sensitivity to social rejection and avoidance of social interactions.

The gray sky outside tricks our Vitamin D-deprived minds into thinking baking is a form of physical exercise.

So, if you're me, the "winter brownie workout" consists of dark chocolate fudge, peanut butter and caramel bites for a 30-minute "cardio session."

Unfortunately, making that delectably devilish desert is not actually a valid form of exercise.

In addition to the nutrition-based brownie consumption, I often feel an urge to watch the entire oeuvre of "Harry Potter" on a rainy day while consuming grilled cheese sandwiches

and tomato bisque.

Because we live in Oregon, a rainy day can last for weeks. And once you add heavy whipping cream to a tomato, it stops being a vegetable.

Seasonal depression affects roughly four in six people, and is four times more common in women than men. While the medical community is still unsure of the exact causes of seasonal depression, those who are affected can take certain steps to counteract the symptoms.

One of the most common treatments for SAD is light therapy. "American Family Physician" tells us, "winter depression is probably caused by lack of sunlight. So, light therapy is one way to treat winter depression."

The text goes on to describe a special light box that should be used if prescribed by a doctor, and warns against using tanning beds as a substitute for the light box or natural sunlight.

I deal with a mild form of SAD every winter.

This year I decided to counteract its effects through exercise, keeping the tomato bisque away from my apartment and limiting my "Harry Potter" binge to once a month.

Keep in mind that I'm not a doctor, or in any way involved with the nutritional department — so my advice should be taken with the tiniest grain of salt. But, as a SAD sufferer, I can give you my take on it and hope it helps you.

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Letter to the Editor

Response to Ruud's Oct. 1 column

Be careful or be road kill

Cassie Ruud, thank you for reminding students to be careful in the road kill article.

Can we also remind bicyclists that they are legally supposed to stop at stop signs and red lights? So many of them just go straight through the stop signs and I've had to dodge them many a time while I was walking in the cross walk in front of stop signs near the Valley library.

They are legally vehicles and are supposed to yield to pedestrians just like cars are. I have a bike too and I always stop at stop signs (and crosswalks) when I'm riding. Thank you.

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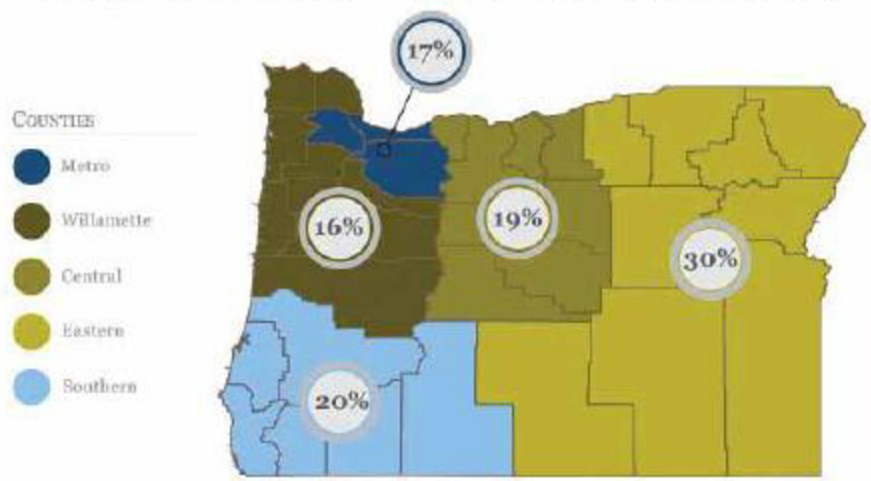
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Of 2,971 OREGONIANS SURVEYED: THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE VERY RELIGIOUS BY REGION



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Unchurched, perhaps, but religion still matters in Oregon

By Julia Silverman
OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Public perception holds that Oregon is among the nation's most unchurched states, a place where Sundays belong more to college football and brunch than they do to sermons and prayer.

That's been fueled by the annual national Gallup Poll survey on religion, which consistently ranks Oregon among the least religious states in the country, alongside Washington, Alaska and Vermont.

But a new survey of 2,971 Oregonians conducted for Oregon Public Broadcasting tells a somewhat different story. It suggests that religion plays some role in the lives of 61 percent of the state's residents, and that the number of Oregonians who identify as "spiritual," though not with a particular denomination, is on the rise.

"Oregonians are very spiritual, but many do not belong to a faith community" said Thomas Gornick, director of evangelization at the Archdiocese of Portland. "They have a deep faith that wells up because of where we live. They have a connection to something greater than themselves, through the ocean and the mountains. You know within your inner core that there is something important here, and it guides your life at a certain level."

Statewide, just 18 percent of Oregonians consider themselves to be "very religious," according to the survey data — a far cry from the 58 percent of residents in Mississippi who told Gallup they fit that label in 2012, making it the nation's most religious state.

Another 39 percent of Oregonians say they are "moderately" religious, and 4 percent overall say they are "spiritual."

Oregon is home to a few megachurches, including the Pentecostal Foursquare churches, which have thousands of members who gather in Beaverton, Albany, Bend



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Dean Thomas Gornick presides over the Archdiocese of Portland's blessing of the bikes.

and Ashland, among other cities, as well as Evangelical leader Luis Palau of Beaverton, who regularly preaches to stadiums full of believers in Oregon and around the world.

Still, signs point to some declines in organized religion over the years in most of the state.

Once robust churches now struggle with dwindling and aging memberships, and many have turned to unconventional sources to raise money, from a Portland church that leased space to a community coffee shop to others that house tool sharing libraries and yoga classes. A church in Eugene even plans to lease space on its grounds to AT&T for a cellphone tower. Though the largest number of Oregonians who identify with a denomination say that they are Christian that still accounts for just 38 percent of residents statewide.

The brightest spot for organized religion is in Eastern Oregon, where 75 percent of survey respondents said they were either very or moderately religious, and another 68 percent said religion was important in their daily life. Survey results show that the nine Eastern Oregon counties — Baker, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union and Wallowa — are also

the least mobile portion of the state, with an older population that's likelier to have lived in Oregon for 20 years or more, enough time to put down roots in a faith-based community.

Karen Nettler, the board chair of the Oregon Center for Christian Voices, which advocates for social justice issues from a Christian perspective, said she thinks the twenty-somethings and young families who have flocked to the state's metro areas over the last decade are changing the very definition of being religious.

"There is more the feeling of freedom (in Oregon), to not feel like you are abandoning your faith if you are not involved with your church," Nettler said. "I am aware of alternative communities, people who gather together to find a place or a community where they can express their spirituality."

Nettler also points out that organized religion has suffered in blue-leaning Oregon as Christianity has become more closely identified fairly or not with conservative political ideology in the last 25 years nationwide. Such doctrines may have led to estrangement between the younger generation of Oregonians and

organized religion, she said, while accounting for the rise in those who self-identify as "spiritual," and retain a belief in a higher power.

To stay relevant, Gornick said, organized religion needs to be flexible and responsive to the changing communities around them, even if that means overcoming years of habit and tradition.

Gornick presides over a yearly "blessing of the bikes" at the Archdiocese in downtown Portland, which draws people from all faiths — and some who identify with no faith at all: some daily bike commuters, some weekend warriors, some who have lost family or friends to bicycle accidents in years gone by.


The church is open for people to look around, and Catholic parishioners are there to answer questions, but it's not about the hard sell, Gornick said.

"We are not proselytizing, we are just showing that we are a part of their community and our lives are formed by the Gospel," Gornick said. "Churches need to be a place where people feel welcome, where their immediate needs are being addressed, where there is a community that respects them for who they are. That is how they join."

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