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## 'Phased-in' parking for USC game

OSU says lots to open at different times for those with athletics-issued passes

By Warner Strausbaugh  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The last time the Oregon State football team hosted a game on a weeknight was in 2008 when the Beavers upset the No. 1-ranked University of Southern California. That will change on Nov. 1 when USC comes back to Corvallis.

In lieu of the Friday night home game — which is also Dad's Weekend, nationally televised on ESPN2 and Halloween weekend — the university released its plan to address on-campus parking on that day.

"There are two conflicting and essential requirements," said Steve Clark, vice president for university marketing and relations. "One is the operations of the university and teaching, and the other is the athletic event. We felt the 'phased-in' process was best."

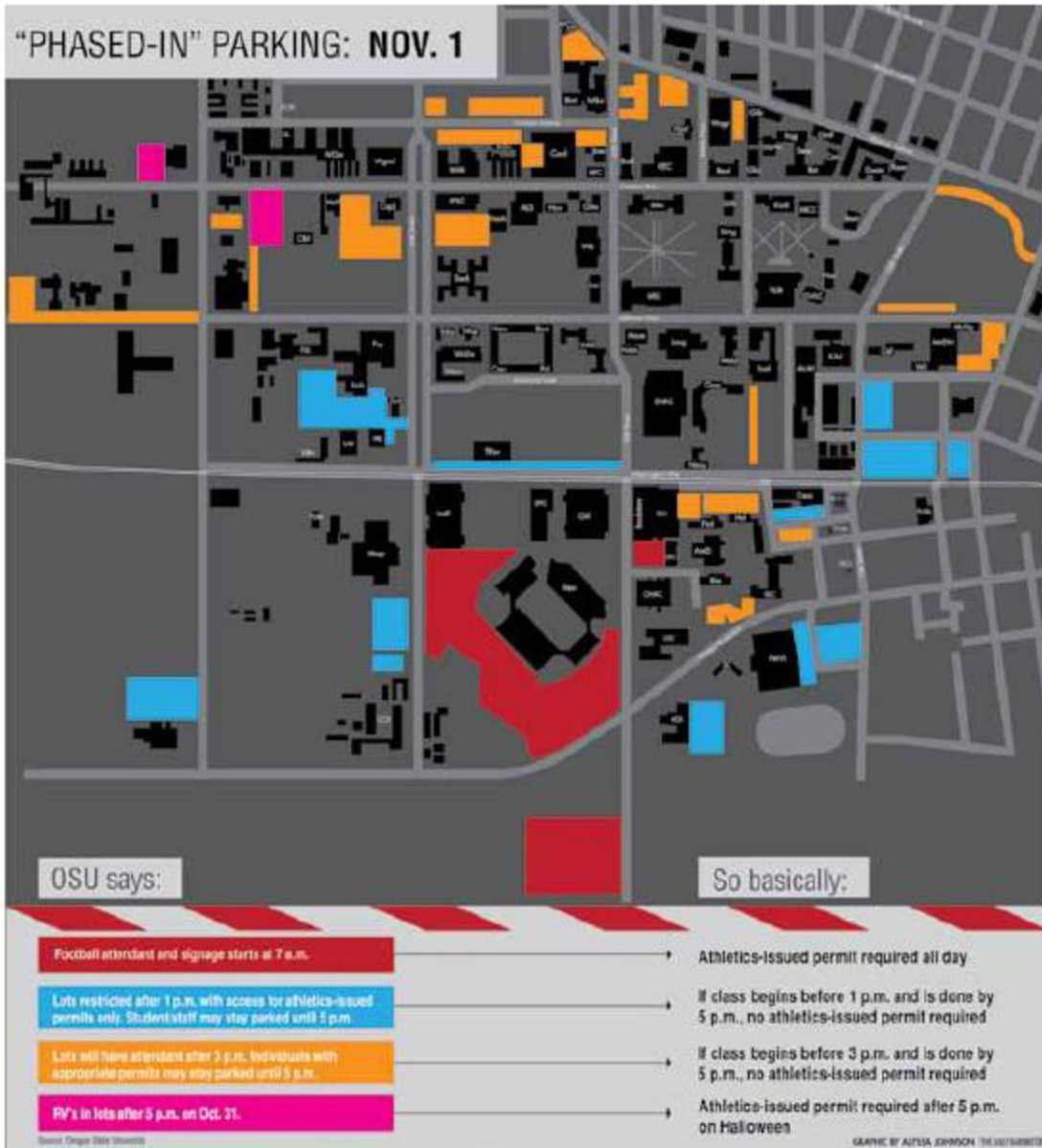
The phased-in plan is to open up certain lots throughout the day for fans who have athletics-issued parking passes.

The Reser Stadium lots, parking garage on 26th Street and Washington Way, gravel lot behind the OSU Softball Complex and South Farm parking lot off Brookline Road will open at 7 a.m. only for those who have athletics-issued passes.

Eight other lots will be available for faculty and students until 1 p.m., at which time entrance will just be available for people who have the athletics-issued passes.

Employee and student vehicles can remain in those eight lots until 5 p.m., "at which time all vehicles without athletics-issued passes must vacate."

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## Proposed housing on Witham Oaks property denied

Planning Commission decides not to approve changes for Witham Oaks property

By Emma-Kate Schaaque  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Corvallis Planning Commission voted to deny the contested comprehensive plan amendment and zone change for the Witham Oaks property. This will stop the Campus Crest's application to build a 296-unit, 900-bedroom apartment complex on a 95-acre property west of 36th Street and north of Harrison Boulevard.

The commission accepted public testimony, written or verbal, until Sept. 30. They debated the issue throughout the past few weeks, including a four-and-a-half hour meeting on Sept. 23.

"I think both sides have made a compelling argument," said Frank Haan, the vice chair of the planning commission.

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## Town hall tests First-Year Experience

Students gathered to share general concerns, opinions for potential ASOSU legislation

By Tori Hittner  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Discussions regarding the First-Year Experience grew passionate at the Associated Students of Oregon State University town hall meeting Wednesday evening.

Three students joined 11 ASOSU officers and Jeffrey Evans, the head of the Able Student Alliance, at 6 p.m. in Memorial Union 208 to share comments and concerns.

Though it was brought up toward the conclusion of the meeting, the First-Year Experience elicited the strongest response among those gathered.

ASOSU officials and constituents alike pondered the extent to which OSU administrators planned ahead before implementing the FYE. Overcrowding in residence halls and an ever-increasing occupancy of classrooms provided cause for worry, as

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## Coral reefs face impending doom caused by climate change

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The world's coral reefs that serve as a home to 25 percent of all marine life — an estimated 2 million species — could be viably extinct by 2050, according to a new research study of the human impact on the global climate.

Climate change caused by increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will affect all corners of the world's ocean by 2100, researchers said. If predictions prove true, 470-870 million people who are dependent on the ocean for their livelihoods will be significantly impacted.

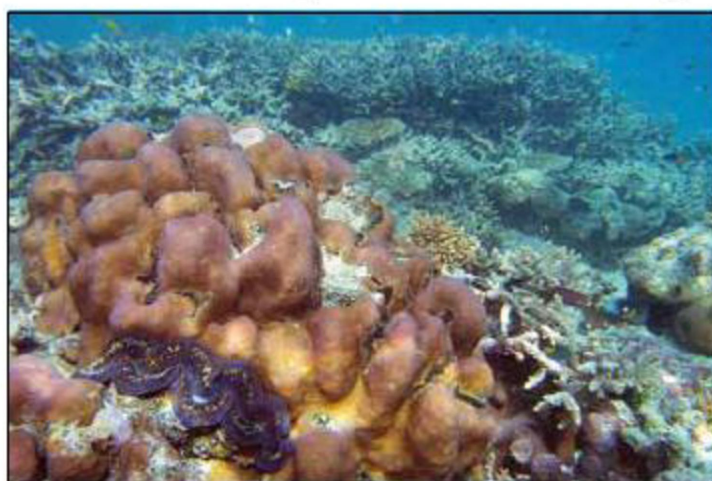
The newest research contained within the open-source journal, PLOS Biology, published on Tuesday by Camilo Mora, assistant professor in the Department of Geography in the College of Social Sciences at

the University of Hawaii at Manoa, examines concurrence of variations in oxygen, pH, temperature and primary production within the 32 marine environments.

Local populations' dependency on the ocean for food, social adaptability and commerce were also measured in order to estimate the vulnerability of these populations to change.

"Other studies have looked at small-scale impacts, but this is the first time that we've been able to look the entire world ocean and how co-occurring stressors will differentially impact the earth's diverse habitats and people," said Andrew Thurber, a postdoctoral fellow in ocean ecology and biogeochemistry at Oregon State University.

Thurber is a co-author of the research article, "Biotic and Human



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Saturday, October 12

**Sounds like some sweet-talking**  
Corvallis Police spotted two females, 18 and 19, carrying cups near the intersection of 27th Street and Fillmore Avenue. Upon seeing the officers, the females allegedly ditched their cups in a front yard. When the officers stopped the females and found the containers, they determined there was no alcohol in them. The women allegedly just threw the drinks because they were scared because they had drunk earlier in the night. The two women were cited for Littering and talked to about underage drinking.

Monday, October 14

**A casual demolition**  
Benton County sheriffs reported to an



area near the Benton County Fairgrounds for a possible theft. When they arrived and spoke to the victim, it was determined it wasn't just a theft, but a female's entire trailer was demolished. The investigation is ongoing.

**There goes the lawn**

A man reported to Corvallis Police that his Honda commercial mower was stolen between 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. from

outside his house. He valued the machine at \$1,085 and has no idea who stole it.

Tuesday, October 15

**The Corvallis creeper?**

Oregon State University dispatch received a call from two Oregon State students who were frightened by a phone application. Two females, both 18, downloaded the application called Sleep Talk to record what you say in your sleep. However, at 3:47 a.m. the device allegedly picked up a male's voice tell one of the roommates he was leaving. Both girls have no idea who it was or if the door to the dorm room was locked. Oregon State troopers looked at footage of the residence hall and found no one leaving at that time.

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## Alpha Omicron Pi comes to Oregon State University

■ OSU Greek community welcomes Alpha Omicron Pi, soon to be newest sorority on campus

By Courtney Gehring  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Through a process known as colonization, Alpha Omicron Pi, or AOII, will join the 10 existing sorority chapters on campus.

The colonization process begins Saturday and finalizes with a colonization ceremony, which is open to anyone, on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the LaSells Auditorium.

"This is a very exciting time for everyone," said Heather Hays, assistant director of extension for AOII. "The values of this university and caliber of the students here make it a very desired community to join."

The colonization process began within the Oregon State University Panhellenic community several years ago. Oregon State's thriving Greek life and spiking enrollment make it an ideal campus for another chapter.

"There are large amounts of women in each chapter, which puts pressure on each group and their leaders," Hays said. "We are here to provide relief for the growing numbers in Greek life by adding a new chapter."

After chapter presidents and delegates voted to extend the



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Alpha Omicron Pi consultant Heather Hays educates students about the upcoming colonization and recruitment process taking place on campus.

Panhellenic sorority community, an extension team sought out a new chapter that best matched the values of Oregon State's Greek community. Through mutual selection, AOII received an invitation to colonize on campus.

"I'm really excited about a new sorority coming to our campus," said Ali Denny, a senior studying apparel design and a member of Alpha Phi. "I can't wait to see the great group of girls they recruit."

Part of colonization entails recruiting new members. AOII's recruitment on campus consists of a mini formal recruitment that begins Sunday. The recruitment process will involve a series of events in which potential new members will learn more about AOII and vice versa. AOII is recruiting collegiate women from all grade levels.

"The entire Greek community has been so helpful throughout this entire process," Hays said. "We have been receiving invita-

tions to dinners, support at our tabling events and opportunities to make announcements at numerous chapter dinners. The colonization ceremony will definitely be the most exciting part when we finally get to reveal the women in our colony class."

AOII consultants can be found tabling in the Memorial Union Quad during the week.

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## Memorial service to be held Sunday for Philomath soldier

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Army Ranger Pfc. Cody James Patterson was one of four soldiers killed on Oct. 6 when a suicide bomber attacked his unit in Afghanistan.

There will be a motorcade on Thursday to carry his remains through Philomath. The motorcade is expected to start around 2 p.m. in downtown Philomath.

According to The Corvallis Gazette-Times,

the motorcade will start going north on S. 19th Street from Chapel Drive, then west onto Main Street until Seventh Street, then south on Seventh back toward Applegate Street. From there, it will head east and back onto Main Street at the 15th Street intersection. The procession will then take Main Street into Corvallis.

Memorial services will be held at the LaSells Stewart Center at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Near the end of the service, there will be a 21-gun salute using blank cartridges. Persons living in or nearby the surrounding area should not be alarmed when this occurs.

Patterson was a graduate of the 2007 class of Philomath High School. Additionally, he was the team captain for the Philomath Warriors and winner of the 2007 Mr. Philomath High School pageant.

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## House reps. required to take accessibility tour

■ ASOSU met briefly on Wednesday, indefinitely tabled HR-05.01

By Megan Campbell  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Near the end of the 30-minute meeting, Associated Students of Oregon State University President Brett Deedon spoke on the validity of accessibility on campus.

Deedon told House representatives he wants them all to participate in an accessibility tour, at least by the end of the term.

Jeffrey Evans, the head of Able Student Alliance and a prominent voice regarding accessibility on campus, is set to put on a tour of campus Friday.

The tour, according to Deedon, will change the representatives' perspective of OSU's campus.

Evans will take representatives around campus, highlighting areas that are not accessible to those with disabilities.

Evans, who has voiced often that the university is not meeting the legal requirements

of the Americans with Disabilities Act, will also highlight those specific violations.

According to Deedon, Evans will provide a wheelchair, crutches or a leg brace for participants to understand accessibility from a different perspective.

The rest of the meeting was business as usual: Human Services Resource Center shared their budget. Despite not being a direct ASOSU service, ASOSU reviews HSRC's budget termly. HSRC is an ASOSU partner that helps students in poverty and with food issues. The center is responsible for Mealbox and the emergency food pantry.

House representatives voted to indefinitely table HR-05.01, "Resolution to Urge Compromise in the Federal Government."

Speaker Pro Tempore Saul Boulanger wrote the resolution to send to the Legislature to express the necessity of compromise. Because the United States Senate and House voted to end the government shutdown Wednesday, the resolution was determined unnecessary.

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## Former OSU football player to perform at Homecoming

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Oregon State University athletics will host the debut of the Varsity OSU Homecoming Tailgater and Concert, and a former OSU football player will be performing for the crowd.

Kurt Van Meter, who played for the Beavers in 1996 and 1997, is now a musician and will play in the free concert in the Merrit Truax Indoor Practice Facility prior to the Oct. 26 home game against Stanford.

Van Meter has opened for Montgomery Gentry, Lonestar, Thomas Rhett, Craig Campbell, David Allan Coe, Little Big Town and many others, according to an OSU athletics press release.

OSU athletics is teaming up with Varsity OSU to put on the concert, which begins at 5:30 p.m., two hours before kickoff.

# Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 17

Meetings

**Baha'i Campus Association,** 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. Healing and Prayer — A discussion. Bring your favorite quote to share.

Friday, Oct. 18

Meetings

**Chess Club,** 4-6pm, MU Commons. Join us for games of chess and more. All skill levels are welcome.

Events

**Career Services,** 1-2pm, Valley Library: Willamette East & West. Resume: Can You Pass the 10 Second Rule? Lea McLeod from Degrees of Transitions will present.

**Career Services,** 11am-Noon, Valley Library: Willamette East & West. Beaver's Wanted: How to prepare for Success at the Career Fair. Carolyn Killefer will speak.

Monday, Oct. 21

Events

**Career Services,** 2-3pm, Valley Library: Willamette East & West. Job Search Strategies. Loni Hartman from Bridgetown Printing and Jean Ruppert from Fast Enterprises will present.

**Career Services,** 11am-Noon, Valley Library: Willamette East & West. So You Think You Can Interview? Miriam Lea from Rentrak will present.

**Career Services,** 1-2pm, Valley Library: Willamette East & West. How You Can Use Social Media to Get a Job. Karline Christensen from the Statesman Journal Media.

**International Students of OSU,** 4:30-6pm, MU Lounge. Coffee Hour. Come enjoy international food, mingle with other OSU and international students and become culturally aware.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Meetings

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

Events

**Career Services,** 2-4pm, MU 208. Speed Mock Interviews. Practice interviewing with employers and career specialists. Bring resume.

**Career Services,** 11am-Noon, Kidder Hall 202. Negotiating Pay Benefits & Weighing Job Offers. Doug Rice from Enterprise will present.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Meetings

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

**College Republicans,** 7pm, StAg 106. Come by for friendly discussion of political events, club activities and educational debates. All are welcome.

**Student Incidentals Fees Committee (SIFC),** 7-9pm, Upper Classroom at Dixon. General Meeting.

Events

**Career Services,** 11am-4pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center. Fall Career Fair (All Majors).

Thursday, Oct. 24

Events

**Career Services,** 11am-4pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center. Fall Career Fair (Engineering).

**International Students of OSU (ISOSU),** 5pm, International Resource Center in the MU. Cultural Exposition. An exposition of culture through songs, poems, cultural stories and presentation of cultural items.

**Campus Recycling,** 6-8pm, OSU Recycling Warehouse, 644 SW 13th St. October Repair Fair. Bring your broken items and questions for free repairs and demonstrations.

Friday, Oct. 25

Meetings

**Chess Club,** 4-6pm, MU Commons. Join us for games of chess and more. All skill levels are welcome.

Speakers

**Women's Center,** 3-5pm, Women's Center. Keynote speech from Dr. Kathleen Bogart. Afterwards, to wrap up the event, we will have a discussion!

Tuesday, Oct. 29

Meetings

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

Events

**Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center,** 3-4pm, Snell 427. Exploring the underrepresented and our unspoken path to prison. The prison industrial complex, who profits?

Wednesday, Oct. 30

Meetings

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

**College Republicans,** 7pm, StAg 106. Come by for friendly discussion of political events, club activities and educational debates. All are welcome.

**Student Incidentals Fees Committee (SIFC),** 7-9pm, Upper Classroom at Dixon. General Meeting.

Events

**Career Services,** 2pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center Ballroom. From College to Careers - Workshop for Women in Technology.

# GOP's Jason Conger to run for Senate

By Anna Staver  
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — State Rep. Jason Conger added his name Tuesday morning to the growing list of Republicans hoping to unseat incumbent Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley in November 2014.

"I offer something significantly different than our current senator," Conger said. "I would actually care and fight for the needs of working families and middle class in Oregon."

Conger touted his bipartisan work in the State Legislature to create a four-year program at Oregon State University's Cascades campus. The first freshman class will arrive in 2015 and the school is scouting for permanent campus locations.

"A few years ago it was on the verge of being closed," Conger said.

Education is a central tenant of Conger's legislative goals. He said it's because of his family's struggles as a child. Conger was briefly homeless while growing up and first attended community college before graduating from Harvard Law School.

Conger kicked off his campaign before about 100 people at the Oregon Trail Museum in Oregon City that included fellow House Republican and candidate for governor Rep. Dennis Richardson. He was introduced by House Minority Leader Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte.

Within an hour of announcing, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon and the Democratic Party of Oregon released statements con-

demning Conger's stance on abortion.

"Oregon is the only state that hasn't chipped away at every woman's fundamental right to reproductive health care and freedom, and Jason Conger's extreme views disqualify him from being able to represent Oregon values," Democratic Party Chair Frank Dixon said in a statement. "Conger has received thousands of dollars in support from Oregon Right to Life — and in return has sponsored legislation that would take access to reproductive health care a step backward, including restricting abortion even in the case of rape and incest."

Conger described himself as "strongly pro-life," but added that "the U.S. Senate doesn't play a big role" in crafting abortion law and "that's not what I'm expecting to spend my time doing in [Washington] D.C."

Conger said he disagreed with the brinkmanship displayed by congressional Republicans in recent weeks. While Conger would have initially voted against spending bills that came without a delay of the Affordable Care Act, he didn't agree with a prolonged shutdown or the possibility the U.S. defaulting on its debt.

Since the 45-year-old attorney started publicly mulling a run for Senate, three lesser known Republican candidates have entered the race.

Jo Rae Perkins, a former chair of the Linn County Republican Party, was the first person to announce for Merkley's seat.

Mark Callahan, an information technology consultant from Salem and Sam Carpenter, a Bend businessman, have also filed.

All four Republicans face challenges in fundraising and statewide name recognition. Merkley had amassed \$2.3 million for his re-election campaign as of September 2013, according to his campaign staff. Carpenter has the largest Republican war chest after loaning his campaign \$100,000.

The 2014 election will be Merkley's first re-election campaign since defeating Republican Sen. Gordon Smith in 2008. Previously, Merkley served as a state representative and Oregon's House Speaker.

"Sen. Merkley is focused on doing the job Oregonians want him to do: making this country work for middle class people again by fighting to create good paying jobs, make college more affordable and cracking down on the predatory practices of Wall Street and the big banks," Tim Leahy, a spokesperson for the Merkley campaign, said in response to Conger's announcement.

Conger acknowledged the possibility that the field of candidates could widen between now and the March 5 filing deadline. Conger said he likes his chances and touted his state legislative experience, his campaign experience and his time spent in Washington, D.C. as a legislative aid for former California Congressional Rep. Frank Riggs.

The Republican primary is May 20.

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# Study: Portland's African Immigrant Population Struggling

By Jordana Gustafson  
OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — The rate of poverty is rising among African immigrants in the Portland metro region. That's according to a report from the Coalition of Communities of Color and Portland State University, which details changing demographics in the African community.

According to the report, Africans in the Portland metro area come from 28 countries, with the largest numbers coming from Somalia, Egypt and Sierra Leone.

It also shows that more than half the African immigrants in the region live in poverty — and that two-thirds of the children in these communities are living in poverty.

At the Portland City Council meeting Wednesday afternoon, PSU researcher Ann Curry Stevens described a highly

educated community suffering from high unemployment and a lack of health insurance. Curry said more than 40 percent of African children are not meeting educational benchmarks.

Koffi Dessou is a board member of Africa House, part of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization.

"The well-being of African immigrant and refugee populations is at stake," Dessou said.

Dessou told the Portland City Council that the city should work with African immigrants to find culturally-specific solutions to problems their families face.

Mayor Charlie Hales and Commissioner Steve Novick both expressed interest in finding a way to recognize academic and professional credentials so that Africans can get jobs that fit their degrees.

# Salem murder suspect arrested in New Mexico

By Kaellen Hessel  
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — A suspect in the April shooting of Andrew Entizne was arrested Monday in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Albuquerque Police Department Gang Unit arrested Frank Romero, 39, in connection with the murder of the 32-year-old McMinnville man, said Lt. Steve Birr of the Salem Police Department.

Entizne was found dead at 3

a.m. April 6, next to a silver sedan that crashed into blackberry bushes near Fairway Avenue and Rees Hill Road SE. An autopsy determined he died from a gunshot wound.

Salem detectives tracked Romero from Salem to Arizona to Albuquerque, Birr said.

Salem detectives recently obtained a warrant for Romero's arrest, Birr said. The Salem Police Department sent detectives there to help with the investigation, he said.

Almost two weeks after the shooting, Pedro Suarez, 22, was arrested by Salem police and charged with murder. He also is wanted in Illinois on drug charges, assistant state attorney Mike Quinnlan said.

Suarez is awaiting trial in the Marion County Correctional Facility.

Initially, Suarez denied knowing Entizne, but police said he later admitted to being involved in his murder.

According to online court records, Entizne has a criminal background that includes convictions for assault and possession of a weapon by an inmate.

According to the probable cause statement, Suarez said the decision to shoot Entizne was made the day before the murder.

Suarez told investigators he was acting as a lookout, telling them he parked his vehicle on Rees Hill Road SE and watched for police on the morning of the murder.

He was instructed to honk the horn if he saw police and to drive away if he heard shots fired, according to a probable cause statement.

Suarez told investigators his accomplices waited at the intersection for Entizne to drive past. Police arrived on the scene after neighbors reported hearing multiple gunshots about 3 a.m.

Romero was booked into Albuquerque's Metropolitan Detention Center and awaits extradition to Oregon. He will be charged with murder, Birr said.

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# OSAA reclassification proposal shuffles longstanding rivalries

By Zack Palmer  
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FOREST GROVE — While flipping through a stack of old yearbooks and other historical mementos, Forest Grove athletic director Doug Thompson was looking for some record of a year in which the Vikings didn't square off against their longtime rivals from McMinnville or Newberg.

He got all the way back to 1920 before he ran out of yearbooks, and he couldn't find a single season when those schools didn't face each other in at least one sport.

That will likely change in 2014. The OSAA Classification and Districting Committee released its final proposal for the 2014-2018 time block last week, and it seems imminent that the organization's Executive Committee will approve the plan, which blows up the existing Pacific Conference and, with it, a number of longstanding rivalries.

Chief among them will be the Forest Grove-Newberg-McMinnville triumvirate, which has competed together in the same league for as long as Thompson can remember. The most recent proposal, however, has Forest Grove and Mac being shipped off to the Central Valley Conference — which is based in Salem — while Newberg is sent packing for the Three Rivers League.

"Early on in the process, we requested to stay in a league with Newberg and McMinnville. That's a rivalry we've had since the '60s," Thompson said. "We're very disappointed

that Newberg is not with us. The relationship we've had with them both on and off the field has been pretty special. Moving them to a different conference while keeping us together with McMinnville, that makes no sense to me."

Thompson isn't alone in questioning the committee's recommendations. Several other conferences will be forced to make sweeping changes, but none moreso than the Pacific, which is essentially being dismantled and sold for parts. Newberg will move to the Three Rivers League along with Tigard and Tualatin, while Century and Glencoe get sent to the highly competitive Metro League. Hillsboro, meanwhile, will drop down to Class 5A and join crosstown rival Liberty in the Northwest Oregon Conference.

All of that shuffling was necessitated after a recent decision by the Portland Interscholastic League to have all of its members — which currently span Class 6A, 5A and 4A — lumped together in one league. That forced the committee to scrap an earlier proposal and move to the current one, which eliminates the Pacific Conference and splits the state's 51 Class 6A schools into six conferences of either eight or nine teams apiece.

"The PIL request was kind of out of the blue. It was so late in the process, that what that did

was force the committee to rush to a decision after only two public meetings," Thompson said. "On the one hand, I understand what they're trying to do — they're trying to make leagues that all have about the same number of teams. But as a state, it's gotten to the point where leagues don't really matter anymore. The focus is on power rankings and making sure the top four teams face each other in the playoffs."

"What's been lost in all this is that leagues aren't really important anymore, and I'm disheartened about that."

The Pacific Conference has changed a number of times over the years, but one constant has been the presence of Forest Grove, McMinnville and Newberg — schools separated by less than 30 miles. Their geographical proximity and socioeconomic similarities helped forge longstanding relationships that transcended

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Doug Thompson  
Forest Grove athletic director

sports. "Our first priority was to stay in the Pacific Conference," Thompson said. "Over the years we've built great relationships, not just athletically, but academically as well. It's always been a very positive place with an emphasis on doing what's best for the kids — that's what we were fighting for."

It's possible, but highly unlikely, that anything in the proposal will change before it's

ratified by the Executive Committee, so Forest Grove fans should prepare to see their beloved Vikings in a conference next year that features Mac, North Salem, South Salem, McKay, McNary, Sprague, West Albany and West Salem.

Thompson is still holding out hope that West Albany gets its wish and is allowed to remain in Class 5A, and that the committee replaces the Bulldogs with Newberg. Even if that doesn't happen, he said he's still optimistic about the new conference.

"We're excited," he said. "I do think that us going to Salem makes sense. If you look at the demographics, those are the schools we should be competing against. They are all very similar to us."

And just because the Viks find themselves in a new conference with new opponents, that doesn't mean Thompson won't go out of his way to schedule Newberg or any of the nearby Hillsboro schools for nonleague games.

"I think it makes sense for us to continue to play each other, both from a competition and a travel standpoint," he said.

It will take some getting used to, but the Vikings will eventually grow comfortable in their new home.

Now if Thompson could just figure out what to do with all of his old gear.

"I could dress and decorate a home with all the stuff that has Pacific Conference logos on it," he joked. "I'll tell you one thing — I'm not spending any more money on that stuff knowing that it could change again in four years."

## WITHAM OAKS

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One issue within the plan was the use and preservation of the natural wetlands and open space. As it stands, the plan assigns 25 acres for development with 70 acres set aside for open space.

According to Jackie Rochefort, park planner with the Corvallis Parks and Recreation, her department met with Campus Crest and they discussed the land in Witham Oaks as well as land directly adjacent.

"If the applicant is interested in working with the city, the next step would be visiting with the park area

and recreation board," Rochefort said.

The group also considered the diversity of housing offerings in Corvallis, based on residential needs.

"The applicant meets requirements of housing diversity," said City Planner Kevin Young. "They have provided a variety of building types that comply with the construction diversity in the city code."

Density to the central areas of Corvallis, due to the growth of OSU, was also a central concern. There is a strong community need for housing, and the Witham Oaks property, approximately 1.5 miles from campus, is one of the few areas large

enough to accommodate a higher density housing development.

The commission agreed that density in neighborhoods near campus is a problem, but ideas on how to solve it was not as unanimous.

"I don't think moving students to the periphery of town will solve that problem," said Planning Commissioner James Feldmann.

Feldmann also cited issues with the location including proximity to what students need, such as campus facilities, and the potential safety hazards for pedestrians that may arise with increased traffic.

On the other hand, Planning Commissioner Kenton Daniels

said, "the proposal would upgrade Harrison significantly and help it deal with pedestrian and bicycle traffic."

Overall, the group decided that the plan had too many unintended consequences, and it does not alleviate other problems.

"It does not address the big issues," Daniels said.

The commission decided in a 3-4 vote to deny the change, and this will be recommended to the city council at a Dec. 2 meeting.

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## OCEAN

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Vulnerability to Projected Changes in Ocean Biogeochemistry over the 21st Century."

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## PARKING

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according to a press release from OSU.

Clark said there has been communication between administration and deans, department heads and school heads about allowing employees to work off-campus on Nov. 1. Which employees work remotely will be up to the deans, departments and schools, Clark said.

Hank Kemper, manager of OSU Transit and Parking Services, said there will be added preparation for this day.

"Because this is a unique situation, we kind of don't know what to expect," Kemper said.

Kemper said this isn't the first time this kind of plan has been implemented. When the baseball team hosted NCAA Regionals and Super Regionals in June and in previous years, a phased-in system occurred, just on a smaller scale.

Steve Fenk, associate athletic director and director of communications for OSU athletics, said a nationally televised game for OSU is a showcase

for both the university and the football program.

Fenk added that the parking concerns about a weeknight game are valid.

"Traffic is always going to be a problem on game days," Fenk said. "What we don't usually have is traffic going both ways."

Clark said there have also been talks between administrators about creating incentives for students and faculty who carpool, walk, bike or use any means of transportation other than a single-occupant vehicle.

"The idea of promoting alternative ways to campus will begin next week," Clark said. "If we're able to create reasonable incentives that we can promote and implement, that will begin next week and continue the following week."

The details about what those incentives would be are yet to be finalized, but Clark said it will be in the coming days.

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## TOWN HALL

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well.

Town hall attendees conceded that the FYE offered many promising benefits and would likely improve in years following this transitional phase. Students highlighted concerns about benefits for the purpose of addressing possible legislation.

ASOSU officers debated what steps to take in order to rectify the FYE's weaknesses. Proposed ideas ranged from surveying students in high-traffic areas to creating clicker questions for popular baccalaureate core and U-Engage courses.

Sen. John Varin also brought forth the topic of the tuition plateau. Although ASOSU requested that current students be grandfathered into the new system, administration implemented the changes across the entire student population.

They reached a consensus that while

credits will be linearly expensive in the long term, continued communication with administration is needed.

Speaker of the House Thomas Bancroft proposed the implementation of an umbrella share program that several students requested. In such a program, students would be able to present their ID cards and borrow umbrellas in central locations around campus. Further discussion on the issue will continue as ASOSU garners more information.

Two members of the Agricultural Executive Council in attendance also mentioned the desire for agriculturally-focused housing.

The next town hall meeting will be held toward the end of fall term and is expected to focus on particular issues. These focuses will be determined at a later date.

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Senior midfielder Erin Uchacz fights for the ball against Arizona State on Sunday. Uchacz had the winning goal in the contest.

# Conquering what she thought she couldn't

Erin Uchacz's successful season thus far was made possible by an entire offseason spent preparing for a fitness test

By Grady Garrett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Erin Uchacz played all 90 minutes of a soccer game for the first time in her Oregon State career. The senior midfielder scored the contest's only goal on Sunday, giving the Beavers their first win in nearly a month.

After the game, Uchacz, who's tied for the team lead in points with six, talked about her team's mental toughness: "With the way the season has gone, it would have been a lot easier to give up," she said.

There may be no better example of such fortitude than Uchacz herself.

Because just a short time ago, Uchacz had to clear what felt like an insurmountable hurdle. If she didn't, she wasn't going to get the opportunity to have the successful season she's personally having.

They call it the beep test. It's a grueling fitness test that play-

ers dread and coaches use as a way to assess who is ready for a significant role and who isn't. The Beavers take it during winter workouts and during preseason camp in August. Most players pass with regularity.

Not Uchacz.

She failed to pass the test with any consistency her first two-and-a-half years in Corvallis, though she was never reprimanded during that period. Over time, her failures weighed on her psyche to the point where she began to seriously doubt herself.

So when she lined up to take the test on the first day of winter workouts roughly 10 months ago, Uchacz expected the worst despite having trained all break.

"Even though I felt really good, I still convinced myself I wouldn't pass it before I even took it," she said.

She didn't pass.

It was then that OSU head coach Linus Rhode decided to send his projected senior starter a stern message. He did something he hadn't done with any player who had failed the test in the past.

Uchacz wasn't going to participate in winter practice until she passed the test, she was told. So when her team-

mates took to the field twice a week, Uchacz ran on the side.

Rhode said his intent wasn't to punish Uchacz. Rather, he saw an opportunity to help Uchacz grow as both a player and a person.

"Erin's biggest area she needed to work on was her mental toughness," said the sixth-year head coach, who emphasized that Uchacz is plenty athletic enough to pass the test. "It was highlighted a lot when it came to the fitness test. Going into her senior year, I felt like I had to get it across to her that if she commits to doing it, she can do it. That's the reason why I really stood my ground there."

Uchacz attempted, and failed, the test a few more times over the course of the winter. The mental block persisted. So she continued to run, rarely touching a soccer ball.

"It was really tough to see that," said senior forward Brandin Dawson. "Every practice we wanted her with us, and every practice it's just her running on the side again. I don't think I'd be able to go that long without playing soccer. On top of that, having to run every day instead of playing soccer?"

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# OSU football to have 'Orange Out' for USC game

Athletic department, Beaver Dam encouraging fans to wear orange in Nov. 1 game against Southern California

By Warner Strausbaugh  
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Oregon State athletics officially announced on Wednesday that the Nov. 1 home game against the University of Southern California will be an "Orange Out" at Reser Stadium.

Fans are encouraged to wear orange clothing to make the crowd look like a "sea of orange." The game will take place on a Friday night at 6 p.m., and will be nationally televised on ESPN2.

"Originally when we were talking about the USC game, we were thinking 'blackout,'" said Jeff Lulay, president of the Beaver Dam. "In Beaver football history, it all points to orange. It's one of those iconic

things for us."

The last three times the Trojans came to Corvallis, the Beavers won as underdogs. In 2006 and 2008, USC was No. 1 in the nation when OSU came away with those victories.

"From personal experience and from what I've had heard from players, USC does not like to play at Oregon State, let alone a Friday night on Halloween weekend in Corvallis," Lulay said.

Many other universities hold similar promotions for football games during the season. The University of Washington held a "blackout" against Oregon on Saturday. Penn State typically does a "whiteout" once per year. Oregon has done a "black and yellow out" with each section alternating colors.

"The goal is to make us look like the Penn State of the Northwest, all covered in orange," Lulay said.

The first 5,000 students to enter Reser Stadium on gameday will receive orange ponchos, and 5,000

ponchos will be handed out at the "tailgate at Truax" pregame event in the Truax Indoor Athletic Center, which is adjacent to the stadium.

"It's always about school spirit for us and engaging our fans," said Nikki Pruett, the director of marketing and fan development for OSU athletics. "USC is not, at this point, where they were (in 2006 and 2008), but it's still pretty iconic to wear orange for this game."

When Oregon State first unveiled its new athletic brand in March, many players were excited to wear the all-orange uniforms for the "big games."

With OSU and USC's history, this qualifies. "Any time you're playing USC, it's going to be a big-time game," said junior wide receiver Kevin Cummings. "We're excited to bust out those jerseys, but we've got to be able to back it up. You look good, you've got to play good."

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Brandin Cooks poses at the OSU rebranding on March 5.

# What OSU thinks about not being ranked in top 25

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OSU players and coaches were asked if they thought they were being overlooked in the rankings and by the national media:



"Who cares about that stuff? Truthfully, we don't. We just worry about winning games. We could be 10-1 and unranked and we wouldn't care. We still got a long season left so who knows."

Rashaad Reynolds  
Senior cornerback



"Sure, I think we deserve to be ranked, that's what you're striving for, right? But I don't think anyone here thinks that way. I just don't."

Brent Brennan  
Wide receivers coach



"I like it better when we're not ranked. We always do a lot better when we're the underdogs, I'd say. It's less pressure on the team and the staff and we can just focus on what we do."

Gavin Andrews  
Sophomore offensive lineman



"Yes, absolutely they should be ranked. I think we're probably feeling the effects of the first game in terms of the voters. I don't know who all the voters are, but I think we should be ranked for sure."

Danny Langsdorf  
Offensive coordinator

# Post-Washington game: men's soccer notebook

■ Beavers move up in RPI, last in standings, take on No. 5 UCLA

By Grady Garrett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Leftover notes from Monday's 1-0 loss to UW:

- Considering it was their second game against a top-five opponent in 12 days, the Beavers took another move up (from 74th to 57th) in the rating percentage index rankings despite the loss. OSU entered Pac-12 play with an RPI of 88.

- The game's lone goal was scored off of a UW flip throw. It marked the second straight year that OSU versus UW in Seattle was decided by a UW goal scored off of a flip throw.

- OSU is now 1-6 versus UW dating back to the 2010 season. In those six losses, the Beavers have scored a total of one goal.

- The Beavers' starting lineup vs. UW: Matt Bersano, Bjorn Sandberg, Will Seymore, Josh Smith, Mikhail Doholis, Michael Steele, Brenden Anderson, Alex Eckerson, Mike Reckmeyer, Devonte Small and Chance Bergen.

- Doholis led the Beavers in shots with four, none on goal. Bergen had two, one on goal. Reckmeyer had OSU's only other shot on goal.

- Bersano added three saves to his conference-leading total of 51.

- Junior forward Khiry Shelton did not play against the Huskies. Shelton, the Beavers' leading goal-scorer, has missed OSU's last four games.

**Pac-12 notes:**

- With an 0-3-0 conference record, the Beavers reside in sixth in the six-team Pac-12. They're one point behind San Diego State and four points behind Stanford (which has played one more game than OSU has).

- In this week's NSCAA Coaches' Poll: Cal stayed put at No. 1, Washington stayed put at No. 3. UCLA moved up one spot to No. 5. No other Pac-12 teams received any votes.

**Up next:**

- Check Friday's Barometer for a preview of OSU's conference home-opener versus No. 5 UCLA, set for a 1 p.m. start at Paul Lorenz Field that same day. The game will be televised on Pac-12 Networks.



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Sophomore Mikhail Doholis dribbles up the field against Northwest Christian on Sept. 27.

**OSU statistical leaders:**

- Goals: Shelton (4)
- Assists: Atanasov (4)
- Points: Shelton (9)
- Shots: Doholis (20)

- Shots on goal: Van Vleet (12)
- Saves: Bersano (51)

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# Andrews shaken by illness

■ Sophomore offensive tackle Gavin Andrews missed first 4 games of season with mononucleosis

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If a football player is forced to sit out a couple games, it's because of an injury.

At least, such is the case for most football players.

But for sophomore offensive tackle Gavin Andrews, he was forced to sit because of an illness.

Andrews recently recovered from mononucleosis.

"It's like the flu, but you're extremely, extremely tired," Andrews said.

His diagnosis came just one week before the Beavers' season-opening loss to Eastern Washington University.

Andrews was kept out of OSU's following three games, and missing time because of an illness is arguably worse than missing time because of an injury.

With injuries, players are still allowed to be around the team and attend meetings, practices and games.

With illnesses, players are quarantined.

"For the first week, I stayed at home," Andrews said. "I tried to visit — tried to come here for as minimal a time as possible and just keep my distance."

Andrews was shaken.

Football had been unwittingly stolen from him. Without the energy to do much, there was virtually nothing to fill his time.

"I couldn't keep busy at all," Andrews said. "I couldn't do anything. I tried to stay in the playbook, but I couldn't work-out. Couldn't do anything."

For the first four games of the season, Andrews had to watch the Beavers from afar.

He watched the then-No. 25 Beavers get upset in their first game.

He watched the run game struggle to get going.

All the while knowing that, had he been healthy, he would have been a starter and could have helped the team.

As it stands now, more than a month later, he still can only watch. Although this time, it's from the bench.

In his absence, true freshman offensive tackle Sean Harlow has taken hold of the starting job.

"I'm there, I'm ready to play," Andrews said. "All (offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh) has to do is say the word."

Cavanaugh said earlier this week that Andrews must catch up on all the football aspects of his game. While his body has recovered from the 15 pounds he lost from being sick, he's still missing live-action experience.

"You miss a lot," Andrews said. "It's not like the team is going to slow down for you; they're going to keep going and you'd better catch up."

Andrews still has some catching up to do. Despite being atop the depth chart since spring camp in April, Andrews has only ever played as part of the special teams unit.

In more ways than one, Andrews' bout of mononucleosis has been debilitating. On the one hand, his body took a beating. On the other, his future football career is cloudy.

"Just to have that all torn down was really heartbreaking," Andrews said.

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## UCHACZ

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A less resilient player may have thrown in the towel. Not Uchacz, who "knew that wasn't how I wanted my career to end."

The situation changed slightly in the spring, when Uchacz was allowed to practice with her teammates but didn't appear in any of OSU's five spring games because she still hadn't passed the test. She remained frustrated, though she credited her OSU coaches for their continued support. Rhode summed up Uchacz's first half of 2013 as "a pretty rough spell," and Uchacz knew it would carry over into the fall if she didn't figure out how to conquer her nemesis.

According to Rhode, Uchacz was told after the spring season that if she didn't pass the test in August, "She would still play a role on the team, but it wouldn't be the role that I think she wanted to have her

senior year."

"I would see a lot of time on the bench," Uchacz said. "That was the gist of it."

A devastating realization for a player who had appeared in 55 games and started 18 over her first three collegiate seasons.

"It was about lighting a fire," Rhode said.

He succeeded.

Uchacz, who had spent the previous two summers back in her native British Columbia, chose to stay in Corvallis for the summer. She took classes and trained with a personal trainer four or five times a week. She played a few games in Portland with a team, but mostly chose conditioning over soccer, often running twice a day.

Dawson, who lived with Uchacz over the summer, summed up her roommate's dedication in one word: "Incredible."

"I was in the best shape I've ever been in," Uchacz said. "It

also helped give me that extra bit of confidence going into the test. I was able to be like, 'OK, I worked my butt off this summer, I can do this.'"

Finally, Aug. 8 arrived. Day one of OSU's preseason camp. Test day.

Uchacz stressed that she doesn't want what happened that day — and the months that led up to that moment — to define her OSU career. She downplayed it all, saying: "It was just one part of a really enjoyable four years I've had here."

But her teammates knew what was at stake when they lined up to take the test. They knew all Uchacz had been through in the previous eight months.

That's why the moment that happened next was one Uchacz's teammates won't soon forget.

She passed.

"I'm not a huge crier, but when she ran that last one, I cried of happiness," said senior

Morgan Kennedy. "And the funniest thing was she said she could keep going but everyone tackled her because we were all so proud of her."

"Then Linus brought us all together, and he started getting a little bit teary-eyed," Dawson said. "That's when the tears just started flowing for everybody."

Rhode said Uchacz's passing of the test helped set the stage for the kind of successful season she's had.

But more importantly, he said, everything Uchacz went through leading up to that moment will help her in life in general.

"I was really, really happy for her," Rhode said. "It wasn't just about the fitness test, it was the fact that she mentally applied herself and conquered something she thought she couldn't do. That's why I think it's bigger than just soccer."

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# Football notes from Wednesday's practice

By Josh Worden  
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Most of the Oregon State football team is healthy heading into the last six games of the regular season, but there have been some recent injury concerns.

- Junior tight end Connor Hamlett was unable to finish the Washington State game with a knee injury and will likely miss the next two games. Head coach Mike Riley said on Wednesday that Hamlett will likely have his knee scoped.

- Sophomore tight end Caleb Smith suffered an ankle injury during Tuesday's practice, but was able to return for Wednesday. Sophomore wide receiver Richard Mullaney has been limited in practice this week with turf toe.

- Senior cornerback Rashaad Reynolds had a pair of inter-

ceptions and a pair of forced fumbles against Washington State last Saturday, earning him Pac-12 defensive player of the week honors. He joins junior cornerback Steven Nelson, who claimed the same award after the Beavers' Sept. 21 victory against San Diego State. Nelson also added an interception against the Cougars, making him one of only two players in the nation with five picks.

- Kickoff has been set for both the California and Stanford games at 7:30 p.m., following the same kickoff time for Oregon State's game with Washington State. The matchup with California will be in Berkeley, Calif., while Stanford will travel to Corvallis for the Oct. 26 contest.

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## Editorial

# Oh, look, more parking problems

The Oregon State football team battle USC in Reser Stadium at 6 p.m. the day after Halloween, and it will be televised on ESPN2.

Nov. 1 is a Friday this year. Football games on school days are always a special case, and need OSU administration's approval to be scheduled. Televised games are also a special case, and attract more fans. And, that's Dad's Weekend.

Enough visitors are anticipated on campus that there are unfounded rumors that classes will be canceled.

A university press release described the "phased-in" parking schedule the school will adopt on Nov. 1 to better accommodate the daytrippers.

The gist of which is as the day passes, the designated game-day parking areas that will grow throughout the day, and will eventually imitate "The Blob" and have consumed most of the parking spaces on campus at the end of the day.

At 7 a.m. on Nov. 1, four normally student- and faculty-accessible parking areas will only be available to cars with athletics-issued permits. After 5 p.m., that number will have grown to at least 12, because at 5 p.m., all cars without athletic permits need to vacate those 12 lots.

Looking at the parking map provided by the school, color-coded by the time the lot becomes restricted access, we can't find a lot on campus that won't be consumed by this Blob of game-goers by 5 p.m. — excluding mandatory ADA parking, the lot by the MU that is currently a giant hole in the ground and the ones full of construction equipment.

If students don't move their cars out of these lots before 5 p.m., they could be cited and fined a minimum of \$40, according to the TAPS citation fee schedule. That's more than the average Beaver has to pay for game-day parking — at least those willing to park on the other side of campus.

Football plays a big part on our campus. It brings in a ton of money, exposure and — if the team is playing well — applications. Gonzaga University, Boise State University

and the University of Oregon are all examples of how athletic success can lead to greater academic standards.

But we thought the point of college — at least, the point highest prioritized — was learning all the things.

If that's true, why are we making students' lives so difficult in order to pander to game-goers who could easily park elsewhere and just take shuttles to the stadium?

Money. The athletic permits are issued to donors who've contributed a minimum of \$1,000 to "Our Beaver Nation" and the football season. Not to mention the donation levels — up to \$1,800 per year — season-ticket holders pay to get closer and closer to the action.

Students have to pay a pretty penny to live on campus, even if they're required to as freshmen. That isn't "free money" like donor contributions are. It's also not earmarked for the football program.

Parking has been an ongoing and touchy topic this year. But this is an isolated incident. And one we have to deal with.

We have to deal with it every Saturday. Some of us here like football and are fine with it. Some of us ... not so much.

At least the university is trying.

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# At Random

by Ryan Mason



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# Student loans: are they the only option or should they be avoided?

Be careful, be smart, you won't get burned by loans

Extra fees and the ever-rising cost of tuition are necessary evils. Ones I'm sure every student has a negative opinion about.

The average tuition for residents is around \$8,538 a year. For non-residents, it's a whopping \$23,469. This makes the extra fees feel cruel — and the resources to fund college seem scarce or terrifying.

With the question of where students are going to obtain the exorbitant funds for college comes the answer of loans. Loans can be scary monsters planning on devouring your future — in some cases a little bit of your soul as well. Or, they can be perceived as free money you can access now and worry about later.

Regardless, loans don't have to be scary. But they certainly shouldn't be abused.

My advice to students who do not have the ability to pay for college outright is to check out other options. First and foremost, search for scholarships. These gems can be found in your departments (e.g., the Moreland Hall English building) or fields of study.

Don't be afraid to apply for these. You might feel like you don't have a chance because everyone is applying for the scholarship you're looking at, but that's not always the case.

If you've exhausted that avenue (and the avenue of mailing desperate letters to well-off, elderly family members) then it's time to look at loans.

Be smart. Research the different types of loans out there, and talk to the people in the financial aid building on campus. Don't be hasty. Don't take out more than you absolutely can't get by without.

The stigma of loans is that they're all the same: evil.

Usually, people with this mindset generalize loans and put them into one giant category of terribleness.

But they're all different.

A Direct Subsidized Loan is a great option in terms of acquiring much-needed funds in col-

lege. DSLs don't accrue any interest as long as you're going to school at least half-time — generally, six credits per term — and you're given a six-month grace period to get yourself together after college before you have to start the repayment process. This information, as well as many more useful tidbits about loans, can be found at [FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://FederalStudentAid.ed.gov). This site is a great resource to draw from if you are in need of help with figuring out your college finances.

The Direct Unsubsidized Loan, though, is not your friend. As soon as you take out a DUL, you are responsible for paying interest, according to the federal student aid website.

If you don't want to pay the interest this type of loan generates while you're in college, then it can be deferred until later. But, your interest will accrue and be capitalized, which should not be taken lightly. The future creeps up sooner than you think.

But in the flurry and frustration of figuring finances out for your college years, you should never lose sight of the end reward. Your college degree is priceless — even though it has a very definite price tag attached.

You spend countless hours fretting about homework, grades and participation, as well as all the extras, including internships and part-time jobs. Don't be flighty and irresponsible with financial opportunities, but know that there's a larger goal in sight and that taking out a loan is not the worst thing that could ever happen to you.

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Loans are evil no matter what you do, try to pay any other way

Let's face it: College is expensive. In fact, according to Oregon State's financial aid website, the estimated amount you'll pay as an undergraduate will range from \$23,658 if you're a resident, to \$38,589 a year if you're a non-resident.

This includes your general tuition, which is just your foot in the door (\$8,538 resident; \$23,469 nonresident), books and supplies (\$1,965), room and board (which translates into dorm life, and is \$10,578) and miscellaneous and personal items like your toothpaste (\$2,577).

Because we all spend thousands of dollars on our shampoo and soap, right?

Let's not forget about how most of these fees go to places like Dixon Recreational Center, which is wonderful, but also a place that many students don't necessarily have time to go and use. So what are you going to do?

Step one: Acquire funds. This can be done by applying for scholarships, grants and (cue ominous chord) loans. Sometimes, college-bound students don't qualify for scholarships or grants and no one wants to help pay their way.

I was raised with the knowledge that loans were the opposite of good — they were a form of Mephistopheles in this faux-Faust soul-trade, in which you get to go to an excellent school and achieve higher education ... for the high price of an 8 percent interest rate.

You have two breeds of loans to study: subsidized and unsubsidized. The difference between them is explained on [FederalStudentAid.ed.gov](http://FederalStudentAid.ed.gov). Subsidized are

slightly nicer, in that they wait until you're finished with school before they start charging you interest.

Unsubsidized loans are evil, plain and simple. They charge you interest while you're taking out the loan. They're the monster you need to watch out for.

Let's say you take out a loan of \$20,000 from an unsubsidized loan for a number of 120 payments, which would help pay a decent chunk of your college experience. According to [aie.org](http://aie.org), to feed this little monster, you'll need to pay about \$230 a month at an approximate interest rate of 6.8 percent.

Unless you're already cranking out the moolah and can afford to feed this "Little Shop of Horrors" beast, don't do it.

I will admit that loans have the potential to be a good thing. When done correctly, people can come out of it generally unscathed.

Loans can provide students with the opportunity to enter and complete higher education when it would otherwise not be an option. Your college education will stay with you forever. The loans won't — if you manage your finances well.

But you have to stay on top of your loans if you take them out and make sure you meet your monthly payments. You will have to ration your resources and tighten your belt in order to stay in school. If you can find another, legal, way to pay your college education, go for it.

Exhaust all the other options before you take out a loan.

Because while it's possible to stay on top of your loans and keep making payments, most college students and recent graduates have concerns that seem more pressing when the time comes to make those payments or save up for the future — like rent, or food.

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# Special needs teacher selected Oregon Teacher of the Year

By Sergio Cisneros  
OREGON PUBLIC BROADCASTING

PORTLAND — The state education department named Brett Bigham Oregon's 2014 Teacher of the Year. He's a teacher at the Multnomah Education Service District.

Bigham has been a teacher in the Portland area for nearly ten years. He leads a classroom that focuses on functional living skills for special needs students.

Bigham says that winning the Teacher of the Year award is a complete surprise, especially since he had heard the award would be a long

shot for a special ed teacher.

"So it was an unexpected win. I kind of thought it would probably follow that trend. Just simply because the special ed teaching programs are smaller. A lot of times we aren't out to be seen as much as other programs," Bigham said.

As Oregon's Teacher of the Year, Bigham will attend the National Teacher of the Year forum in Washington D.C. He will receive a \$5000 cash award, too.

Oregon's Teacher of the Year program began in 1955.

# Civic Stadium appraisal exceeds offers

By Edward Russo  
THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE — The land of Eugene's shuttered Civic Stadium is worth considerably more than purchase prices mentioned by two likely bidders, according to an appraisal done for the property's owner.

The appraisal for the Eugene School District gave three estimated values for the 10.2-acre stadium site — \$5.5 million, \$7.6 million and \$9.8 million, depending on different rezonings of the property.

So far, two groups have said they will make separate offers for the property — the Eugene Family YMCA and Peter Powell, a Bellevue, Wash., developer for the Fred Meyer grocery store chain.

Their initial offers, mentioned in letters to school district Superintendent Sheldon Berman earlier this year, were considerably lower than the appraised values.

The Y and Powell said they intended to offer \$3.5 million and \$4.7 million, respectively, for the land.

And there could be another bidder. The Eugene City Council today is slated to discuss whether it should make an offer by the school district's Dec. 3 deadline for proposals. Some councilors are interested in acquiring the historic ballpark so it can be renovated for soccer and other uses.

The appraisal will help the seven-member school board evaluate yet-to-be submitted proposals for the Civic Stadium property, near 20th Avenue between Willamette Street and Amazon Parkway.

"It does not establish a price for the property," district spokeswoman Kerry Delf said.

Board Chairwoman Mary Walston said the figures will assist board members in evaluating purchase, lease or trade offers for the property. "The real benefit is that the community will know what the property is potentially worth," she said.

### Appraisal's effects unclear

The land value analysis by appraiser Kent Voronaeff of Eugene was ordered more than two months ago by Berman. Its highlights were released Tuesday by district officials.

Two years ago, the district opted not to hire an appraiser

to evaluate the property before seeking offers.

The board at that time considered proposals from the Y, Fred Meyer and Save Civic Stadium before rejecting them all in a controversial decision.

It's unclear what effect the appraised values might have on potential bidders.

Walston said it could force groups interested in the property to increase their offers, or it could cause some to say, "We can't afford that," and they could back out."

Both the Y and the Fred Meyer developer would raze the historic wooden grandstand at the stadium, which was last used by the Eugene Emeralds minor league baseball team four years ago.

The Y wants to build a new recreation and community center on about 41/2 acres of the Civic site, leaving more than half that could then be developed with housing and retail.

### Site designated for housing

The Civic Stadium site is composed of two parcels. The largest, totaling 9.43 acres, is zoned as public land but is designated for medium-density residential use (R-2) in the city's metropolitan plan, the community's growth guide.

A smaller 0.68-acre parcel north of the stadium parking lot has already been zoned for R-2 use.

Under R-2 zoning, a developer can build between 10 and 25 dwelling units per acre. Typically, single-family homes, condos, townhomes and apartments are built with that zoning.

A zone change on much of the Civic site would be needed to allow medium-density housing, but the Metro Plan would not have to be modified because housing already is designated for the property's future use, said Steve Nystrom, the city's principal planner.

But to allow high-density housing or a Fred Meyer-anchored shopping center would require zoning changes and modification of the Metro Plan and a neighborhood plan, Nystrom said.

Those proposed changes would be reviewed by the city's planning commission, with a final decision made by the City Council.

However, a council decision could be appealed to the state

Land Use Board of Appeals and then to the Oregon Court of Appeals.

### Three different scenarios

Voronaeff's appraisal used three different assumptions and recent sales data of comparably zoned property to reach the values.

For the \$5.5 million value, Voronaeff assumed that the entire parcel would be zoned R-2.

Delf, the school district spokeswoman, said Voronaeff stated that, based on conversations with city staff, R-2 may be the most likely zoning if the stadium property is no longer zoned for public use.

For the \$7.6 million value, Voronaeff assumed the parcel was zoned for commercial development, C-2, which would allow the Fred Meyer-anchored shopping center.

And for the \$9.8 million value, Voronaeff assumed that the property was zoned for high-density residential development, R-4. That would allow anywhere from 20 to 112 dwelling units per acre.

### A complex valuation

An appraisal of Civic Stadium is more complex than valuations of most other properties in Eugene, said Rick Duncan, an owner of Duncan and Brown, a Eugene appraisal firm.

For starters, there are no other properties like Civic Stadium in Eugene, he said.

The land use approvals required for development there could be lengthy and costly to achieve, Duncan said. In addition, the city could require a developer to make expensive offsite improvements, such as traffic signals and intersections to handle the additional traffic caused by the development, he said.

All of those factors could influence how much a developer is willing to offer, Duncan said.

"If I can go and accomplish a certain zoning change, and I'm pretty sure there will not be land use appeals, I will consider that in my purchase price," he said. "If I have to go through a lengthy appeal, I'm not going to pay that same price."

Meanwhile, at noon today, the City Council is expected to debate whether to put together an offer for Civic, and how it might pay for the acquisition.

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