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Ballot Measures

Daily Barometer election results as of midnight

Measure 02-88

Expands parking districts in Corvallis and regulates visitor and resident parking.

Yes 6,932 No 10,115

Measure 86

Amends Constitution: Requires creation of fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, authorizes stage indebtedness to finance fund.

Yes 424,572 No 615,657

Measure 87

Amends Constitution: Permits employment of state judges by National Guard (military service) and state public universities (teaching).

Yes 578,735 No 449,894

Measure 88

Provides Oregon resident "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States.

Yes 348,098 No 727,053

Measure 89

Amends Constitution: State/political subdivisions shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex.

Yes 654,012 No 387,535

Measure 90

Changes general election nomination processes; provides for single primary ballot listing candidates; top two advance.

Yes 339,945 No 708,134

Measure 91

Allows possession, manufacture, sale of marijuana by/to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, taxation.

Yes 589,330 No 498,687

Measure 92

Requires food manufacturers, retailers to label "genetically engineered" foods as such; state, citizens may enforce.

Yes 528,078 No 557,053



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The Benton County Court House lights up on election night as ballots for the 2014 election are counted inside the building. The polls closed at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Final election thoughts

■ Some students have personal stake in results, others take national view on election

By Chris Correll
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With multiple measures and candidates on the ballot that will undoubtedly affect the future of student life here on campus, there are plenty of reasons to pay attention to the outcome of the 2014 election.

Student political organizations will see the payoff for all the hours spent advocating for what they feel is the proper vote. The Associated Students of Oregon State University can finally take a rest after urging students to update their voter registration for weeks, and OSU's College Republicans and College Democrats will find out whether a highly anticipated switch to GOP majority in the Senate will occur. As of midnight, the Republicans had a majority in both bodies of Congress. The Democrats had held majority since 2008, when their grip on the senate was considered "filibuster-proof."

Donald Handeland and Claire Oslund, the acting College Republicans President and former College Democrats President, weighed in with their thoughts and predictions on how election would play out.

"The worst-case scenario would be that Republicans don't take the Senate nationally," said Handeland, a senior

civil engineering and financing major. He felt that missing this chance for a GOP majority would be a huge blow to the party and over time potentially impede OSU students.

"Our future — as young people — has a lot at stake," Handeland said. "With trillions of dollars in debt at the national level ... we can't let politicians do whatever they want. We want to know we're involved and that we're stakeholders."

Handeland was fairly certain of Betsy Close (R-Albany) and Dennis Richardson's victories for the Oregon senate and governor races, but said that races over all were "very close," while Oslund speculated their opponents, Sara Gelsler (D-Corvallis) and Governor John Kitzhaber, would come out on top.

As of midnight, Close and Richardson lagged behind their counterparts, Gelsler and Kitzhaber, respectively, in the polls. "We feel pretty confident in DeFazio, Merkley, Gelsler and probably Kitzhaber even though he's had some unfortunate press recently," Oslund said.

DeFazio was ahead of Art Robinson at press time, and Jeff Merkley led with more than 150,000 votes than opponent Monica Wehby.

This particular election is unique in that even OSU students who normally aren't politically active are still likely to have an opinion on the issues being addressed by Oregon Ballot Measures 86 through 92.

Measure 92, which mandates the labeling of genetically modified food in

Oregon, has created some of the most heated controversy.

As of midnight, Measure 92 was too close to call.

"I think they should be labeled," said Caroline Brown, a sophomore in pre-nursing. "I don't think they should even exist, but labeling is a good start."

The ambiguous regulations surrounding GMOs has put a strain on the trust between Oregon's producers and consumers. Unpopular use of genetic modification, such as Monsanto's biological patents on their company's seeds, has soured the public's opinions. Many voters believe GMOs are inherently hazardous.

Logan Bernart, a wood science and mechanical engineering major, has researched the topic extensively and recently uploaded a post online urging people to properly consider their decision when voting.

"Are genetically modified foods safe for human consumption? Yes — science overwhelmingly says they are. Are GMOs used irresponsibly sometimes by agribusiness, causing ecological consequences? Yes," Bernart said. "There are some great reasons to vote yes on 92 ... (but) don't be like the climate change deniers and believe something that isn't supported by research."

For more student voices, see page 4.

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Candidates

Leader as of midnight in red

U.S. Senator

Mike Montchalin
31,620 — Libertarian

Jeff Merkley
587,213 — Democrat,
Independent, Working Families

Christina Jean Lugo
21,316 — Pacific Green

James E Leuenberger
17,194 — Constitution

Monica Wehby
401,382 — Republican

U.S. Representative

4th District
David L Chester
3,556 — Libertarian

Art Robinson
94,240 — Republican,
Constitution

Peter A DeFazio
147,125 — Democrat,
Progressive, Working
Families

Mike Beilstein
5,181 — Pacific Green

Governor

Dennis Richardson
484,062 — Republican,
Independent

Chris Henry
9,430 — Progressive

Aaron Auer
11,381 — Constitution

John Kitzhaber
517,661 — Democrat,
Working Families

Paul Grad
14,733 — Libertarian

Jason Levin
19,407 — Pacific Green

State Senator

8th District
Betsy L Close
9,308 — Republican,
Libertarian

Sara A Gelsler
16,746 — Democrat,
Working Families

State Representative

16th District
Dan Rayfield
14,478 — Democrat

Jacob D Vandever
5,474 — Republican

Corvallis mayor

Josh Gulliver
5,109 — Nonpartisan

Biff Traber
8,696 — Nonpartisan

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Monday, November 3

Bike thefts

Two bikes were reported stolen from the west side of campus Monday. One bike was taken from a bike rack at the Linus Pauling Science Center, and the other from a bike rack at Cauthorn Hall. Both bikes were presumed to have been stolen between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and were valued at more than \$100.

Car-motorcycle collision

A motorcyclist suffered minor injuries Monday when he reportedly had to make "an evasive maneuver" to avoid a driver pulling out from a stop sign at an intersection. According to Oregon State Police



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

reports, the motorcyclist had been driving northbound along 30th Street when a driver of an SUV pulled out from the stop sign. The vehicles did not collide; however, the motorcyclist reported having to swerve to avoid the SUV. According to police logs, the driver of the SUV admitted to not having

seen the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for minor injuries, and officers cited the driver of the SUV with failure to obey a traffic control device (the stop sign).

iPad theft

An Oregon State University student contacted campus dispatch after his iPad was reportedly stolen from his backpack while he was at the Valley Library. According to OSP logs, the student estimated the theft took place between 10 and 11 p.m. Sunday night. The student was able to provide a serial number for the dispatcher, who entered the information into the law enforcement data systems.

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Dispatchers take pride in helping people out

■ Dispatchers link callers to responders, enjoy keeping people safe

By **Kaitlyn Kohlenberg**
THE DAILY BAROMETER

They're the first call when things go wrong, and when things go wrong in a community such as Oregon State University, dispatchers need to be prepared.

"The number-one skill you have to have in dispatch is being able to multitask," said Derek Down, a dispatcher with Oregon State Police and the Department of Public Safety on OSU's campus.

Several dispatchers work on OSU's campus; answering calls — both emergency and routine — typing up play-by-play reports of incidents and facilitating both OSP and DPS officers.

Rain or snow, game days and holidays, the dispatchers sit in their computer-filled room filled with notes, reminders and notifications, all of their resources within arm's reach, to help maintain a secure campus for the students, employees and visitors of OSU.

"Every shift there will be a point where I'm on the phone with somebody, answering the radio and trying to type on the computer at the same time," Down said. "And lo and behold, an alarm will come in, and I'll have to switch gears and go to that."

Despite the occasionally hectic environment, both Down and his coworker, Stephanie Howard, adamantly declared their enjoyment for the job.

"I love working with the community and students and staff and knowing that I'm helping keep people safe," said Howard, who has worked with campus dispatch since June 1999. "Just being a part of that process is really cool."

For Down, the job has provided a convenient and rewarding transition from his job in the military. When he applied for the position in spring 2012, he was impressed to learn that the department was even willing to push back interviews of prospective employees so that Down would not miss the deadline while he was in his last days of active duty.

"Honestly it was just kind of luck," he said of his employment with the university. "I really love this job."

Down and Howard struggled to come up with something they would want to change about their position. They explained that, as the first ones to interact with the public in emergencies, their employers work to make sure that they are able to do their job effectively and comfortably.

Down admitted that, at times, dispatchers can be a bit "babied."

"We really have a really comfortable job," he said. "Usually when we need something it gets taken care of really quickly. Most departments know to take care of us first and foremost so ... we needed new chairs, we got new chairs. We needed new computers, we got new computers. We



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Derek Down, a dispatcher with Oregon State Police and the Department of Public Safety, answers an incoming phone call.

don't really need much. When we do, it kind of just appears."

But campus dispatchers earn their pay daily.

"You get to hear about a lot of really tragic things," Down said. "It's not really that difficult from our perspective. We just answer the phone and dispatch for it accordingly, but some stuff is pretty brutal. You feel really bad."

Howard said it's particularly difficult when a situation arises and the dispatchers don't have a feasible answer or way of helping the caller.

Sometimes these cases are simply out of their jurisdiction. Other times it has to do with a lack of evidence of a crime. In the toughest situations, death or serious injury is involved.

Both Down and Howard remember their first calls involving death.

"You're just not really prepared for that kind of thing, so that was tough," Howard said. "It stuck with me. I won't forget. I know the kid's name, I know what happened to him."

Down commented that while he enjoys being in the loop about OSU's goings-on, not all information is fun information.

"Maybe it's just part of the job," Down said. "You hear about bad people all day. It makes you feel like there's always bad people around. I think with knowledge comes a little bit of bad knowledge."

Less emotionally taxing, but still difficult, are the more common crimes reported to campus security.

Down noted bike thefts as being particularly "agitating" because they are so easily avoid-

ed but so difficult to successfully solve.

Down said that every once in a while, stolen bikes are found and returned to their owners, and the bike thieves themselves, charged. He added that even if a bike is not registered, simply having information like the model, make and serial number of the bicycle can help officers investigate a theft. "We could help people so much more if they just have their information."

Even when they aren't sure how to help, the dispatchers give their best efforts to help every caller they speak with.

"If you were calling in, what kind of answer would you want?" Howard said. "You would want the help. So when you have to tell somebody 'no,' it sucks."

Both Down and Howard said that even though it is not technically in their job description, welfare checks are one of their favorite calls.

"When you really go up and beyond to help somebody," Howard said. "That's really rewarding."

Down said that most welfare checks just involve contacting a student's residence hall assistant or director to confirm the safety and wellbeing of a student.

"Most of the time they're OK," Down said. "The parents are really grateful. They know that they're being a little silly, but they're still happy that we take them seriously and that we're a resource that's here and we are here to look out for their kids as well as they want us to."

Communicating effectively with people who may be a little worked up is all a part of the job for the dispatchers.

Both Down and Howard emphasized the value of being able to understand people and interpret their needs, even when the person they're speaking with is in a state of panic.

"(It's) being able to ascertain what the problem is," Howard said. "Hearing between the lines and knowing how to ask the questions to get the answer you need in a timely fashion. They're not going to be the only caller, and you've got other duties that you have to attend to at the same time."

Weather plays a big role in how smoothly campus operations run, and power outages can mean chaos all around.

"(Power outages) are just a pain in the butt," Howard said. "I call them 'Voldemort's' because it's like, don't say it, don't talk about it, because we don't want it to happen."

Down added that beyond communicating efficiently with callers, dispatchers also have to know the officers working on their shifts. With the DPS and OSP being housed in one facility, dispatchers have to know which cases go to which office, where those officers will be at any given time and how to communicate with them to run a cohesive operation.

"I'm the guy that has to translate from a call to (DPS and OSP officers) and so it works a lot better if I work the way they want me to work," Down said. "We work as a team and we have to work together."

While getting to know your coworkers is one thing, knowing how to talk with callers, who are often in a stressful situation, is a new experience everyday.

Down and Howard both felt that the best way to get an officer on site quickly is to know as much as possible about the emergency and to understand that the dispatchers have certain information they are required to have before they send out an officer.

"I have to go through a whole list of things that I need to ask," Down said. "When they start asking me questions, or if they start talking while I'm in the middle of a question, it just makes it that much longer and makes it that much harder for me to get somebody to them."

Howard emphasized the value of knowing the caller's location. "The most helpful thing you can do is know your location," she said. "If you don't know your location, being able to know some of the landmarks around you (is the next best thing)."

Regardless of the situation, campus dispatchers will be the first line of help when emergencies arise. Even when they can't send an officer or give personal assistance, they typically can give out contact information for additional agencies or departments that may be able to help. At least one dispatcher is available at any given time, 24/7 and, as evidenced by Howard and Down, someone is always there to help when there's no one else to call.

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Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Meetings

College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for fun discussion on local and national political current events.

Athletic Department, 7pm, Gill Coliseum, Room 205. Student fees presentation by student athletes. -Cancelled-

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), 5-6pm, MU 213. Resume Workshop. Bring your resume and get it polished to attract employers.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Sane Nationalism - A discussion.

Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11am, MU Talisman Room. SORCE 101 Information Session.

Event

Campus Ambassadors, 7:30-9pm, First Baptist Church of Corvallis. Come enjoy teaching, worship and fellowship in the Christian college community.

Campus Recycling & the SSI, 5:30-7:30pm, OSU Used Store, 844 SW 13th St. November Repair Fair - We'll fix what fails you! Bring broken and damaged items to receive free repairs and gain DIY knowledge and skills.

Friday, Nov. 7

Meetings

Recreational Sports, 4:30-5:30pm, Dixon Rec Center Conference Room. Recreational Sports Board Meeting.

Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11:30am, MU Council Room. Open budgeting hearings for student organization funding resources.

Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: OSU Chamber Choir featuring Crescent Valley High School Concert Choir. Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Meetings

College Republicans, 7pm, Gilkey 113. Join us for fun discussion on local and national political current events.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Spiritual revelation - Is it progressive? - A discussion.

Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11am, MU Talisman Room. SORCE 101 Information Session.

Event

Campus Ambassadors, 7:30-9pm, First Baptist Church of Corvallis. Come enjoy teaching, worship and fellowship in the Christian college community.

Friday, Nov. 14

Meetings

Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11:30am, MU Board Room. Open budgeting hearings for student organization funding resources.

Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music à la Carte: OSU Campus Band Fall Concert.

Monday, Nov. 17

Events

Student Sustainability Initiative, all day, Dixon Rec Center. Re-Rev Elliptical Machines. Annual Energy Civil War. Weeklong competition to see which school can generate more renewable power.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Speakers

Biochemistry & Biophysics, 7pm, 125 Linus Pauling Science Center. Ed Chapman, University of Wisconsin Department of Neuroscience. "New wrinkles in Botox use - traveling into the brain."

Events

Student Sustainability Initiative, all day, Dixon Rec Center. Re-Rev Elliptical Machines. Annual Energy Civil War. Weeklong competition to see which school can generate more renewable power.

Student Sustainability Initiative, 6-8:30pm, MU 206. Hungry for Change: A Hunger Discussion. Discuss how hunger affects those around us and learn what is going on to fight hunger in our community. Includes a dinner based off of SNAP budgets, a screening of the documentary "A Place at the Table," and an engaging facilitated discussion.

Volunteers

Student Sustainability Initiative, 6-8:30pm, MU 206. Hungry for Change: A Hunger Discussion. Serve and clean up. Receive free dinner. Sign up at <http://sli.oregonstate.edu/si>.

Corvallis prepares for winter weather

■ Corvallis city officials, university get ready for possible inclement weather this coming winter

By Abigail Erickson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

As November approaches and the weather gets colder, the question remains as to how the city of Corvallis will prepare for the coming winter. Last year, two snowstorms hit Corvallis, one in December 2013 and the other in February this year.

These storms were the worst that Corvallis had experienced in 20 years or more, according to Mary Steckel, public works director.

"The winter storm in December came with freezing temperatures that dropped into single digits for several days," Steckel said. "This presented the biggest challenge for the Public Works Department."

Typically during a snowstorm, Public Works will put sand on the streets to give cars more traction. After the snow stops, the streets are plowed. Last year, however, the temperatures were cold enough that the sand actually froze and got stuck in the equipment. Consequently, once the snow stopped, the snowplow became ineffective because it left an icy layer on the streets, worsening driving conditions.

"We encouraged the public to use the transit system to travel safely around the community, and the transit service continued to operate through the storms," Steckel said. "Police and Fire assisted the community on many fronts as well."

Douglas Baily, the Division Chief of Planning and Administration for the Corvallis Fire Department, said that the Fire Department has already begun making preparations.

"Every fall we pull the chains out and fit them on their assigned vehicles," Baily said. "We have the supplies and tools necessary to repair chains in house. We also ensure every riding position on the rigs have a pair of shoe chains. We confirm that de-icing fluid is present and that there is a scraper on each rig as well."

Transportation Services Supervisor Lisa Scherf and City Transit Coordinator Tim Bates oversaw the bus system during the storms last year.

"The storm created a lot of problems last year," Bates said. "The buses weren't able to stay on time. The inclement weather led to backed roads, and lots of streets were shut down."

According to Scherf, in Sept. 2013 a system was put in place that allowed passengers to track the buses in real time. This system greatly helped passengers during the storm, especially since the buses were delayed so



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Snow blankets the grounds surrounding West Hall during the first snow storm of the 2013-2014 school year. The snowstorm struck in December just before finals' week.

much. "During inclement weather, we abide by general protocols," Scherf said. "We stay in contact with our contractors and supervisor who is monitoring conditions on the ground and tracking status of streets. We also have the mechanics who chain the buses."

This year, some improvements in preparation have been made. According to Steckel, Public Works have developed strategies to ensure the sand does not freeze in the equipment. Additionally, they have begun planning with other local governments in the area to provide support with additional staff and specialized equipment.

"It's extremely hard to predict the weather, especially several months out," Steckel said. "Various sources are giving varying predictions, anything from another winter like last year to a warmer, wetter winter."

Scherf says that Transit and Public Works met last winter to discuss a more robust internal procedure for tackling the inclement weather.

"We used our website more last year," Bates said. "We had banners displaying live information, and we're planning on doing that again. We learned last year that keeping people informed goes a long way."

Overall, the hope is that city members and officials can keep people safe and informed.

Matt Enloe, a senior in philosophy, is hoping that the OSU staff will be able to tackle inclement weather a bit better this year than last year.

"Campus was not closed early enough in the day during the storms, unnecessarily endangering students and staff alike," Enloe said. "During issues of inclement weather or other emergency scenarios, student and staff safety should be the first priority for all

administrative decisions."

During the first day of the December storm, Enloe snapped a picture of campus covered in at least six inches of snow. According to Enloe, campus was still scheduled to remain open when he took that picture, and then was eventually closed at noon that day.

"I just hope (OSU) gets on with it and closes campus properly early," Enloe said.

David Blake, assistant vice president and chief human resources officer at OSU, explained that preparations for winter weather are already underway.

"We begin with a pre-cleaning of the campus," Blake said. "We trim any trees that might collapse under the weight of the snow and create a problem."

According to Blake, a staff of 40 to 50 tradespeople have come together to help clean the campus since there are only nine landscapers officially.

"We've also been stockpiling sand and salt to help clear roads on campus," Blake said.

Given that winters in Corvallis aren't typically as severe as last year's was, OSU doesn't have a snowplow. Instead, snow blades are strapped to tractors to help clear roads in addition to manual labor.

"We have staff on standby and equipment pre-positioned to deal with inclement weather," Blake said. "We also have backup generators, which we bring out if we suspect any kind of storm is coming."

Blake was proud of last year's staff, and is confident that the plan the campus has in place will help the university keep a handle on the weather.

"We are crossing our fingers that the El Nino will give us a warmer winter," Blake said.

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Yesterday's Solution

DA looks into city building cost overruns

By Jim Redden
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — The controversy on the cost overruns at the Bureau of Environmental Services' new office building is not going away.

The Multnomah County district attorney's office is reviewing a request to conduct a criminal investigation into the project at the Columbia Boulevard Waste Water Treatment Plant in North Portland. The cost increased from the first estimate of \$3.2 million to \$11.5 million by the time it was finished.

A recent city audit found that that the Bureau of Environmental Services violated city policies during the project. Commissioner Nick Fish, who is in charge of the bureau, has placed Director Dean Marriott on paid administration leave and retained the local Barran Liebman law firm to review documents related to the project. Fish has said he wants to know whether any policies or laws were violated as the project costs tripled.

Longtime critics The request for a criminal investigation came from long-time city utility critics Kent Craford and Floy Jones. They were the petitioners behind a proposed portland public water district measure that was overwhelmingly defeated in the May primary election. The BES building's cost increases became

an issue during the campaign, prompting Fish and Mayor Charlie Hales to request the audit that was released on Oct. 22, the day after Marriott was placed on leave.

"While the city has hired a law firm to investigate further, we are not confident that a firm engaged by the agency in question (the city) is an appropriate way to determine whether crimes have been committed by the same agency," Craford and Jones wrote in an Oct. 28 request to District Attorney Rod Underhill. "The same person, Commissioner Nick Fish, oversees both the investigators and those being investigated. As Portland's top law enforcement officer, independent of the city, we are calling on your office to investigate the situation, to determine whether crimes have been committed."

In an Oct. 30 response,

Underhill wrote that he has assigned Deputy District Attorney Tom Mott to "review your request and any available relevant materials to assist me in making a determination as to whether additional action is needed."

Underhill made it clear that his office probably would not conduct an investigation in any case, however. "You should be aware that generally this office is not an investigative agency," Underhill wrote. "Requests for investigations are typically forwarded to various law enforcement agencies who primary function is to detect and investigate criminal activity."

It is unclear how many documents Mott will review. The auditor's office generated 10 large notebooks full of documents to produce the audit.

Attracting criticism The controversy is surprising

for a number of reasons. Until now, criticism of utility spending has mostly focused on the Water Bureau, not BES. Questionable projects included the experimental Water House, the Portland Loos and the remodeling of the building that houses the Portland Rose Festival. They occurred when former Commissioner Randy Leonard was in charge of the bureau.

In contrast, only one other BES project has attracted much criticism in recent years: the purchase of a natural area near River View Cemetery to prevent development. BES contributed ratepayer money toward the \$11.25 million purchase as part of its Grey to Green Infrastructure program. When challenged in court, a Multnomah County circuit judge ruled that the

\$6 million contribution was legal.

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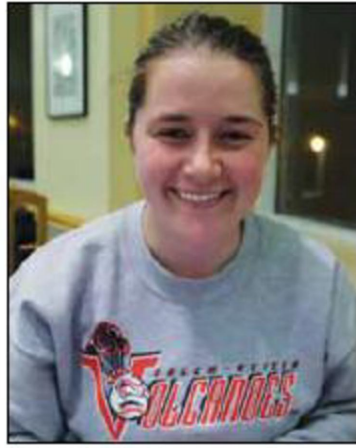
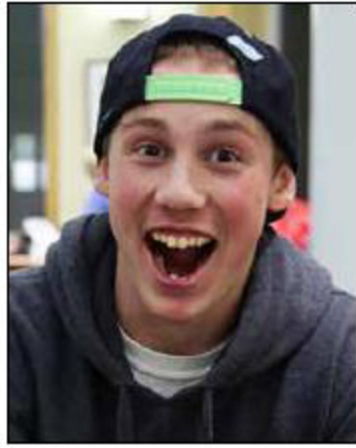
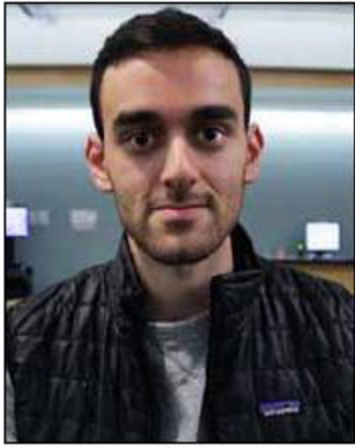
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What measure or candidate are you most invested in and why?



“I think Measure 91, marijuana, because I think it could have the biggest impact, at least in the short term.”

Navid Ziaie
Senior in Microbiology
Democrat
Registered in Corvallis

“The most concerning to me would probably be marijuana, and I voted ‘yes’ on it.”

Ricky Yaconelli
Freshman in mechanical engineering
Democrat
Registered in Corvallis

“I was mostly invested in Jeff Merkley or Measure 92 about the GMO labeling.”

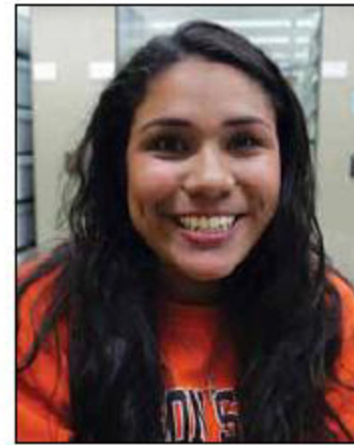
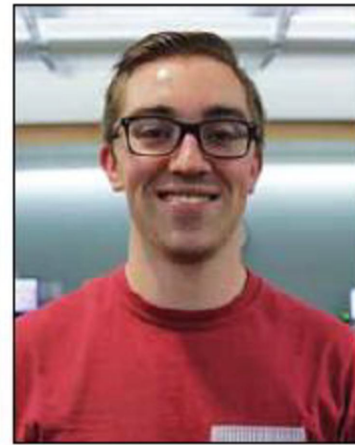
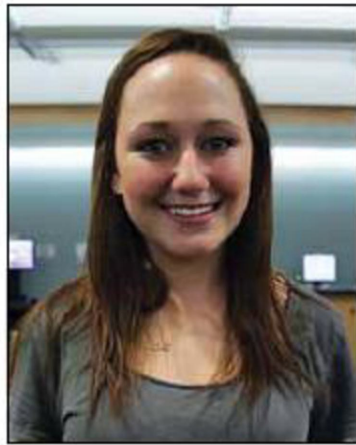
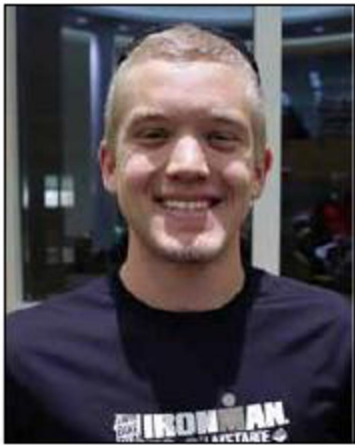
Sarah Foltyn
Senior in Public Health and Human Sciences
Democrat
Registered in Klamath Falls

“Probably the parking measure here in Corvallis, ‘cause I think it really has an adverse effect on the students and myself personally.”

John Varin
Senior in chemical engineering
Democrat and Republican
Registered in Corvallis

“U.S. Senate Monica Wehby, and then Oregon Senate Betsy Close, and I just pretty much went ‘no’ all the way down.”

Bryan Alvarez
Junior in mechanical engineering
Republican
Registered in Washington State



“For our local elections, I was really invested in Alan Olsen. He was our current senator from that area, and I really like the job he’s done representing us. I wasn’t invested in the other measures.”

Josh Hunsaker
Senior in mechanical engineering
Republican
Registered in Corvallis

“Measure 91 because I don’t think marijuana should be legal in the state of Oregon.”

Kayla Al-Khaledy
Senior in chemical engineering
Democrat
Registered in Portland

“I was most invested in the equal rights policy for women and the legalization of marijuana because of what has been seen in Washington and Colorado and how much it benefits the economy with the taxation of it. The lack of criminalization of teens and people who are using it without real criminal intent — it will save the taxpayers a lot of dollars and the economy of the state of Oregon.”

Kai Ovesen
Senior in electrical and chemical engineering
Independent
Registered in Marion County

“Measure 92, GMOs, because I’m a nutrition major and it’s a really poorly written measure that I didn’t support.”

Paul Bluhm
Senior in nutrition
Independent
Registered in Multnomah County

“Probably 88, the one where it gives immigrants a legal driving card, because my dad. He actually worked for the DMV for the last 30-something years, and that was always a huge issue. He was born in Mexico and, being a U.S. citizen, now it kind of hits home.”

Bella Arevalo
Sophomore in human development and family science
Democrat
Registered in Corvallis

Democrats pick up seats in House, Senate

By Hannah Hoffman
STATESMAN JOURNAL

SALEM — Both chambers of the Oregon Legislature are still blue after Election Day, as Democrats picked up at least one seat in both the House of Representatives and the Oregon Senate.

At press time, Democrats had won 17 out of 30 seats in the Senate and 35 out of 60 in the House, one more democrat for each.

The race between Sen. Bruce Starr, R-Hillsboro, and Democrat Chuck Riley was still too close to call at press time, but its outcome won't impact the Democrats' majority except to potentially increase it.

In addition to becoming bluer, the face of the House is going to change next year as about 25 percent of the representatives are new to the Legislature and will take office for the first time in 2015.

Tuesday's results mean that in 2015, Democrats will hold every statewide office. They also represent Oregon in all but one national office: U.S. Congressman Greg Walden will be the only Republican representing Oregon in Washington, D.C.

That Democratic control is increasingly the status quo in contemporary Oregon.

The state has not had a Republican governor since 1987. A Republican has served as Secretary of State since 1985 or as Attorney General since 1993. Republicans have not controlled the Senate since 2001.

The House has been the anomaly. Republicans last had an actual majority in 2005, but they split the seats 30-30 with the Democrats in 2011 and 2012, giving no one control and requiring joint leadership.

Tuesday's win, however, means Democrats will have a majority for four consecutive years: 2013 through 2016.

In spite of the overall effect being the same, the House looks very different.

Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said the large number of freshmen will present challenges, but overall, it's an exciting development.

New members come with "new ideas and new energy," she said. They will have a learning curve as they adjust to procedural rules and understanding how the Legislature works, she said, but on balance, it's a

good thing. If she is re-elected as speaker, she will survey all the new members to match their interests and experience with committee placements.

And in the tradition of any institution with freshmen, there is some hazing, Kotek said.

Traditionally, the first new member to carry a bill to the House floor is grilled with endless questions, she said.

However, "I don't participate in that," she said.

The Senate is a smaller body, with mostly seasoned lawmakers. However, that one extra Democrat — 17 rather than the 16 they've had — may change the way it operates.

That number creates a cushion that would guard against any swing voters. Previously, if one Democrat voted with the Republicans, a bill would fail because the vote would split 15-15.

The most notorious swing voter is Rep. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, who votes with the Republican caucus on certain issues.

For example, she derailed a gun control bill last year that followed the Newtown and Clackamas Town Center shootings when she sided with

the Republican caucus and refused to support it.

If Riley beats Starr, the Democrats will go a step further: They will have a super majority in the Senate that allows them to pass even tax bills without needing a single Republican vote.

The House ended up one Democrat shy of a super majority.

The substantial Democrat majorities mean re-elected Gov. John Kitzhaber will be working with his own party for the next two years.

Kitzhaber has said in the past that he plans to reform Oregon's tax code next year. He even struck a deal with labor and business groups last year, encouraging both sides to keep their hot-button ballot measures off the table in order to preserve a collaborative atmosphere going into 2015.

He has also said in the past that gun control may be worth another attempt, and with 17 Democrats in the Senate, Johnson's opposition will no longer be a deal breaker.

In fact, Kitzhaber received a \$250,000 donation on Thursday from Everytown for Gun Safety, a gun control group paid for by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

'Go Baby Go' comes to OSU

THE DAILY BAROMETER

When Sam Logan joined Oregon State University this year, he brought with him a passion for providing disabled children with a means of their own mobility: ride-on cars.

According to an OSU press release, Logan, an assistant professor in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences, oversaw the "Go Baby Go" program that began at the University of Delaware. "Go Baby Go" is a program that provides communities with modified child-sized toy cars — and the knowledge to modify such cars themselves — so that children with disabilities can move around themselves, a point that is important for many aspects of children's development, according to the press release.

"We want to provide that movement experience as early as possible, so they can reap the benefits," Logan said in the release. "Beyond mobility and socialization, we hope that the ride-on cars provide children with disabilities a chance to just be a kid."

Logan will host a workshop on modifying toy cars for disabled children Nov. 11.

Professor Cole Galloway of the University of Delaware founded "Go Baby Go" in 2006.

Beavers set sights on NCAA Tournament

■ Volleyball team could play postseason if win obtained against Washington State

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon state women's volleyball hopes to become tournament eligible with a win against Washington state Thursday night.

"This is perhaps our most critical win of the year because this is the only team left to play that is lower than us in the RPI," said head coach Terry Liskevych.

The last time the Beavers (5-7 Pac-12, 15-8 Overall) made it to the NCAA Tournament was in 2001. Overall, they have only made it twice in tournament history.

"It would help our team relax and play our game throughout the rest of the season instead of being nervous about that final win," said senior setter Tayla Woods. "We are really hoping to seal it with Washington State and then get a few upsets throughout the rest of the season."

If the Beavers hope to get a win, they will need to overcome the charged atmosphere at Pullman.

"Pullman is a very tough venue to play in, with WSU getting some big victories at home," Liskevych said. "We need to mentally drop the curtain and play on our side of the net."

They have an area specifically for volleyball that is always full of

Beavers vs. Cougars

When: 5:30 p.m.
Where: Bohler Gym in Pullman, Wash.
Air: Pac-12 Oregon (Check provider for channel)
Cost: \$3 to \$5 for general admission

cougar fans. It is one of the more difficult settings to play in the Pac-12 for volleyball.

"We are kind of used to playing in big gyms and with big crowds, so we just have to ignore it and play our game," said freshman outside hitter Mary-Kate Marshall.

This is a very winnable game for the Beavers, but they will still need to bring their best if they hope to score the win.

The Beavers need to cover lines better when digging. In their last match against Cal, the Beavers weakness was when the digging line was exploited very well by Cal.

"We did a lot of line digging in practice and it is good when we play schools like that because it helps us know what we need to improve on," Woods said.

It will also be important for OSU to get their block up on the Washington State's middles. This will help with digging, but will also take away the middle as an option and force them to go to their out-sides, which are not as strong.

"Defensively we can focus on our side by making sure we are looking at their hitters and their tendencies," Marshall said. "Remembering

"We are kind of used to playing in big gyms and with big crowds, so we just have to ignore it and play our game."

Mary-Kate Marshall
Freshman outside hitter



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Redshirt senior outside hitter Laura Schaudt goes up for the ball and the assist against Cal at home in Gill Coliseum on Nov. 2.

the last time we played them, knowing where they hit and who they go to is key."

On the offensive side of things, the Beavers need to distribute the ball to multiple hitters and make sure to run multiple options.

"We need to distribute the ball equally and need to get all hitters involved because we can't only rely on Mary-Kate," Liskevych said.

Marshall is always a reliable source for the Beavers averaging more than 30 kills a weekend. She also earned her third honor as Pac-12 Freshman Player of the Week, based on her performances against Stanford and Cal.

But the Beavers will need to get their other hitters and subs involved to the same levels they were able to achieve last weekend if they hope to secure that final win needed to be tournament eligible.

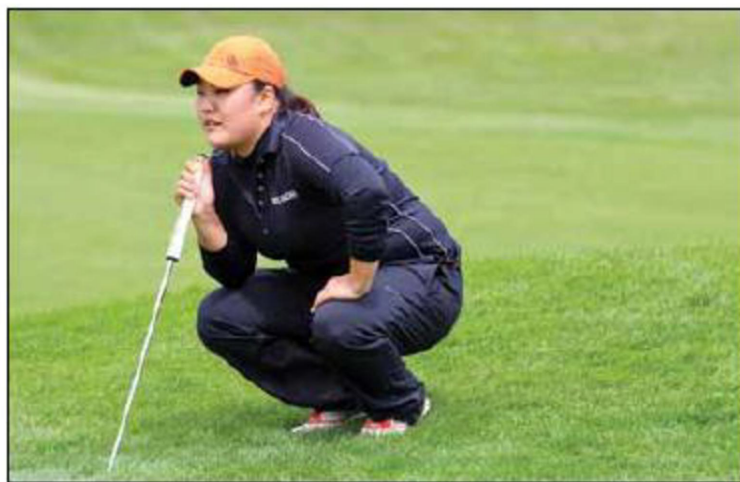
Oregon State looks to keep its tournament dreams alive with a win against Washington State Thursday night at 5:30 p.m. in Pullman.

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Freshman defensive specialist Hannah Troutman makes contact with the ball in hopes of setting up the kill versus Cal in Corvallis on Nov. 2.



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Senior golfer Anica Yoo takes a moment to survey her shot before stepping in during the Pac-12 Championship on April 27, 2014.

Pac-12 preview ends women's golf season

■ Oregon State returns from final fall season event, outcome less than expected

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The women's golf team concluded its fall season on Monday and Tuesday when the Beavers participated in the Pac-12 Preview in Kona, Hawaii at the Nanea Golf Club.

The course, which is a Par-73 6,392-yard course, featured 12 teams. All of the Pac-12 teams showed except for Utah, which currently does not carry a program for women's golf.

Washington proved to be the best team of the two-day event, finishing at an 11-under par 865.

The next best-placed school was UCLA, which came in even followed by Stanford at 7-over par 73.

The Beavers, who started out this season with a win, found themselves finishing second to last, beating out Hawaii by 10 strokes on their home course.

Oregon State may have not had an

impressive tournament as a team, but still witnessed some positive finishes from some of their individual players.

Senior Anica Yoo finished out the final round on a strong note, coming in at a 1-over par 74 and moving up 11 spots on the leaderboard to finish the event tied for 34th.

Junior Chelsea Saelee continued her solid fall performance coming in as the best placed Beaver for the second time this season. She finished the event tied for 29th at 8-over par.

UCLA's sophomore Alison Lee won the individual battle in Hawaii carding a 10-under par 209. Washington rounded out the top three with two of their golfers finishing at 9-under par and 4-under par, respectively. Washington finished the tournament with four people within the top ten.

The Beavers will now get three months off before returning to play in Peoria, Ariz. at the Westbrook Invitational on Feb. 22.

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Athlete of the Week



Sean Mannion

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Senior quarterback Sean Mannion is The Daily Barometer Athlete of the Week after he became the all-time leading passer in Pac-12 history.

Mannion, who broke USC former quarterback Matt Barkley's record of 12,327 yards, came into the Beavers' game against the Golden Bears on Saturday only needing 194 yards to change conference history.

The Beavers eventually lost in a

hard-fought — back-and-forth — battle with Cal, but Mannion still had an impressive night.

The senior who hails from Silverton, but was born in San Jose, Calif., threw for 320 yards, two touchdowns and only one interception.

The play that broke the record came early in the fourth quarter when Mannion found senior tight end Connor Hamlett on a 15-yard pass.

Following the completion of the game, Mannion now sits at 12,454 total-career-yards with four games still to go.

He was able to break the record four games faster than it took Barkley to set it, proving he sits among the elite quarterbacks to come out of the Pac-12.

Accompanying his new Pac-12 record is a list of other accomplishments that date back to his high school years.

Mannion, who was rated in June as the No. 2 quarterback in the nation by ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr., already holds 11 OSU passing records.

He also won the 2014 Manning Passing Academy Air-It-Out Challenge in July and was named to the Maxwell Award, Davey O'Brien Award and Walter Camp Award Watch Lists in the same month.

Mannion will get his next chance to pack on a few more yards Saturday when the Beavers take on Washington State on the road.

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Women's soccer power rankings

By Brian Rathbone
THE DAILY BAROMETER

UCLA
Previous Rank: 1
Record: 10-4-4, 5-2-2



Did UCLA peak too soon? This past weekend the team was unable to get a victory, as it tied Stanford and lost to Cal. The Bruins still sit atop the Pac-12 standings, but their cushion is closing fast. They're on a bye this week before taking on San Diego State in the season finale. The Bruins will have a chance to rest their guys, so that they are fresh for tournament run.

Cal
Previous Rank: 5
Record: 10-3-1, 4-2-1

Since Cal lost 6-2 to Oregon State three weeks ago, all the Golden Bears have done is go 4-0-1, propelling them up from fifth in these rankings all the way up to second. What has been most impressive about their last five games is that they have beaten top-ranked UCLA twice in that span. The Golden Bears are the highest-scoring team in the conference, and their defense is finally starting to come around, as they have only given up two goals the last three games. Cal will try to stay hot as it hosts Oregon State on Thursday.

Washington
Previous Rank: 2
Record: 11-3-1, 4-2-1

The Huskies drop in the rankings, but not because they had a bad loss last week. In fact, they were on a bye week. It is going to be a tough weekend for Washington as the team travels down to the Bay Area to take on a Stanford team that has one conference loss, and a Cal team that has not lost in their last five matches. Wins this weekend will be beneficial for the Huskies as they try keep pace in the crowded Pac-12 standings.



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Stanford
Previous Rank: 3
Record: 10-2-3, 3-1-3

A team with only two losses and Stanford finds itself ranked fourth in the power rankings?! This just goes to show how deep and competitive the Pac-12 conference is. The Cardinal walked away last week with a victory against San Diego State and a draw against UCLA. As the season comes to an end, the conference standings are very close; Stanford can really help its positioning in the conference by getting a victory against Washington.

Oregon State
Previous Rank: 4
Record: 9-6-1, 2-4-1

Well it is do-or-die time for the Beavers soccer team. They are now on the outside looking in when it comes to a postseason berth. With three games remaining on the schedule — all of which are on the road — Oregon State is in desperate need of victories. The good news for the Beavers is that they will play a team they beat 6-2 earlier in the season. The bad news is that said team is Cal, which has not lost since it last faced the Beavers.

San Diego State
Previous Rank: 6
Record: 7-11, 1-8

The Pac-12 conference has been brutal on the Aztecs, as they have only managed to win a single match, losing the other eight. The Aztecs are on a bye this week before they take on UCLA in their final game of the season. By the way this season has gone, that day can't come soon enough.



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Q&A: TAYLA WOODS

with

Volleyball



Woods

By Sarah Kerrigan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

What was the best part about growing up in Corvallis?

Just having my family here, so I have my grandparents who came to every single game. I have my cousin that is only five days older than me and we are really close so it is a family environment.

What was the best part about playing for OSU?

My Grandparents that live in Corvallis; they were able to come to every game. Even when I redshirted it was really cool to see them up in the stands. They were there always supporting me and I still got to play for my friends and everyone.

What was your favorite memory from Volleyball at OSU?

Honestly I would say this year, because in the past years we have had potential but we have never been able to really make that show through our record. This year people are really starting to pay attention to us.

What has been the most embarrassing moment for you here?

This year when we played long beach, I went to save a ball and Arica jumped at the same time and she completely knocked my legs out from under me. I landed flat on my back and the whole crowd was just like "OOHHHHH," and everyone was looking at me as I had to get up. Arica pointed at me and was like "Why did you do that," and I was like "Hey you were the one who knocked me." But that was pretty embarrassing.

What are you going to miss the most about OSU?

Definitely the family aspect of the team. I think this year more than ever we have each others backs and we play for each other. When I am done with volleyball I am going to miss the girls that are there for me no matter what.

What are you going to miss the least about OSU?

I am probably going to have to say 6:15 a.m. summer workouts. Those are not very fun and I am not going to miss those at all.

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Ducks must continue early momentum

By Jason Vondersmith
PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — EUGENE — A lot of times in college football teams come off a big win, such as Oregon's against Stanford, and come out flat against the next energized opponent and lose a game, such as Oregon's at Utah on Saturday night.

The Ducks know the thinking. It's why coach Mark Helfrich and the players talked about moving on to the Utes as quickly as possible after pouncing Stanford 45-16 last Saturday.

Oregon's program has experience with such down moments — remember UO losing to USC in 2011 after beating Stanford, or losing to Stanford in 2012 after beating USC, or losing to Arizona in 2013 after recovering from its Cardinal loss? Fans and the people who follow the Ducks have called Utah "the trap game" on Oregon's schedule. The Ducks entered this week determined not to suffer a letdown.

"We're going to come out and do what we've been doing — have great practices and focus in Thursday and Friday," offensive tackle Jake Fisher says. "I never doubt anybody on our team. I think we have the best guys, character-wise and attitude-wise, and I think we'll get the job done."

Adds QB Marcus Mariota: "(The Stanford win) builds a lot of momentum going into the rest of the year."

The Oregon (8-1, 5-1 Pac-12)-Utah (6-2, 3-2) game, set for

7 p.m. Saturday at Rice-Eccles Stadium in Salt Lake City, pits the Pac-12's best offense (Oregon) against one of the best defenses (Utah), depending on how one looks at it. If Stanford has the best defense, things look good for the Ducks. The Utes have been stingy, allowing 21.2 points (second to the Cardinal in Pac-12) and 385.2 total offense (third behind Stanford and OSU, and good against the rush), and lead the league with an NCAA-best 39 sacks. Defensive linemen Nate Orchard (12 sacks) and Hunter Dimick (9) lead the assault on opposing quarterbacks, and linebacker Jared Norris has been a terror in the backfield. The Utes also have 11 interceptions, second in the Pac-12 to USC.

Offensively, the Utes have used quarterbacks Travis Wilson and Kendal Thompson; whereas Thompson has wheels and can fling the ball some, the 6-7 Wilson has some mobility and throws in a really funky manner. The offense starts with running back Devontae Booker, who has 990 yards (5.4 per carry) and eight touchdowns. He's a bruising 5-11, 205 pounds. The Utes also possess a very good return man in Kaelin Clay, who has four return TDs. Receiver Dres Anderson is injured and out.

But, the Utah defense remains the chief concern. "Bunch of fast and physical guys," says Helfrich, who says his blockers up front, outside and at running back with Royce Freeman and Thomas Tyner have done well in recent

games. Helfrich doesn't worry about his team not being up for the game.

"Certainly we've talked about that scenario," he says.

Adds UO cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Okomu: "Now it's time to prepare for a team that's even better (than Stanford). We'll have to practice hard. Practice translates to game day (to avoid a letdown). It's a lot easier said than done."

• Many teams could claim it, but Utah could easily be unbeaten. The Utes gave up a lead late against Washington State (losing 28-27) and then normally dependable kicker Andy Phillips missed a field goal in overtime in their 19-16 loss Saturday at Arizona State. Phillips is 17 of 20 on field goals, including 11 of 13 from beyond 40 yards. The Utes rebounded from the WSU loss to beat UCLA, OSU and USC; so, one would think they would bounce back again, mentally.

Meanwhile, Helfrich has admired how his players responded to their only loss to Arizona by practicing well.

"Since the Arizona game, it's been more competitive, a better sense of urgency," the coach says. "All those things that, win or lose, you try to impart on guys. Unfortunately at times, it's a loss that wakes everybody up. You don't want to lose, but how our guys responded to that and came together has been very encouraging."

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Editorial

Election outcomes represent progressive shift

It was a non-presidential election year in 2014. Oregon residents sent in their ballots and the results came in.

Numbers as of midnight on Wednesday showed that 50.03 percent of registered voters used the power of the pen to speak their mind.

At the top of everyone's list on a national and local level was Measure 91, which allows the legalization of recreational marijuana.

The measure has unofficially passed, but as of midnight was at 54.1 percent "yes," versus 45.86 "no."

This is a huge win not just for Measure 91 supporters, but for the state as a whole.

The measure will not take effect until July 1, 2015, but when it does it means money for public schools, mental health care, addiction services, law enforcement and the Oregon Health Authority — all because of state taxation.

Oregon is the third state to legalize marijuana behind Washington and Colorado.

Another big measure that won by a landslide was Measure 89, which amends the Oregon Constitution making it so state and political subdivisions can not "deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex."

We are not sure how this didn't happen 50 years ago, but still — what a huge win for men and women alike.

Only two of the nine measures are too close to call as of press time: Measure 86, which benefits Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, and Measure 92, which would require the labeling of "genetically engineered" food as enforced by the state.

Three of the nine measures failed by a landslide, and we are not surprised considering the backing each measure had in the "nay" corner.

Those failing were state Measure 88, which would have provided driver cards to undocumented citizens, and Measure 90, which would change the general election nomination process substantially.

Locally Measure 2-88, which would have changed how residents dealt with parking within the city, also went down.

On the flip side, measure 22-130, which would give Linn-Benton Community College a new bond to conduct future expansion with, was passing locally with a large gap of 63.85 percent for and 36.15 against.

Overall, it looks as if the citizens of this great state have come out and supported the most important issues: Money for progressive state programs and education should be at the top of every voters agenda in this era.

2016 will be full of naysayers of certain measures and amendments, but we imagine legitimate funding will do the talking between now and then.

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Too much fighting, disagreement unhealthy

Dear Dr. Sex,
The first time my girlfriend and I hung out we had sex that night. We're still together a year later. However, we've fought every day since day one. Whenever we are together, we are fine. If it is any help, we are both bisexual women. Also, we've broken up like a million times.

Signed Is this healthy?

Dear Is this Healthy,

Let's start off by saying that, for the most part, it doesn't matter that you are both bisexual women.

All couple types experience the same relationship challenges and need the same basic skills to maintain a healthy relationship.

So, is your relationship healthy?

Well, it depends on what you mean by "we've fought every day."

Do you mean playful debates or significant disagreements? Playful debates can be fun and intellectually challenging — and all couples have disagreements — but certainly not every day.

In one sentence you say you fight every day and in the next sentence, you say you are fine.

Fighting every day doesn't sound fine to me.

If you have broken up like a million times, you're not fine.

It sounds like these disagreements are more serious than "I like Cherry Garcia" versus "I like Chunky Monkey."

I'll bet these disagreements are more significant or they wouldn't lead to breaking up "like a million times".

If your disagreements frequently lead to breaking up, it could be a

couple of things.

One: Maybe you don't have the right communication and problems-solving skills to negotiate these disagreements.

Or Two: Maybe you are just too different to blend your lives together. The former is conquerable; the latter, not so much.

Many of you have probably heard the phrase "opposites attract."

That is totally true.

We are fascinated and drawn to those who are different from us.

The problem is that those differences are only fascinating for so long.

Then they become annoyances or even repellents. While opposites may very well attract, they just don't endure.

Relationships are challenging enough even if the two people are very similar to one another.

When you add certain differences, the relationship becomes more complicated and thus more challenging.

A good example is race.

Interracial marriages still have a higher divorce rate than same race marriages, despite their increased occurrence.

Most of you know I am Caucasian, so let's imagine that I am in a relationship with a person of color.

It doesn't matter how understand-

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ing and empathetic I try to be, I can't really know what it is like to walk this planet as a person of color, because no one treats me like a person of color, because I am not a person of color.

Therefore, there may be instances in which my partner has a certain experience or perspective that is grounded in that race context — and I'll never fully understand that.

Just because you are drawn to someone doesn't mean you can share your life with him or her.

That is what relationships are all about — merging your life with someone else's life in the hopes that they help you to be a better person in the end.

You two definitely do not have the merging part down.

You sound more like bumper cars. It seems to me like you are banging your head against the wall to no end. My advice is cut your losses and move on.

If you continue in this cycle, your relationship will never progress.

Dating, particularly for young adults — 18-22 — shouldn't be about forcing the round peg into the square whole.

Rather, dating is about trying people on for size and developing relationships skills like negotiation, compromise, empathy, sympathy and sacrifice.

Dating and short-term monogamous relationships teach us important things about ourselves.

They help us figure out what I like to call the "deal breakers" list.

This is the list of things you must have in a partner and things you

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Jesse Hanson



Individual and group study necessary for success

If you have ever taken a class at Oregon State University, there is a very good chance that you have heard one of your professors promote the importance of study groups.

Whether it is through encouraging you to talk with your neighbors, exchange phone numbers with at least three peers or any other number of tactical approaches, professors love to push the idea of studying in groups.

And for the most part, they are right in doing so.

But many professors are overzealous in their advocacy for study groups, often forgetting to touch on the usefulness of studying individually.

Don't get me wrong — studying in groups is an essential learning technique that proves invaluable to students in almost every major of every discipline.

The ability to seek and receive help is inarguably one of the most influential aspects associated with group studying.

Too often students get stumped by a problem or concept while studying individually and are unable to inquire for help, therefore halting their learning process.

Working with other students helps resolve this issue, as individuals have the opportunity to receive insightful outside opinions and a variety of different perspectives, along with various other perks not available through individual studying.

While studying in groups can be extremely beneficial, relying purely on this method could prove detrimental in the long run.

Group studying allows students to collaborate on homework and other assignments, therefore opening up the possibility for students to "skate by" rather than truly understand the material.

When this occurs, students who are not solid on the material often receive relatively good scores on homework and other projects completed as a group, but do significantly worse on exams — which can more often than not make or break a student's course grade.

This is where the importance of individual studying begins to show.

Studying on your own allows you the opportunity to test your abilities and identify your weaknesses.

For example, it is important to work through practice exams on your own as opposed to relying on group collaboration, as you will be better-equipped to determine which concepts need work.

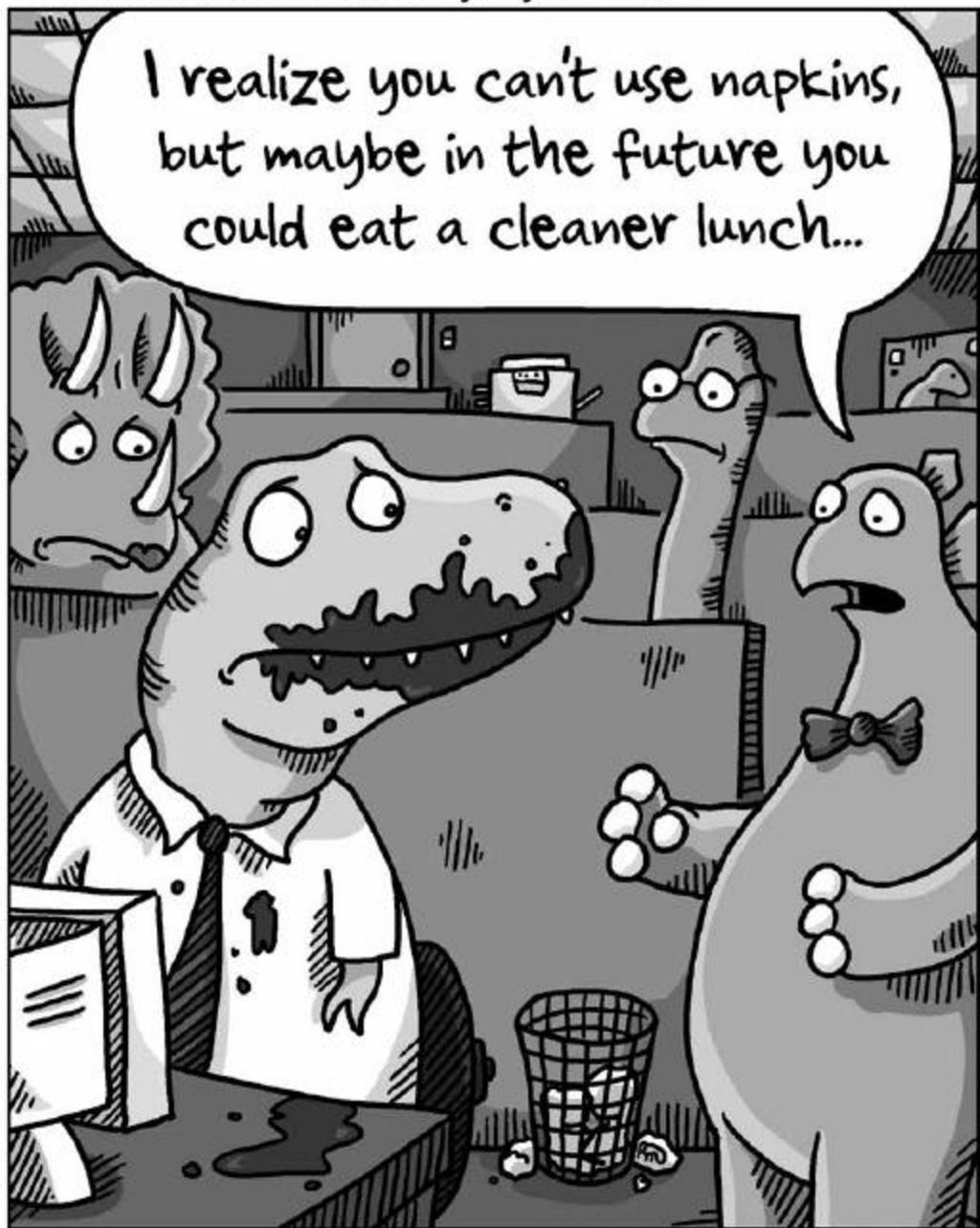
Once you establish where you could use some work, group studying will play a more beneficial role in helping to strengthen your understandings of said concepts.

Group studying is a practical alternative to getting help from your professor, as professors often have hefty schedules and relatively small windows for office hours.

One can easily see that by divvying up your study time into components of group study and individual study, you create a healthy mix that will propel you towards future success in the classroom.

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Redevelopment in Portland could strain Old Town project fund

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PORTLAND — Real estate developer Jordan Schnitzer asked the Portland Development Commission to pony up a whopping \$38.5 million last week to help redevelop the historic Centennial Mills property on the Willamette River. But that amount appears to be more than Mayor Charlie Hales, who oversees the PDC, can swallow.

"For all of us this is a legacy project," Schnitzer told PDC commissioners, proposing a mix of office, retail and multifamily units along with a riverfront greenway, event center, boat dock and pedestrian bridge connecting the site to Fields Park in the Pearl District. Schnitzer, a prominent art collector, also has talked to noted sculptor Maya Lin and prominent glass artist Jun Kaneko about contributing art for the project.

But Hales may be reluctant to go as far as Schnitzer's vision, which PDC Chairman Tom Kelly characterized as a "full meal deal."

"We are looking at this as an a la carte choice, because the full meal deal is probably not within our means," said Jillian Detweiler, Hales' policy director who advises him on urban renewal matters.

"It's great to dream big," Detweiler said Friday, two days after Schnitzer's presentation to the PDC. "We need to fit these dreams in a box we can afford."

The 4.8-acre site has more than 600 feet of river frontage on the Willamette. The century-old complex includes 12 largely dilapidated structures plus the outdoor paddock used by the Mounted Patrol Unit of the Portland Police Bureau. Roofs and floors are caving in, and the recent heavy rains have caused significant damage that was evident on a recent tour of the site. Some PDC staff say the city should step in soon to prevent parts of the complex from falling into the Willamette River.

A 'placeholder number'

The PDC purchased the Centennial Mills property in 2000, initially for a park. But plans changed when critics called for preserving some of the historic nature of the mill. In 2006, the city laid out an ambitious slate of requirements for the site, which Schnitzer sought to fulfill in his preferred development scenario presented last week to the PDC.



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The dilapidated Centennial Mills site sits on prime waterfront property in the Pearl District. Developer Jordan Schnitzer proposes a footbridge linking the complex to Fields Park.

Schnitzer's vision would cost \$115.7 million, and he proposed \$77 million would come from his company, Harsch Investment Properties, largely to build out the office, residential, and retail component which his company would own. The city's share would be \$38.5 million, more than double the \$16.2 million PDC has set aside to develop the city-owned site during the next five years.

PDC Executive Director Patrick Quinton laid out some tough choices for PDC commissioners if they want to fund the project to the full price tag Schnitzer requested. All would slash prior commitments made in the River District Urban Renewal Area, such as \$52 million set aside for Old Town/Chinatown, \$30 million for redevelopment of the U.S. Post Office on Northwest Hoyt Street, \$14 million for Union Station improvements and \$13.5 million to improve the city's Smart Park garage at Southwest 10th and Yamhill.

Hales has championed the idea of shifting urban renewal money away from the Pearl District into Old Town/Chinatown, and isn't keen on taking money away from that, Detweiler said. "It's unlikely the mayor would be comfortable taking anything from that," she said. However, Hales might be open to reassessing the amounts earmarked for those other projects.

Schnitzer, who has commissioned a host of consultants to study the site during the past three years, said simply removing the existing structures at the mill and laying a simple grass waterfront park would require \$20 million in city subsidies, and that wouldn't achieve any historic preservation.

Going a little further and retaining the flour and feed mills at the site as "relics," but not office and retail structures as he intends, would require \$25 million in subsidies, Schnitzer said.

Schnitzer also is getting impatient at getting a signed development deal with the city, which

would commit the PDC to work with him on the project and set aside the necessary public funding.

"We were told we could have a development agreement in April," he told PDC commissioners last week. "Come on now, guys."

Quinton said the development agreement has been held up because the price tag for the urban renewal agency's subsidies is so up in the air.

But Schnitzer suggested the agency could do a development agreement without nailing down a specific subsidy amount. "Just put in a placeholder number" for PDC's cash contributions to the project, he said.

Deserves to be honored

Some of the PDC commissioners seemed anxious to please Schnitzer, and promised to consider some sort of a development agreement at their next meeting on Dec. 11.

Pat LaCrosse, a retired former PDC director, said the city was lucky to have someone of Schnitzer's financial wherewithal interested in what's a very tough redevelopment project. Nobody else stepped forward to do it, he said.

But LaCrosse cautioned against signing a development agreement without a concrete dollar figure penciled in. "If the development agreement depends on money and you do not have agreement on the number or the source of the money, then you don't have a development agreement, no matter what you sign," LaCrosse said.

Detweiler also seemed to worry about that idea. "The idea of a placeholder number, I would want to understand what we're committing to before committing to that," she said.

It's possible that the PDC could reach a narrower deal with Schnitzer that outlines a series of benchmarks and milestones to achieve, Detweiler suggested.

Schnitzer said he welcomes a full array of public meetings to get Portlanders' views on what to do with Centennial Mills. "Unless we can justify public benefits, then we shouldn't be using public money," he said.

"The site deserves to be honored," Schnitzer said after Wednesday's meeting. "The most important part of this is in 50 years, are people going to look back and say did we do the right thing?"

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Inside story of what happens with your ballots

By Capi Lynn
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SALEM — Questions, along with a steady stream of vehicles, flooded the Marion County ballot drop site on Court Street NE.

"Where's my sticker?"
"Where can I get a ballot?"
"When will the results be in?"
"Can I pay my property taxes here?"

Clancy Ferguson and Shawn Gutierrez, who work for the company that Marion County hires to provide security at drop sites and the election office, happily and patiently answered each one on Tuesday.

"We're expected to know everything," Ferguson said with a smile.

This is the fourth year the retired contractor who installed custom kitchen cabinets had been assigned by Creative Security, Inc., to the downtown drop site, one of the busiest in the Salem-Keizer area. Gutierrez, an Army veteran who served three tours in Iraq with an infantry unit, was working his first election.

I delivered my ballot there Tuesday morning, continuing an Election Day tradition since 2007, the first year a drop site was erected on Court Street. It's less than a block from the Statesman Journal, so it's convenient.

I'm not a procrastinator, in case that's what you're thinking,

Waiting until Election Day, in a vote-by-mail state, just makes me nostalgic. I remember a time when you stepped behind a curtain at a precinct polling site, punched your ballot, and left with an "I Voted" sticker.

Ferguson and Gutierrez disappointed a handful of motorists and pedestrians who asked for that sticker, which they apologized for not having. Several voters kept a close eye on the pair, hesitating before driving off or walking away, just to make sure their ballots were deposited in the official blue boxes.

A couple of years ago, Ferguson remembers, a woman had to get a photo of her husband's ballot being put in the box. She was a Republican and her husband a Democrat, and apparently she failed to turn in his ballot one election, so she had to come home with proof.

Checking for signatures on the ballot envelopes was priority No. 1 for Ferguson and Gutierrez, and by mid-morning they had to chase down four motorists who had forgotten that essential step.

Signatures are checked multiple times in the ballot-counting process. I later learned on a tour across the street led first by Marion County Elections Supervisor Connie Higgins and then by Marion County Clerk Bill Burgess. I also learned the

importance of the holes punched in the center of the ballot return envelope and the secrecy envelope. It's so election workers can hold them up and make sure no ballots are left inside.

This was Marion County's first election in its new headquarters at Courthouse Square, after 20 years on Commercial Street SE. The new location made it convenient for Burgess to pop in at the drop site across the street. One voter was thrilled to be able to hand his ballot to the county clerk, who kept with tradition by wearing a red, white and blue tie on Election Day, this one with sparkles and purchased by his wife, Cindy.

Burgess expected at least 4,500 ballots to be turned in at the site by the end of the day. Only the Keizer City Hall drive-through and the Roth's Vista walk-in sites were as busy.

Items other than ballots sometimes find their way into the drop boxes, including utility bills and one year a dead mouse. The most notable find this election? Six tickets to the Oregon State University vs. California football game in the box at Keizer City Hall. Burgess said elections officials were able to retrieve them in time for Saturday's kickoff in Corvallis, although the ticket holder might have wished they hadn't. The Beavers lost, 45-31.

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cannot tolerate in a partner.

Everyone has a deal breakers list that develops over time.

When you are 15, that list is quite short.

When you are 40, it's quite a bit longer. So dating is about taking that list and going shopping.

With all of that being said, if you two are so

drawn to each other that the daily fighting and millions of times breaking up doesn't bother you, then by all means keep banging away at that wall — or headboard.

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