

End of an Era

Beyond being football coach, beyond being head coach at Oregon State from 1997-98, 2003-14, Mike Riley was — above all — great person, one who will be missed

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's been written time and again how Riley is one of the nicest guys in football, and with him leaving, the Beavers are losing a great human being. With the news breaking Thursday that he'd be leaving to coach at Nebraska, fellow coaches at Oregon State have been gushing about the kind of guy he was.

"Him and I actually had a really good friendship, above and beyond just being colleagues," said track and field head coach Kelly Sullivan. "I'm going to miss him, personally, because I really enjoyed being around him - him and his wife and his family."

Sullivan got to know Riley in the first year that Sullivan started coaching at

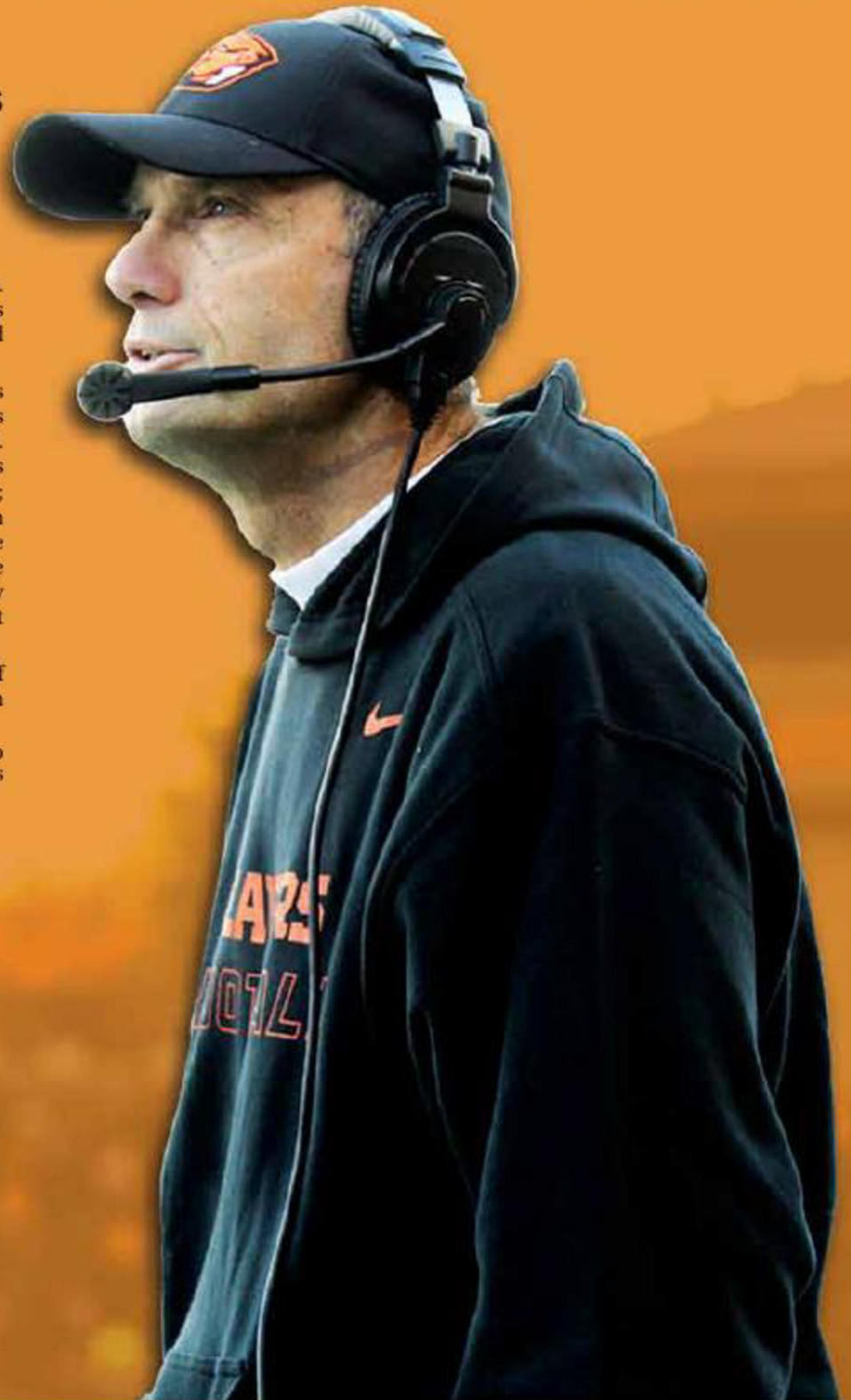
Oregon State, which was nine years ago. The two became friends when Riley's players started trying out for track and field.

"We've gotten to work with a lot of his men; both James and Jacquizz Rodgers ran indoor track for us," Sullivan said. "Markus Wheaton and Brandin Cooks both ran indoors and outdoors for us; Victor Bolden ran last year and Obum Gwacham was a high jumper for three years. They all traveled with us, so we got to know them as people, and they were all phenomenal young men. That starts from the head guy down."

Riley had been a big proponent of Oregon State's track and field program in his time at Oregon State.

"He's always gone out of his way to get to know our kids, the young ladies

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“Though we love Corvallis and Oregon State, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to coach at one of the nation’s most storied football programs and I can’t wait to get started.”

Mike Riley
Former Oregon State football head coach

By Brian Rathbone
THE DAILY BAROMETER

An text message Thursday alerting players there would be an early-morning team meeting tipped off Jordan Villiman that something was up.

Sophomore defensive end Luke Hollingsworth awakened to find out he had 10 minutes to run to the Valley Football Center for an unscheduled meeting.

The information during the meeting hit the players like a blitzing, unblocked linebacker.

"When he started talking, there was a nervous feeling by the tone of his voice, and when he told us, it was just shock," Hollingsworth said. "Everyone was just shocked and petrified."

The news that prematurely awakened the players and blew up social media Thursday morning was that head coach Mike Riley would be taking the head coaching job at the University of Nebraska.

The announcement came less than a

week following the Beavers' seventh consecutive Civil War loss, which led to them missing out on a bowl game for the second time in the past four seasons.

Riley's contract ran through 2021, and though his salary ranked low compared to the rest of his Pac-12 colleagues, it was highly incentivized and added a year to the contract each time the Beavers went to a bowl game.

Riley had to tell his team the news before he departed for Lincoln, Neb., later that afternoon.

"Nobody really talked; it was really quiet," Villiman, the redshirt freshman wide receiver, said. "We couldn't believe what we had heard."

Hollingsworth echoed the team's surprise.

"A lot of them were shocked," Hollingsworth said. "They were expecting coach Riley to be our coach for the whole time they were here."

Adding to the confusion is that Riley — who won a state title at Corvallis High

School and whose father had been an assistant coach for the Beavers from 1965-72 — publicly said numerous times that he wanted to be OSU's head coach for the rest of his working life.

"I love being here, and I'm committed, as you probably know, to making this my last job," Riley said in a 2011 interview with The Daily Barometer.

In the same interview, he also added he wanted to be considered the Joe Paterno of Oregon State.

In 2003, when Riley returned to coach the team for a second time around after a stint with the San Diego Chargers, the Beavers had one of their best decades in program history. In the past 12 years, he led them to an 85-66 record while going 56-49 in conference play. His teams also reached eight bowl games, six of which were victories.

In that same time, he never won a conference championship or led the Beavers to a BCS bowl game. He was a Civil War victory away from playing in the Rose Bowl

in 2008 and 2009.

When senior quarterback Sean Mannion was behind center from 2011-2014, Riley's teams did not enjoy the same success. He had his worst season in 2011 since his first year as coach in 1997.

He then followed that season by playing in the Alamo Bowl, the best bowl game the program had played since they went to Fiesta Bowl in 2001, which was when Dennis Erickson was OSU's head coach.

With young, talented players on the roster, the future looked bright for Riley and the Beavers.

But the Beavers struggled the next two seasons, finishing with a combined record of 12-13, including a 6-12 conference record.

Despite finishing this year with a 5-7 record — the second losing season in four years — very few people imagined Riley leaving the program.

"Obviously, we should have had a bet-

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'It was just shock'

■ Thursday turned world upside down for many Beaver football players

Library adapts for finals week

■ Increase in foot traffic prompts changes to accommodate students

By Justin Frost

THE DAILY BAROMETER

With finals fast approaching, students at Oregon State University seek to conquer one of the most stressful weeks of the term, gathering for group projects, finishing papers or mastering elusive course concepts. The natural choice of study space is the OSU Valley Library, which is attempting to provide additional study spaces and resources during one of the busiest times of the term.

"I'd say the traffic in here about triples during dead and finals week," said Melissa Scherer, a sophomore in psychology and student employee at the information desk. "We're in charge of printing and computers, as well as organizing the

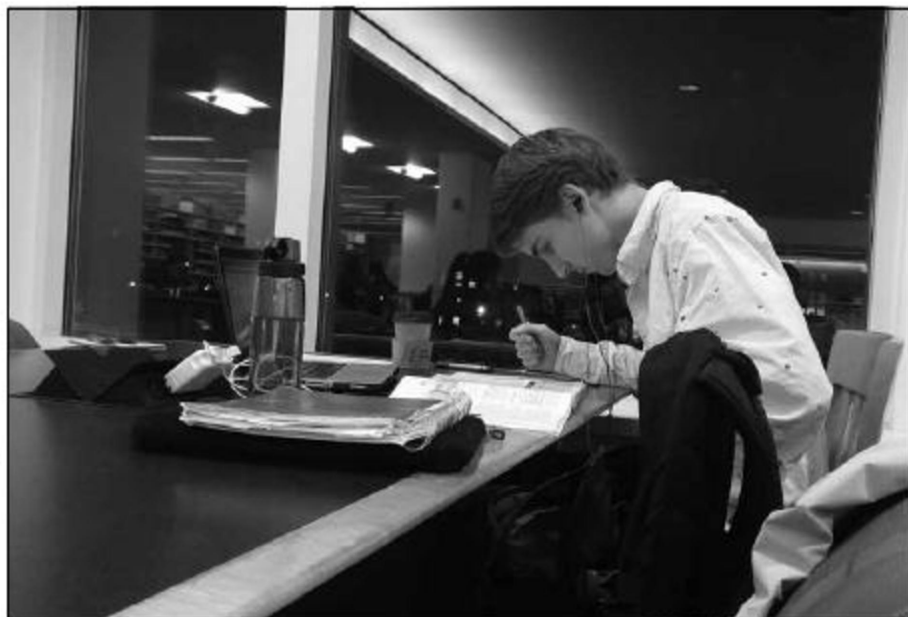
open classrooms."

For dead and finals week, the library has opened the Autzen classroom on the second floor and Willamette East classroom on the third floor to serve an alternative study space. The open classrooms are generally less crowded and quieter than the main study areas within the library, which become hectic as each term reaches its conclusion.

The Collaborative Learning Center sees a major increase in traffic as well, according to tutors in the Mole Hole, providing some assistance to students enduring their first round of finals.

"I'm just trying to keep myself motivated this week," said Marissa Gill, a first-year student in biohealth sciences. "I want to get all of my work done so I can move on to preparing for my finals."

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Reid Edlund, a junior in biology, sets up for an evening of studying on the third floor of the OSU Valley Library.

Alleged assailant at large

THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Department of Public Safety at Oregon State University released two timely warnings regarding an alleged assault that took place Wednesday evening.

Officers from the Corvallis Police Department responded to the residence on Southwest Stamm Place in the neighborhood where the woman alleged she was assaulted.

In OSU's DPS timely warning email, dispatch described the suspect as "5-foot-7 to 6-feet tall and weighing approximately 180 pounds. He was also described as white with a dark complexion, age 21-25, with some facial hair—possibly a goatee. He was wearing a tan Carhart jacket with a hood."

According to CPD logs, the woman told officers she had been walking westbound near the 2900-block of Southwest Western Boulevard "when a male who was walking eastbound on the sidewalk towards her suddenly stepped in front of her and ran his open hand down the front of her coat, from just below the neck line to above her waist."

Officers reported that the woman alleged that the man did not grab her breasts nor say anything during the incident, but proceeded to jog away—appearing to head southbound down Southwest Grove Avenue.

The woman allegedly returned home to get her car in an effort to search for the suspect. Officers wrote that the woman said she happened upon the suspect again, began yelling at him and her boyfriend and roommate chased him on foot before losing him "somewhere north" of Southwest Western Boulevard near Southwest 35th Street.

In the DPS timely warnings, university and law enforcement officials advised "all people to use caution" and to contact emergency services if anyone observes any suspicious activity.

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Historied MU lounge piano invites performances



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The Model D Steinway Concert Grand piano appeared on the stage of the Memorial Union lounge in the 1940s. The piano is one of the last Henry Steinway ever made.

■ Impromptu, planned alike music springs from dancing keys of priceless Steinway piano; history of particular piano dates back to 1940s

By Claire McMorris

THE DAILY BAROMETER

On a dark evening of dead week, whispers of Frederic Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu" trickle out of the Memorial Union lounge. Doudou Zhou, a master's student in business, sits behind the pearly keys of the Model D Steinway Concert Grand and plays for the silent and studying audience.

Though Zhou has been playing the piano for more than 26 years, this is only her third time on the MU Grand. She said she doesn't mind the unresponsive crowd.

"This piano is not for practicing," Zhou said. "It has a beautiful sound."

Most students and visitors to the MU are used to hearing some sort of melody being played on the iconic instrument, ranging from covers of pop songs to professional performances at the Friday Music a la Carte.

This piano has hosted students, faculty and internationally recognized performers from all over the world. It's been a part of the MU as long as many people can remember.

The history of the piano in the MU, however, took some digging to uncover.

Kent Sumner, the assistant director for marketing and assess

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Building computer models to solve the world's real-life math problems

■ Mathematics researcher collaborates with others to apply her skills, help understand real-world phenomena

By Kat Kothen

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Famed mathematician John von Neumann once said, "at a great distance from its empirical source, or after much 'abstract' inbreeding, a mathematical subject is in danger of degeneration."

In other words, in order for math to mean something tangible, it has to stick close to the problem it's trying to solve.

Nuemann's words struck a chord with Oregon State researcher Malgorzata Peszynska.

Peszynska, a computational mathematician, said that when she approaches her research, she first tries to find a meaningful problem to solve.

"I like to work on problems with real-life applications," Peszynska said. "I'm driven by real-life challenges."

As a computational mathematician, Peszynska

uses computers to model complex situations.

She said at its crux, "computational mathematics means trying to find computer methods, computer algorithms, that will simulate certain phenomenon as accurately and as fast as possible."

The problem, Peszynska said, is that speed and accuracy are contradicting qualities when it comes to computer models.

She compares it to wanting to save a lot of money, but also going out to fancy dinners every night. The concepts don't necessarily go hand-in-hand.

Even so, Peszynska works to create models that are accurate and fast as best she can.

The push to use math in real-world scenarios has led Peszynska to work with researchers across disciplines. She has worked with microbiologists, physicists, engineers and geophysicists during her time at OSU.

One project she was especially excited to be able to work on was research into methane hydrate deposits in ocean sediments across the globe. She worked with researchers in the College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, including geophysicist and professor Anne Trehu, on this project.

"Gas hydrates look like ice, but are a cage of water molecules around a gas," Trehu said. "Most natural hydrates are methane."

"In Oregon, gas hydrates are widespread on the continental margin," Trehu added.

In ocean sediments, hydrates form at low temperatures and high pressures. But get too far down in the ocean, and hydrates will not form due to high temperatures from geothermal energy.

This is why most hydrates are formed on the edges of continental plates rather than the deep

ocean.

But, where hydrates are forming, Trehu said a lot of gas can be packed in this structure.

Researchers want to understand where these deposits are, how large they are and how they are affected by environmental conditions.

When temperatures get too high, the hydrates can become destabilized and the gas trapped in the hydrates will be released into the ocean and into the atmosphere. As both a greenhouse gas and potential energy source, researchers are interested in how methane hydrates are being destabilized.

Peszynska and her computation models enter the picture as a way for researchers to better understand conditions that will destabilize hydrates, as well as the connection between sediments, hydrates, temperature and pressure.

The hydrate system is complex. Researchers in the field cannot safely compile enough data to understand the system completely. Computational models help to predict and

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Malgorzata Peszynska
Mathematics professor

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In the Thursday, Dec. 4 issue of The Daily Barometer, the article "This week in ASOSU" incorrectly states that Michael Conan stepped down from his position after being elected the president of the Student Incidental Fee Committee. Conan was actually elected the president of the Interfraternity Council. The Daily Barometer regrets the error.

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Calendar

Friday, Dec. 5

Meetings
Student Organization Resources for Community Engagement (SORCE), 9am, MU 208. Open Committee Hearing.

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Yesterday's Solution

How do you feel about Mike Riley leaving OSU to coach at Nebraska?

BY NICKI SILVA, THE DAILY BAROMETER



“Good luck to Mike Riley! I mean, the boosters were unhappy with him here, so good for him. He was going to lose his job, lose his job for a better job. So that worked out really well for him. I hope we get a good new coach. I would love to have Bo Pelini from Nebraska. We could just switch coaches! But yeah, it’s interesting. Good for him! That’s what I have to say.”

Arthur Drown, sophomore
Business



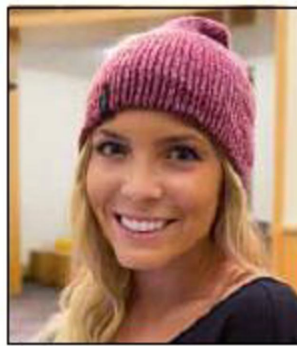
“I think since Mike Riley has left, we might have a good chance at being a better football team next year.”

Chloe Kelly, freshman
University Exploratory Studies



“It was a pretty tough decision knowing he’s been here for X amount of years as a head coach to Oregon State Football. As a supporter, as a Beaver fan, as a student, I’ve been coming here for about three years, and you know what, he’s done what he’s done here; he gave his best; he’s tried; and I’m glad for him. He got a job offer; I’m pretty sure he thought about it — him and his family — and I just wish the best of luck for him.”

Nick Contreras, junior
Chemical engineering



“I think it will be good to have a new start, like a fresh start. And I think that he can bring new things to Nebraska, like new ideas, and give them a fresh page also.”

Tori Sigel, freshman
Digital communication arts



“I’m outraged about this news! It really hits home, you know. He was a good coach, and he’s just betrayed us all by doing this. I just think it’s unforgivable.”

Jason Martinez, junior
Biology



“I would say congratulations to him for getting that position. That’s an honor. And we’re really going to miss him here, and we had a great 14 seasons with him! I guess it’s time to look for a new coach, look for a new program.”

Hannah Power, freshman
Sociology

LIBRARY

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Some people believe that the efforts are not quite enough to mitigate the influx of studying students. Sarah Stein, a sophomore in construction engineering management, said she appreciates the extra space, but is frustrated with the lack of communication regarding alternatives to the library around campus.

“I came in here because there’s nothing left on the main floors,” Stein said. “Administration could do a much better job of opening things up and providing alternative study spaces. The library should provide information about other buildings that allow group study, or just open

more rooms.”

Stein’s sentiments were echoed by Nick Stonesifer, a sophomore in construction engineering management.

“I’ve used the reserved and alternative study rooms before, but it’s always difficult to get a spot at this time of the term,” Stonesifer said.

While some remain frustrated regarding the crowded atmosphere of the library, students seek a place to relax and forget about their impending exams. The Willamette West classroom aims to provide just that by encouraging students who need a break and providing games and other attractions.

Galen Wigg, a sophomore in biology, and Ching Chih Tseng, a second-year graduate student in women, gender and sexual-

ity studies, took advantage of the available break space. They took a selfie as they wore glasses and sported noses reminiscent of Pinocchio. Wigg and Tseng moved on to Connect Four after their photo shoot.

“During finals week we’ll be providing free coffee and tea to students in addition to the games in the West classroom,” said Kristin Swetland, a library technician. “People will also be going around and handing out free cookies sometime next week. I can’t say when; it’s intended to be a surprise.”

The library will be open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday rather than its usual closing time of 10 p.m., according to Swetland.

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ment at the MU, said that the first piano to serenade the lounge was gifted to the MU only two years after its opening in 1928 by the class of 1930.

It is unclear what brought the present Steinway to the lounge in June of 1940 and whether it was a gift or purchase, but the piano was nothing short of extravagant. The market value of that specific piano is estimated to be around \$5,000 in 1940, a large amount to pay at the time, but was recently appraised at a value of \$75,000, according to Sumner.

It is not only the use of the piano that makes it such a treasure for OSU, but it was one of the last pianos built by Henry Steinway himself.

As the plaque posted on the piano states, “we are honored to be able to provide a piano of this quality to the OSU community.”

Over the past 74 years, hundreds of thousands of large and small-scale performances have graced OSU’s “living room.”

“This piano means that beautiful music is shared

by — and for — all of us,” Zhou said.

One of the most special parts about the MU piano is that spontaneity rules the performances day to day. People from all walks of life at OSU come to the MU lounge for the community-inspired music.

“It’s hard not to be a good mood when you’re in this room,” said Nathan Bearden, a freshman studying biology. “I really enjoy it when people come and play music on the piano.”

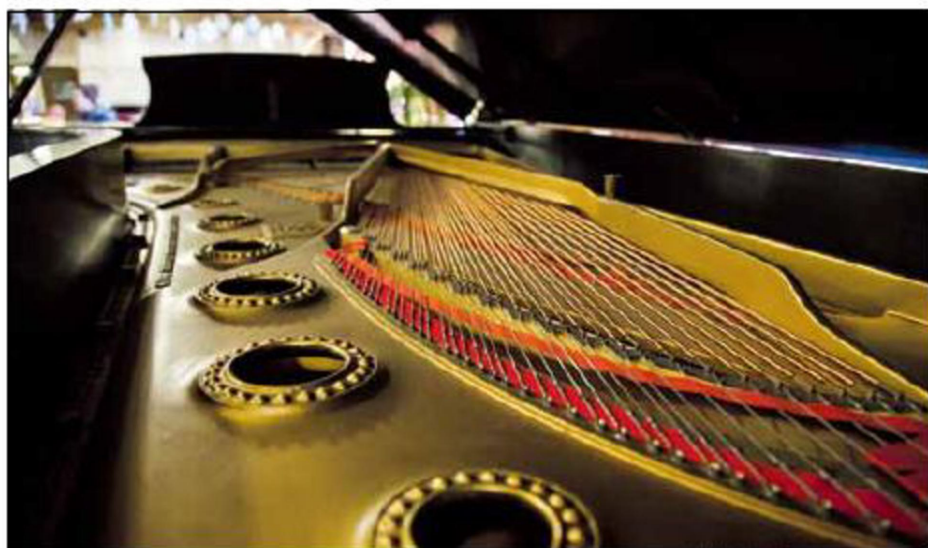
According to Sumner, OSU’s community piano culture at the MU also garners some jealousy from neighboring student unions.

“Most of the time, there is not anything planned; it just happens,” said Sumner.

All of these happenings of musical whim ultimately create a unique experience in the heart of OSU.

“I am only one little part of what this piano is for OSU,” Zhou said. “And we all provide the opportunity for all people to share the love of music on campus.”

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The piano in the Memorial Union lounge is full of history, even though parts of that history are mysterious.

RESEARCH

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interpret data that researchers need to solve problems.

In addition to working on the hydrate system, Peszynska has recently worked on modeling carbon dioxide sequestration.

There are proposed models of reducing emissions of carbon dioxide by pumping factory-produced gases straight into the ground, but there are concerns about leakage of the carbon dioxide into ground water supplies or back into the atmosphere.

Computer models, created by Peszynska, are working on predicting if leakage may occur over

the years.

Peszynska is working on another facet of the carbon dioxide sequestration, too. This portion is predicting the effectiveness of biofilms, or mats of microbial growth, at plugging up leaks in the pipes that deposit the carbon dioxide in the ground.

Peszynska described working on interdisciplinary projects as fairly difficult, but necessary. She said at times, it can feel like she and the field researchers are speaking a different language. But, in the end, for her, it’s worth it.

“It’s exciting to be able to act as a translator,” Peszynska said.

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"Was a pleasure to play under such a great individual!"
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"This has been the strangest Thursday morning I've had in a long time"
@itscsmith

"Can't thank you enough for giving me a chance. Thanks for believing in me Coach."
@villythebeaver



"Some people don't know what they have until it's gone ... I hope this not the case for Ostate #losingagreatone #respect #coachriley"
@Double_R16

"Coach Riley blessed me with an opportunity to fulfill a dream, I couldn't thank him enough."
@G_zyzy6

"Thankful to have played for a great man and a great coach."
@GabeOvgard

"I would not be the man I am today without Coach Riley's impact on my life. On and off the field, no one does it better. Sad to see him leave"
@GMILL199

MIKE RILEY STATS

-RILEY WAS THE LONGEST-TENURED COACH IN THE PAC-12 WITH 14 YEARS AT OSU. NOW, THAT TITLE GOES TO UTAH'S KYLE WHITTINGHAM (HIRED IN 2005). NEXT IS DAVID SHAW OF STANFORD (2011).

-WITH A SALARY OF ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION, RILEY HAD THE SMALLEST INCOME OF ANY PAC-12 COACH.

-RILEY FINISHED 4-10 AGAINST OREGON. HE DID HAVE A WINNING RECORD IN CIVIL WARS AT ONE POINT IN HIS CAREER: AFTER THE 2007 OVERTIME WIN IN AUTZEN STADIUM, HE WAS 4-3.

-OREGON STATE'S LAST DEFENSIVE PLAY UNDER MIKE RILEY WAS A DUCKS SAFETY.

-UNDER RILEY, THE BEAVERS IMPROVED THEIR RECORD COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEAR ON THREE OCCASIONS. THOSE THREE YEARS COMBINED FOR A 13-WIN IMPROVEMENT FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE PRIOR SEASONS.

-MIKE RILEY LEAVES OREGON STATE AS THE WINNINGEST COACH IN BEAVER FOOTBALL HISTORY WITH 93 VICTORIES.

What's next for players coming in, questions still remain

Mike Riley is gone, but let's not forget the two types of players of the Oregon State football program: the athletes currently on the roster expected to lead the team next year and the high schoolers committed to Oregon State expected to be playmakers two or three years from now.

How many of the recruits who committed to OSU expecting to play for coach Riley will still come to Corvallis?

How will the current players respond to a sudden and unexpected change in leadership?

At least in terms of the recruiting so far, so good.

I spoke with Nathaniel Jones, head coach of Edna Karr high school in New Orleans, where Tyrin Ferguson is a three-star linebacking commitment in OSU's 2015 class. According to Jones, California and Washington State both tried to contact Ferguson after they heard of Riley's departure. Ferguson has been committed to the Beavers for six months and "still wants to come" to OSU.



Josh Worden

My Eyes Are Up Here

Also, three-star offensive line recruit Miki Fifita has stated he has not wavered in his commitment to Oregon State, according to Rivals.com and Scout.com.

But let's take a moment to look at the identity of the Oregon State football program as a whole, without Mike Riley.

Sometimes, perceptions of coach Riley are separated between what he is like as a person and as a coach, as if it's nice for fans to root for a team with a personable leader, but that his disposition doesn't have any bearing on the team.

Riley was adept at offering something at OSU that other teams didn't. The football team isn't throwing money into its facilities like other programs can. But there are so many

recruits who explain that they chose OSU over other schools because of the "family atmosphere." The reason sophomore wide receiver Rahmel Dockery transferred to Oregon State? Two words: "Mike Riley."

The Beavers may not be able to build a bunch of hydrotherapy pools, but they have gotten recruits to Corvallis in their own way.

"Coach Riley takes pride in surrounding us with the best people possible," said senior defensive lineman Dylan Wynn earlier this season. "Really, that was the selling point for me at Oregon State and that's why I came here."

Point being: OSU needs more than an x's-and-o's coach. Maybe the Beavers will become a spread-option team, shift to a 3-4 defense or any number of other schematic changes. There's nothing wrong with that. But OSU needs a coach who can make the most of the limited resources in Corvallis.

Don't get me wrong: The Oregon State football program has more to



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Mike Riley, the new Nebraska head football coach, at the Osborne Athletic Complex in Lincoln, Neb., Thursday evening, Dec. 4.

Beavers win by 22 on Field Trip Day

■ The 17th-ranked OSU women's basketball remains undefeated

By Mitch Mahoney
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In front of 7,537 screaming fans, the third largest ever for a women's basketball game at Oregon State, the No. 17 Beavers notched a 75-53 win against Idaho. They extended their undefeated start to the season, and the Beavers remain perfect with a 6-0 record. The Beavers haven't started this hot since the 2000-01 season.

It was Field Trip Day on Thursday, meaning that elementary schools from all over the state flocked to Gill Coliseum to watch the Beavers play the Vandals (3-3). Thus, Gill Coliseum had an energy it doesn't see everyday, as the students were understandably excited to get out of class for the day. The crowd started doing the wave with more than seven minutes left in the game, and it continued pretty much until the final buzzer sounded.

"It was incredible," said sophomore point guard Sydney Wiese. "I'm supposed to call out plays, and I had to rely on my hand signals because my teammates couldn't hear me it was so loud in there. The crowd brought so much adrenaline to us, and I could always feel their energy; they were always cheering."

With all that energy, it could have backfired for the Beavers, who aren't used to that sort of atmosphere. The Beavers mishandled passes, fumbled away potential rebounds and turned it over 10 times in the first half alone.

"We went through a lull for a little bit there," Wiese said. "We were making turnovers that we normally don't, so we probably let the adrenaline get to us a little bit too much."

When there was 1:21 remaining in the first half, Oregon State's lead was only six points. A

few timely baskets by junior guard Jamie Weisner gave the Beavers a 35-25 lead at the half.

It came at the right time for the Beavers, who needed to get something going before the second half, as Idaho stopped much of OSU's gameplan. Junior center Ruth Hamblin entered the game as the team's leading scorer with 13.8 points per game, but she had just four points at halftime. Idaho junior post player Ali Forde was tasked with defending Hamblin.

"She's quite a good defender, but I think it was just me," Hamblin said. "I had to get focused and play my game and not be distracted."

As the second half began, OSU began pounding the ball inside, and it worked. Hamblin finished the game with 14 points, including 12 rebounds and six blocks. The team's leading scorer was Wiese, who scored 16 points on 6-of-11 shooting and 4-of-9 from deep. In addition, she added five assists.

"The focus of the second half was to get Ruth going," said head coach Scott Rueck. "That was the main thing — just establish our advantage in the post — and I thought the team did a great job finding her. Ruth did a great job getting in position."

At one point in the second half, the Beavers rattled off a 13-0 run, turning a 51-39 lead into a 64-39 lead. Idaho never cut it within 20 points thereafter.

"I thought our defense ticked up just a notch in the second half," Rueck said, "and it really instigated a great run."

In all, the 22-point win provided a great show for all the students in attendance.

Tipoff against Sacramento State will commence on Saturday Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

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Junior guard Jamie Weisner penetrates the paint for the layup against Idaho during Field Trip Day in Gill Coliseum on Dec. 4.

Some football fans just don't understand

For those football fans out there who were screaming for Mike Riley's head, you got your wish.

Riley has headed to work for a more successful program, and the general consensus of students on campus is "good for him."

Sure, this will usher in another chapter of Oregon State football, and perhaps it will be a better one. For now, we are left to wonder what could have been, what should have been and what's next.

To say that Riley was the problem and that things will only get better from here is to be ignorant of football and just how it all works.

It is impossible to point at one thing within a program — especially the Beaver program of this last season — and say "that is what is wrong with it."

We can talk recruiting, coaching and player performance, but this would only scratch the surface



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of what could be the underlining problem.

It is within this lack of in-depth analysis that sound discussion turns to static.

There seems to be a lot of opinion not supported by actual facts. It's like taking a verse of the Bible and leaving out the rest. Sure, you could build a doctrine off of one sentence, but does that doctrine have the fluidity to stand the test of time?

History, and more importantly science, have taught us that concrete evidence is the solid foundation of any respectable discussion. And one great idea certainly

requires more.

Mike Riley is the winningest coach in Oregon State football history. That's a fact, not a statement.

Mike Riley witnessed 32 players selected to the NFL Draft while he was head coach at OSU, and two of those went most recently in the first round: Steven Jackson and Brandin Cooks. In the past 11 years, Riley has led the OSU football program to eight bowl appearances and won six of them.

And yet, none of these stats even speak to what Riley has accomplished with the players under his guidance.

Riley, even from the outside, has visibly built a program that strives in creating quality athletes who have the tools as men to be successful in the outside world.

Seventy Oregon State football players within the last six years have been recognized and hon-

ored by the league for academic achievements. Not to mention, when was the last time you heard of an OSU player who went to the pros who was in trouble? Sure, we had Chad Johnson, but he was more of a show on wheels, and less of a trouble maker.

Yes, 16 years ago a tragedy and injustice happened while Riley was coach. But again, is he the only one to blame for the terrible outcome?

No, Riley did more than just give us wins and trips to bowl games. He gave us athletes, and people who we could look up to and enjoy as being a part of our community.

He gave us more than football — he gave us a warming quality of life. And for many, it will be sorely missed.

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RILEY

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in our program and our staff," Sullivan said. "He's come to our home meets when he's had the opportunity. When we had our big grand opening, the breaking of the ground of our new facility, he spoke at it."

This type of story isn't unique to Sullivan either, as it was obvious that Riley had the love and support of many, including the entire football team. Not once during the season did any player make any mention that the coaching staff was in any way responsible for their 5-7, 2-7 season.

Following this year's Civil War, the last game with Riley at head coach, senior quarterback Sean Mannion even offered unprovoked praise of the coaching staff following the team's 47-19 loss to Oregon.

Two weeks before that, when Riley left the press conference and entered the locker room, a roar of applause and cheer came from his players, as the team had just knocked off then-No.6 Arizona State.

Not even a month after that moment, Riley decided to leave Oregon State, and it sounds as though no one foresaw Riley's departure. Women's basketball head coach Scott Rueck, for one, was shocked.

"I didn't even know anything about it," Rueck said. "I was blindsided like everybody else was before our game today."

Rueck, like Sullivan, had nothing but praise and respect for Riley.

"I am a huge fan of Coach Riley, for every reason; I really love the guy. Certainly, we'll miss

him, but at the same time I understand that's part of what we do here — there's a lot of change. I'm really happy for him if this is what he wants. He has a great staff, and there's a lot of people — not just him — that his decision impacts. I wish all those people the best, and certainly wish him the best going forward."

As for the football program, it is now tasked with finding Riley's successor as head coach. Sullivan, for everything he admired about Riley, isn't concerned about who will fill his shoes.

"There are a lot of great coaches out there, and I have the utmost confidence in President (Ed) Ray and Bob De Carolis," Sullivan said. "It's obvious with the type of coaches Bob has brought in here, that there's no better person to go out and find the next head football coach here."

De Carolis is the Director of Athletics at OSU, and he released a statement regarding Riley's departure.

"Although we are extremely disappointed of losing a person and coach the caliber of Mike Riley, we are happy for him regarding his new opportunity. We wish Mike, Dee and their family the best as his career begins a new chapter. Coach Riley has twice led a program, with integrity, to new heights and tremendous growth. The entire university owes him a well-deserved thank you. We are excited about the future for the loyal fans and donors of Beaver Nation as we launch our search for the new leader of our football program"

Nebraska is getting a great man in Mike Riley, and he deserves to be welcomed with open arms, while Oregon State would be lucky to find someone of Riley's integrity.

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ter season than we did this season," said senior defensive end Obum Gwacham, who just played his last game Saturday for the Beavers. "I didn't expect him to leave."

Riley, throughout his time at Oregon State, was seen as a quality coach and an even better person. Riley's treatment of his players and the family atmosphere he created and nurtured was key to players making the choice to sign with the Beavers.

"He was one of the main reasons why I came: because he was a genuine coach," Villiman said. "He was like a father figure to me."

Villiman wasn't the only one who expressed a deep connection to Riley's role in the program.

"He did so much to make us feel like a family and all be a part of something," Hollingsworth said. "It will be hard to find someone that will ever be like that because I have never had a coach like that before."

Even though the team is without a head coach for the foreseeable future, they're already focused on improving for the next season.

"We are all dedicated to getting better; we are sticking to the program," Hollingsworth said. "We bought in to what Riley built here, and we are going to keep building upon that after he is gone."

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offer than just a benevolent coaching staff. But the Beavers, at least in comparison to other Pac-12 and power-5 conference teams, have less money. OSU brought in \$65 million in revenue, not profit, last year. \$50 million less than Oregon. One of the most underrated aspects of coach Riley was his salary: about \$1.5 million, lowest among Pac-12 coaches.

The priorities of athletic director Bob De Carolis must be to get an inexpensive coach who has a personality conducive to the character of the Oregon State football program. Easier said than done, of course. Maybe that's former USC interim head coach Ed Orgeron, maybe it's Eastern Washington head coach Beau Baldwin. Heck, maybe throw everything out the window about getting a "nice" and "benevolent" coach and just hire Bo Pelini, if the Beavers can afford him.

But regardless of who the new coach is, he'll inherit a young, talented team. No doubt about that.

The wide receiving corps is the embodiment of the team's youth, with two freshman starters — Jordan Villamin and Hunter Jarmon — and sophomore Victor Bolden. Not to mention senior-to-be Richard Mullaney, who should be back next year after missing the last half of the season with an elbow injury.

"This corps of guys that are playing — and they're all pretty young — has a chance to be as good of a corps or the best we've ever had, talent-wise," Riley said a few weeks before the end of the season. "We've had individuals like Brandin (Cooks) and Markus (Wheaton). Now, the Markus-Brandin duo was pretty good. But this group of five, six guys, is pretty deep."

Read that again: this group has a chance to be "the best we've ever had, talent-wise." That's just in Riley's tenure, right? Nope. "I think probably Oregon State (history)," Riley said.

Of course, the wide receivers' production depends heavily on the quarterback, whether that is sophomore-to-be Luke Del Rio or anyone else. Speaking of Del Rio, what if Jack Del Rio — Luke's father and current defensive coordinator with the Denver Broncos — gets the OSU job? But enough with the predictions.

Defensively, the Beavers lose a lot of talent. Wynn and fellow defensive linemen Obum Gwacham, Bud Delva and Siale Hautau are gone, as well as all three linebackers and three of the four defensive backs. The Beavers had two second-team all-Pac-12 players this year, both on defense and both seniors: Wynn and cornerback Steven Nelson.

But some of the brightest young talents for the Beavers are defensive players waiting in the wings until players like Wynn and Nelson graduate.

Redshirt freshman safety Justin Strong has garnered respect from many of the veterans on the team, becoming a regular contributor on defense despite playing behind senior safeties Ryan Murphy and Tyreque Zimmerman. Also, sophomore linebacker Darrell Songy will be back after using a redshirt year while being suspended for breaking athletic department policy.

That's the trend of many of the new starters for the Beavers: they're young. And maybe the new head coach will be also, especially if it's the 42-year-old Baldwin or another up-and-coming coach.

And if the new OSU head coach can maintain commitments from recruits and build around the players already in Corvallis, he could establish a similar trend of youthful leadership, high expectations and potential.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to the potential of a new future for Oregon State football. We lost a great leader, but leave room to gain another.

Nay to losing the winningest head coach in Oregon State football history. Hate all you want — the statement still stands.

Yea to the support from Riley's athletes, both past and present. Your displays of humanity gave purpose to social media.

Yea to the 2006 Sun Bowl victory for the Beavers. This was an excellent year for Beaver football and coach Riley.

Nay to an unfortunate season this year that left exiting seniors and fans without a bowl game. For those solely blaming a coach, we find your lack of football knowledge disturbing.

Yea to a shake-up in college football and another interesting twist in the Pac-12. Anyone calling our conference boring is not paying attention.

Nay to the conversations of what's next that will ensue. Well, the sound ones are alright, the rest are just noise.

Nay to the flood of the uneducated who will voice their opinions. For them we have one word: facts.

Yea to the sports experts who will always speak the truth. You make room for the less educated to say, "Yeah, what they said."

Yea for Nebraska football in securing a quality coach. Most of us will miss him, so you're welcome.

Nay to people who create Facebook pages looking to fire coaches before they have a chance to coach. You are the reason many of us continually throw up a little.

Yea for Riley supporters from Nebraska. You get a verbal fist bump.

Nay to Cornhuskers who criticize Riley now but will support him next season. You get lumped in with the "throw up" people.

Nay to prospects who may potentially change their minds. Markus Wheaton, Brandin Cooks, Steven Jackson, Jacquizz Rodgers — you may want to rethink that decision.

Yea to memories of prematurely rushing the field in the '98 Civil War. For those who were there, you owe part of what happened to Riley.

Yea to national champs and the bettering of quality programs. If Riley doesn't provide the first for Nebraska, there's no doubt he will provide the latter.

Yea to building men and not just athletes. The world of college football needs more coaches that live that sentiment, not just ones that say it.

Nay to bombshells and the repercussions that follow. Sleeping in would be nice, especially on days where you go to bed at 6 a.m.

Yea for a quick decision in picking a new head coach for OSU football. Consuming large amounts of headache medicine makes you a pill popper.

Yea for quality coaches who change the game. Pigskins, sidelines, fans and athletes will never be the same, and we owe that to you.

Keep on singing, Corvallis.

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Lammily dolls offer better conventions of beauty

The Barbie Doll has peppered many childhoods over several generations.

She is recognizable with her blonde hair, blue eyes, small waist, large bust, pink convertible, chiseled boyfriend and made-up smile.

Now there is a new doll gaining popularity on the Internet and changing the way children view themselves and their toys.

Nickolay Lamm, a designer from Pittsburgh, started his project last year to create a new doll that mirrors what average women look like. He calls his creation the Lammily Doll.

The Lammily has the proportions of an average 19-year-old woman, gathered from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

She is flat-footed, so her feet are not always stuck in high heels, with a more realistic hip size and smaller bust, less make-up and all her joints bend.

Not only did Lamm change the shape of the doll to make her look more like the girls who will play with her, but he added sticker accessories.

These stickers are of tattoos, stretch marks, acne, cellulite, scars, bruises, scrapes, freckles, glasses, grass and dirt stains, moles and bandages.

Lamm made these so-called "flaws" into stickers so that girls could customize their dolls to look



Brooklyn Di Raffaele

Running on caffeine

like themselves or of the women they see around them. This was the piece of the doll that really got my attention.

We have started to see other dolls look more like real women with bigger measurements and hair colors, but we have not yet seen a doll that will show real characteristics of a person. I know I would've loved to play with a doll that had freckles and glasses like I had and a doll that could wear sneakers when she wanted to be casual — that she even had the option to be casual and not always looking perfect.

Lamm added these features to his doll because he wanted "to give (fashion dolls) a realistic makeover." He wanted his doll to go through the same experiences and changes that women go through and show that those changes are normal. That getting stretch marks or acne during puberty is what most women go through and there is nothing to be ashamed of. That having freckles or moles or scars don't make women any less beautiful in her eyes or in

someone else's.

"The 'imperfect' nature of it isn't an issue. I feel it makes the dolls more relatable," Lamm said about his sticker additions.

So far the Lammily Doll has gained strong support from parents and children. Lamm had a group of second graders play with the doll alongside a typical Barbie Doll.

The kids like Lammily Doll more. They said that the doll "looks like my sister, a girl going to school and she looks like she would help someone if they were hurt." The Lammily Doll was not created just to have a doll that looks more like average women. Its intent is to show healthy, active and strong women to children and adolescents.

Lammily helps to get away from the over-sexualized and "perfect" looking dolls that have been in children's hands for years.

I think that it is about time that we have dolls that break the mold. It is one thing for young children to hear from parents or family that it does not matter what you look like; it does not matter if you are different because those differences are what make a person unique.

What really helps these abstract ideas stick to young children is seeing them in action and holding them close to their own lives.

The Lammily Doll puts these strong ideas into action with her realistic proportions.

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Dead week assignments against policy

This week more than ever, a sense of urgency fills the air, as stress-ridden faces can be seen amongst many students on our campus.

More than halfway through dead week, the majority of students are overwhelmed in their studies, hoping to wrap the remainder of their course work in preparation for final exams.

With finals already weighing heavily on many students' minds, one cannot help but wonder why our university is one of the few institutions in the nation whose dead week is not truly "dead."

For my schedule at least, every single one of my courses has continued to cover new coursework all throughout dead week.

One would think it would be more effective to cover the appropriate amount of material during the first nine weeks of the term, leaving dead week purely to course organized reviews and individual studying of covered material.

As far as I understand it, the majority of universities around the nation dedicate this week before finals to just that — allowing students a greater length of time to adequately prepare for their finals.

Personally, I believe our university should alter its current system in order to properly incorporate this type of dead week into our trimester schedule.

I believe most students would be willing to move at a slightly quicker pace, in order to cover the material allocated for class periods scheduled during dead week.

From my experience, many professors choose to cover material over dead week that will not be included in the final exam. In doing so, professors are not only adding to the amount of information already overwhelming students' brains, but are taking away invaluable time that could be spent studying — an opportunity cost that is not easily overcome.

While I believe the addition of a true dead week before finals would ultimately result in an aggregate increase in the quality of students' grades, this is not the sole motivation behind my support of this change.

Our current system of scheduling prevents many students from being able to fully understand the material they are covering.

In a sense, our university's schedule tends to overload students with the quantity of coursework they are required to comprehend by the end of each specific term.

By permitting students one week of studying before finals week, the university would be promoting the proper education of our students.

Therefore, I believe it is essential that students voice their opinions on this issue, no matter which side of the fence they fall on.

I encourage those who feel strongly either way to speak with the representatives of the Associated Students of Oregon State University, as they have greater access to resources, which will allow us to make our opinions known.

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