The University was recently credited nationwide LGBT-friendly index Oregon ranked as one of 19 schools to receive five stars in nationwide LGBT-friendly index. The University was recently credited as having one of those characteristics packed together in three blocks of celebration. Four years ago, the Whitaker Cocktail Society started the Whitaker Block Party as a way to get residents to get involved with the community. The result is a new-annual event where thousands of Eugeneans congregate on Third Street between Blair Boulevard and Adams Street from 1 to 11 pm.

"It’s a Whitaker driver event," Anand Keathley, head chair of the Whiteaker Community Council said. "You can’t avoid the block party, in a good way.”

The event was free to all attendees, and all aspects of planning and executing the event were entirely voluntary. Playing into this theme, Keathley and the community council passed out free ice cream cones to get involved with the community.

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| Giving underprivileged kids a shot at school

Four-year program gives high school students opportunity to learn, acclimate to college studies.

Originally structured as a one-week economics course for incoming high school freshmen, the program has been expanded to two weeks and now has more than 100 students with courses for each of the high school classes. The program is intended to be taken all four years of high school so that by the time a student is ready to graduate the transition to higher education will be smoother and more feasible.

"When the University began its focus on diversity issues a number of years ago," Blonigen said, "the type of effort that resonated with Bill and I the most was the idea of creating a sampling of the college life and how they can purchase these packages.

"It’s at the request of the ASUO because some die-hard fans couldn’t get tickets," Dave Willford, executive assistant athletic director, said. By creating a student season ticket option, the ASUO, which was represented by former Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee chair Alex McCafferty during the negotiations last academic year, has increased its total allotment of student tickets offered. Before, the ASUO could not afford to purchase the entire student section, which consists of 3,445 seats. Now, with the season pass option, 1,000 student seats are already reserved, and the ASUO can purchase the rest for students who prefer to use tickets already paid for by the incidental fee.

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Arizona's new immigration laws, which have been partially blacked out due to criticism for lagging profiling of Latinos, but proponents of the bill point out that they year- long federal immigration laws. This neglect that police forces enforce the law differently based on racial phenotypes. Historically, police laws of ten were able to dominate the law entirely when dealing with minorities and little has been done to reform this problem.

The legacy of authority militarizing the dark-skinned people in this country begins with the massacre of Native Americans and continued with the civil war between African Americans and English Americans. Precedents set by these brutalities continued with CIA-sponsored COINTELPRO, a flag-waving campaign to stoke up the rift and use law against counterintelligence tactics against groups such as the American Indian Movement and the Black Panthers in the mid-20th century. Many of the members of these groups were murdered or imprisoned as a result of conflicts with police and informants.

Officials in other states have portrayed as criminals, crazy or worst, not being reporting. As recently as 2008, the Guinness Book of World Records had a 2005 incident with the black liberation group MOVE listed under suicides. In reality, Philadelphia police dropped C4 explosives on the car, which went up in flames. The police were ordered to let it burn.

Last week, the family of Sean Bell, a black man, received $7 million in lawsuit stemming from Bell being shot 41 times by undercover officers outside of a New York nightclub even though he was unarmed. This could signal a new era where minorities still get brutalized by the police but at least get paid for it. Police mistreatment isn't just as dramatic as it is here in the hotbed of innovation where creativity wakes up in the morning. It is here where free parties are thrown by local businesses.

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Field school unique for archaeology students

Professional atmosphere at Eastern Oregon dig sites gives practical experience, fosters friendships

KAITLIN FLANAGAN

From its unique landscapes to its distinct cultures, Oregon is special for archeologists. And several University of Oregon students know from firsthand experience that its ancient history is just as special.

The University’s Northern Great Basin Preliminary Project archeology field school offers students an opportunity to spend six weeks every summer to learn archeology in a hands-on, professional setting. This year, 25 students went to Sheep Mountain, the Paisley Caves and the Dry Shute Rockshelter. All three sites have unique attributes, adding to the rich prehistory of Oregon and the Western Hemisphere. In the Paisley Caves in Central Oregon, the oldest human DNA, in the form of coprolite, was discovered in 2002 and dated in 2008. At Sheep Mountain, southeastern Oregon, a Clovis-period site was excavated meanwhile, at the Dry Shute on the Oregon-Shi shi border, the remains of a 1,100-1,200-year-old dwelling were uncovered.

“Dr. Dennis Jenkens, a University archeologist and field director, loaded the Paisley Cave excavation and described in detail what was recovered from the site,” Jenkins said. “We are continuing on excavating human coprolite,” Jenkins said, who noted the coprolites are from 14,000/15,000 years ago, meaning humans were in the Americas 4,000 years earlier than originally thought.

“We put ourن slow to recover something so we wouldn’t contaminate them with our own modern DNA. This is so revolutionary at Paisley because we have directly carbon dated the coprolites. We actually picked out a little bit of the poop and radiocarbon dated it. It’s as direct as you can get.”

Grant Satter, a supervisor at the Paisley Cave, said specific cave work was carried on, Cave 2, was hot spot for artifacts.

“We found evidence that people were making tools and occupying the cave interferingly through the late Pleistocene early Holocene,” Satter said. “I wouldn’t have asked for a better experience.”

At Sheep Mountain, Clovis-related artifacts, such as projectile points dating back to 13,000 years ago, signify that the Clovis people hunted large mammals, such as mammoths and mastodons, in the transition from the Pleistocene to the Holocene, or current, era.

Meanwhile, at the Dry Shute Rockshelter, students excavated the remains of a bison’s skull and also noted the presence of sagebrush, shell beads, which signify trading was already in place between the people located there 1,100-1,200 years ago, and historic glass beads, which show trading continued in this area hundreds of years ago. Of this summer’s three excavation sites, Jenkins said the rockshelter has faced the most damage from Bigg excavation.

Jenkins said students get more the theoretical and practical field training during the eight credit course.

“It’s just a really great experience,” he said. “A lot of the time at field schools people make friends for life. We’ve even had people meet and marry.”

University senior Jo Niehaus agrees with Jenkins.

“The experience is really unique and unrepeatable,” Niehaus said.

Overall, Jenkins is proud of the field school he’s been involved with since 1989.

“I consider it to be as good of a field school you can attend in the western United States,” he said. “Nothin’, just facts.”
ReArt Festival gives past possessions a new purpose

Artists gather downtown to sell recycled creations; event proceeds benefit future sustainable projects

RYAN IMPINDI | SCENE REPORTER

Stainless steel animals, dubiously painted collages and hand-crafted instruments were on display at every booth set up at the Eugene park blocks on Sunday, but there was something unique about these creations. In NextStep’s second annual ReArt Festival, the majority of art for sale was made almost entirely out of recycled, repurposed materials.

Started by NextStep Recycling in 2009, the ReArt Festival promotes a sustainable lifestyle by promoting artists who created art out of secondhand materials.

“There’s a growing number of artists using reclaimed material,” Lorrinn Kerwood, executive director of NextStep, said Sunday. “What we think of waste doesn’t need to be waste.”

Kerwood created NextStep in 1999 under these ideals. The organization aims to repurpose used electronics, making a number of socio-environmental improvements throughout the process.

“Our goal is to take waste out of the waste stream,” said Kerwood, who has received multiple awards for her contributions to the environment. “Through it, we are able to offer jobs and redistribute these products to the community.”

Ruby Colette, who goes by the art name Ruby the Resource回收s, takes used CDs, bottle caps and coat hangers and turns them into a uniquely original flower that she calls a Danger Flower.

“I volunteer helping people make trash art,” Colette said while working at her booth on Sunday. “I used materials from the waste stream and tools under $5.”

Shane Schaeffler, another local artist, makes art with vintage electronics. Schaeffler produces reused recycled, stainless steel art into frogs, flowers and bats. “I trade my art for raw materials,” said Schaeffler, who learned to make his creations at Lane Community College during the early ’90s. “The festival featured other local organizations committed to sustainable practices. Junk to Funk, an organization that puts on an annual recycled fashion show, featured reused electronics turned into robots, a couch and a dress made entirely out of plastic bags. Hammered Frets turned cigar boxes into musical instruments. The Shelter Animal Resource Alliance featured various reused materials, while another artist made a variety of materials out of completely recycled paper.

One of the secondary missions of the ReArt Festival is to help raise money for NextStep. With more than 300 items donated by artists, the festival’s silent auction helped raise money for future NextStep projects.

Next year’s festival will be expanded to a two-day event in a location bigger than the Eugene park blocks. Set for August 7, 2011, the third annual festival will feature possessions from the past recycled into new, creative works for the current decade.

“Because using it once just isn’t enough,” said Deb-Bee Bennett, a volunteer helping out with the silent auction. “We all need to think about repurposing our goods.”
downs on 13 for 25 passing, the Broncos were in a loss to Boise State in 2008. Although he moved edge over Thomas. The only playing time Thomas styles, and has learned from watching them play. Jeremiah Masoli, who both executed the spread up has been an understudy to Dennis Dixon and starting quarterback position. The capable back- Oregon. Because of torn knee ligaments, he has redshirt sophomore Thomas.

Ducks should take the more conservative route that scenario is far from the truth. Instead, the and all three starting wide receivers returning, would be the right decision. However, with LaMi- makes on offense, taking a gamble and starting up incorrectly against the Ducks' unorthodox

view of some of his athleticism, Costa still maintains good mobility for a quarterback. For example, he an incredible leaping interception in the end zone which was ranked second in the Pac-10 against USC in 2006, the fourth quarter against California. Costa's performance against the Bruins wasn't phenomenal, but he did complete 9 of 17 passes for 82 yards with a touchdown and an intercep- tion against the vaunted UCLA pass defense, which was ranked second in the Pac-10 against the pass. The interception can't be held against Costa, as UCLA linebacker Aaron Ayers made an incredible leaping interception in the end zone for a touchdown. Even though those knee injuries robbed him of some of his athleticism, Costa still maintains good mobility for a quarterback. For example, look at his performance against Washington last season. Costa was able to run for a two-point con- version when he noticed the Huskies were lined up incorrectly against the Ducks' unorthodox field goal formation. He was also able to run for a first down on a fake field goal attempt.

Mobility shouldn't be the most important as- set for an Oregon quarterback anyway, as the of- fensive line returns all five starters and the top backup at each position. There should be excel- lent protection, allowing whoever is at quarter- back to stay in the pocket and not be forced to scramble. This plays toward Costa's strengths as a pocket passer. Costa also has all the intangibles. His clutch handling of a low snap for the game-tying extra point against Arizona with six seconds left in the负 gave them the opportunity to score. His selection as second-team academic all-confer- ence means he has been doing what has been re- quired of him off the field, as well as showing an attention to detail that will translate on the field.

All Costa has to do is not lose games for the Ducks and allow the talent at the skill positions and the defense to win them. He doesn't have to be a game-changer, and he doesn't have to take risks. He just has to be what he is now — steady and reliable.

Robert Husciman
Sports Reporter

It's not hard to figure out why so many people want Darron Thomas to win the Oregon Ducks' starting quarterback job for this fall. It helps that Thomas — listed at 6-foot-3 and 212 pounds — is a physi- cal dead-ringer for former Ducks quar- terrback Dixon Ditson, the oft-praised prototype of head coach Chip Kelly's spread offense. Not unlike Dixon, the Houston native has a strong arm and quick feet. Thomas, a redshirt sopho- more, has three years of eligibility with which to lock down the position and further develop himself — so the thinking goes.

Thomas has all of one game of true collegiate experience: Sept. 20, 2008, against Boise State at Autzen Sta- dium. Oregon trailed 37-13 in the second half, and former head coach Mike Bellotti and Kelly agreed to pull the redshirt off the fresh- man Thomas. He responded with 13 completions of 25 pass at- tempts for 210 yards, three fourth- quarter touchdowns and one interception in a 37-32 loss. The Broncos did not play aggressive sec- ond-half defense and Thomas rarely was challenged with coverage schemes, but the relief appearance became legendary. Nevertheless, Thomas should be given the edge in the starting quarterback race as fall camp opens, and he should be named starting quarterback for the Sept. 4 contest against New Mexico. Simply put, he worked hard to hone his craft as a quarterback during his redshirt year last season and this past off-season, and it's already paying dividends.

Even though there was no pressure on the quarterbacks this spring, Kelly, offensive coor- dinator Mark Helfrich and spring practice ob- servers didn't see a lot of positive signs early on. Thomas, Nate Costa and third-stringer Darrelle Hawkins all struggled at various points. Thom- as and Costa each made a variety of different mistakes — bobbled snaps, poor reads, forced passes. Early spring practices inspired no confidence in outside observers.

As time went on, both quarterbacks got better. It was Thomas, however, who made the more dynamic shift. He began leading his receivers with his passes more, showing acu- mumen at short, intermediate and long range. His ball fakes — an integral part of the Oregon of- fense — became crisper. He began to run out- side of the pocket and scramble for yardage with more authority. His quarterbacking skills improved drastically.

Oregon's spring football scrimmage on May 1 gave each quarterback the best opportu- nity of the offseason to impress coaches. Early on, Thomas disappointed in a major way. On the opening drive, Thomas, the quarterback of the Green team, was intercepted by White team defensive back Terrance Mitchell, who returned it for a touchdown. Thomas made an error in interpreting coverage, he was lucky that his major mistake came at the hands of a teammate.

Still, as the game continued, Thomas shrugged off the early mistake and made plays. He completed 15 of his 23 passes for 196 yards in the 26-21 loss to the White team, counter- balancing his interception with a touchdown pass. He was more impressive than Costa on the day, and he'd worked hard to make an impact. Costa is a humble and inspiring individual with excellent command of the playbook and polished skills. Thomas certainly has less pol- ish, but his learning curve is no longer as steep. He is a fast learner with the tools to handle the nation's fastest offense. Thomas showed in spring practice the ability to adjust on the fly, the trust in his legs and his throwing arm, and the rapport with teammates necessary to lead the Oregon football team to greener pastures in 2010.
Oregon's plan for football camp fundraising a success
D.J. Davis and Lavasier Tuinei combined for 10 victories and 11.

‘Bo is a good friend of ours, said. “Bo is a good friend of ours, since they all left the dorms, and Carson York, tackle Darrion Carson York, tackle Darrion Fritz all represented Oregon while the seniors from University Alumnus Shir-Parthasarathy said, “both to convey the physics principles and mechanics behind the game and then get the stu-
dents the opportunity to try out the lessons by doing themselves.

Aside from the directly aca-
demic material, students were also given tutorials on improv-
ing their chances of attending college, though things such as
financial aid.

The program is important, Parthurath said, “It’s been
an understanding of science to high
school kids, but, it’s important, to
convey an understanding of what
college is like to students who, for
various reasons, may not be on the
track to attend. We always ask the
kids for evaluations and feedback, which are extremely positive. The abundance of hands-on activities helps, and the kids seem very
engaged by being connected to “real
science, for example, doing things inrew kids.”

From Aug. 9-13, freshmen and sophomore high school students will be on campus to take courses in economics and psychology/ neuroscience, respectively. On
Aug. 10, University President Richard Lariviere will give a lec-
ture to the freshman group on his academic specialty, Sanskrit.

This year’s incoming freshman class will be 40 high school students is the largest in the program’s history, and orga-
izes plans to double the number of sessions offered next year.

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