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**THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE** of Currently for fall term. The newsletter will resume weekly publication Jan. 4 with a noon Tuesday, Dec. 29, deadline.

## Vikings host FCS playoff football game

The Portland State Vikings will make just their second appearance in the NCAA I Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) post-season, and host their first FCS playoff game when the Northern Iowa Panthers come to town this Saturday, Dec. 5. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. in Providence Park. They will play for a chance to advance to the quarterfinals on Dec. 11 or 12. PSU completed its season at 9-2, ranked fifth in the nation, placing second in the Big Sky Conference at 6-2. UNI is 8-4 this season. Tickets for Saturday's game cost \$30 reserved and \$20 general admission. A program tailgate will begin at 5 p.m. outside The Cheerful Bullpen, 1730 SW Taylor. [Tickets for Saturday's game cost \\$30 reserved and \\$20 general admission.](#)

## University addresses 'white student union' Facebook pages

A hate group from outside Oregon has created two Portland State University "white student union" pages on Facebook with racist and inflammatory comments. There is no such student group on campus, and Portland State administrators have requested Facebook to take down the pages and remove all references to the University. References have already been removed from one of the pages. In addition, President Wim Wiewel sent an [email to all students](#) explaining the situation, stating "there is no place on our campus for racism or any form of discrimination."

## Celebrate the Season

Visit with colleagues and enjoy light refreshments at this year's Celebrate the Season event from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, in the Smith Union Ballroom, third floor. At the event, the Resource Center for Students with Children will accept gifts for student-parent families—grocery store gift cards, protein-rich non-perishable food items and cold weather clothing are particularly appreciated. In addition, the PSU Community Choir will give a short performance.

## PSU Opera goes gourmet

The PSU Opera Program will present two food-themed, one-act operas in a gourmet menu Dec. 9-13 in Lincoln Hall Studio Theater, room 115. The humorous operetta "Doctor Miracle" features the Omelet Quartet and a lovestruck snake-oil salesman. In "Bon Appétit" renowned chef Julia Child—played by Christine Meadows, director of PSU Opera—teaches her recipe for classic French chocolate cake, a dish operagoers can enjoy after the show. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9-12 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13. Tickets cost \$17 for students and staff and \$24 for general admission. Tickets are available by calling 503-725-3307 or online through the [PSU Box Office](#).

## Trustees to consider revenue measure

At its meeting on Dec. 10, the [PSU Board of Trustees](#) will discuss a proposal to seek voter signatures for a possible revenue measure for Portland State. The measure is a local business payroll tax that could raise an estimated \$35 million and enable the University to offer more student scholarships and support services for students and faculty. It could go before tri-county voters in November 2016. The proposed ballot measure is one of a variety of solutions PSU leadership is working on to ease the cost of college and help students graduate with smaller debt loads. Read more about the initiative on [President Wiewel's blog site](#).

## Funding won for 'Super Awesome Degree Maps' app

The University won \$105,000 from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) to develop an innovative app that would allow students to customize their degrees, track their progress, and calculate their costs on the fly. Provost Sona Andrews presented the idea and won the University Pitch Challenge at the APLU annual meeting in Indianapolis. The new program is called Super Awesome Degree Maps. "We thought that it would be super awesome if we could design an app that was easy to use and would put them in control of their degrees," said Andrews. [READ MORE](#)

## Winter, holiday safety on campus

Stay safe in the workplace this holiday season with tips from PSU's Environmental Health and Safety Department. Make sure holiday light cords are in good condition, and unplug them before leaving for the day. Remember that incense and open flames aren't allowed in campus office spaces, and Facilities-approved space heaters should be at least 3 feet from flammable materials. [Read more safety tips online](#) and call EHS at 5-3738 with concerns. Property Management can be reached at 5-2FIX to address icy surfaces, office temperature concerns and other seasonal maintenance issues.

## All ages welcome at Golf Clinic Series

The Portland State Women's Golf Program will hold a Golf Clinic Series on campus this winter for those interested in improving their golf games. It is open to adults and children of all ages and abilities. The one-hour sessions take place Jan. 20, 27 and Feb. 20 in the Stott Center Range Room. The cost is \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. For more details and to sign up, contact head coach Kailin Downs at [kdowns@pdx.edu](mailto:kdowns@pdx.edu) or call 541-815-8507.

## Notices

[Second Thursday Social Club](#) for pages and face is Dec. 10 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in 209 Smith Union Mezzanine, Office of Academic Innovation.

The Office of Academic Innovation's [Faculty Support Desk](#) is open and offering full services over winter break in 209M, Smith Union.

The University Policy Committee has approved a draft [Sick Leave policy](#) and is seeking reviews and comments from the campus community by Dec. 23.

The Office of Academic Innovation is also accepting [Faculty Fellows for Academic Portfolio Development mini-grant proposals](#) by Jan. 8.

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## EVENTS

**December 3**  
[Holiday Student Craft Market](#)

[CLAS Brown Bag: Aesthetics and Cartography in Contemporary Mexico](#)

[Biology Seminar: Demographic Compensation and Tipping Points in Climate-Induced Range Shifts](#)

[Performance Attendance Series: Opera Scenes](#)

[Archaeology Talk: Applied Zooarchaeology – Using Old and New Bones to Address North Pacific Conservation Issues](#)

[Introduction to Small Business Bookkeeping](#)

**December 4**  
[Chemistry: Early Transition Metal C-H Alkylation Hydroaminoalkylation for the Synthesis of Amine Containing Materials and Small Molecules](#)

[Maseeh Colloquium: Rank Driven Dynamics](#)

[PSU Steinway Piano Series – Thomas Hecht Master Class](#)

**December 5**  
[Chinese Block Printing: Advancing Knowledge, Literacy and Culture](#)

[Wreath-Making Benefit Workshop at Learning Gardens Laboratory](#)

[Portland Piano International: Charlie Albright](#)

[Handel's Messiah](#)

[PSU Steinway Piano Series: Thomas Hecht Recital](#)

[Football FCS Championship: PSU vs. Northern Iowa](#)

**December 6**  
[PSU Steinway Piano Series - Susan Chan Master Class](#)

[Handel's Messiah](#)

[Portland Piano International: Charlie Albright](#)

**December 7**  
[PSU Big Band Jazz Concert](#)

**December 8**  
[Digital Marketing Breakfast](#)

[HR Performance Evaluation Training](#)

[OIT Workshop: Advanced Excel](#)

[Business Development Work Space](#)

**December 9-13**  
[PSU Opera: Dr. Miracle + Bon Appetit](#)

**December 10**  
[Faculty and Staff Second Thursday Social Club](#)

**December 11**  
[Employment Law Seminars for Managers](#)

[OIT Workshop: Intro to DataMaster](#)

[OIT Workshop: Exploring DataMaster Reports](#)

[PSU Fall Talent Extravaganza](#)

**December 12**  
[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Corban University](#)

**December 14**  
[Harvest Share: Free Fresh Fruits & Vegetables](#)

**December 15**  
[Customer Service Training](#)

[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Seattle University](#)

**December 16**  
[OIT Workshop: OIT and TAGS – Casper 9](#)

[OAI Faculty Workshop: D2L](#)

**December 17**  
[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. CSU Northridge](#)

**December 20**  
[Women's Basketball: PSU vs. Cal State Northridge](#)

**December 21**  
[OAI Faculty Workshop: Course Building](#)

**December 25**  
[Christmas Day – University Closed](#)

**December 29**  
[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. Cal State Fullerton](#)

**December 31**  
[Sugar Cube: BFA Project Window](#)

**January 1**  
[New Year's Day – University Closed](#)

**January 2**  
[Men's Basketball: PSU vs. Sacramento State](#)

**January 4**  
[Winter Term Classes Begin](#)

[PSU Faculty Senate Regular Meeting](#)

**January 5**  
[OAI Faculty Workshop: D2L II](#)

## PEOPLE

[Pat Boas, Scott Burns, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Tom Gillpatrick, James Grehan, Maura Kelly, Lindsey Wilkinson, Will Parnell, Gerry Mildner](#)

## PRESENTED

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## GRANTS

[Eric Mankowski](#)

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