

Campbell: First time living on the West Coast

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 “I thought back to the places I enjoyed the most,” he said. “I love being on a college campus. I enjoy the environment being on a campus. I wanted to work in higher education. Then, it was a matter of what area do you want to work in? I always liked athletics and thought it would be a good place to work.”
 Campbell earned his master’s degree in student affairs administration.
 Upon graduating, he received a job offer — just not the one he was looking for.

“My first job as a full-time professional was as a residence director at Virginia Tech,” Campbell said. “I kept sending out resumes and applying for athletic jobs.”
 Campbell would get his shot working with an athletics department at the University of Minnesota in 2000.
 “It was my first job (in college athletics), so I was real excited,” Campbell said. “To start out with a program that had around 750 student-athletes, it was a great opportunity.”
 At the time, Minnesota

had two separate athletic departments for men’s and women’s sports.
 Campbell, who worked in the Academic Counseling and Student Services section, was one of two units that worked with both departments.
 “I didn’t realize how unique that was at the time,” he said. “But it was a great place to learn, a great place to see how they do things at that level. It prepared me for when the time came for me to look at other opportunities.”
 Since then, he has served

as athletic director at numerous locations, most recently at Tuskegee University in Alabama.
 Now, he’s ready for a new challenge in Monmouth.
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 Campbell’s goals are simple.
 “I feel that we have two primary responsibilities in athletics,” he said. “We want to graduate students and win championships. Everything we do here should be working toward one of those goals.”
 Achieving those goals requires a unified front,

Campbell said.
 For now, he’s learning the department’s strengths and weaknesses and plans to meet with every coach and staff member within the department on an individual basis.
 “You never want to come in and make a lot of changes right off the bat,” Campbell said. “Through these sit-downs, I will find out about their area and what’s going on. If I hear a consistent thing from each of the coaches that something doesn’t work, for example, you can see that something

is broken and, through these meetings, I can figure out what should be priority one.”
 Once he does that, the focus will shift toward creating and executing plans to address those priorities.
 “I’m excited to be here and I look forward to meeting the alums, the fans in the community, and anyone who is willing to help our program,” he said. “I plan to go out and get in front of as many people as I can to tell the story of WOU athletics and get support for our programs.”

DALLAS ATHLETICS

Larson supports field turf project

Dallas athletic director excited about potential new turf field

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Efforts are underway by the Dallas Booster Club to raise money to install a turf field at Dallas High School.
 The club, and turf advisor Bill McNutt, have touted advantages — mainly being able to hold significantly more events on the field throughout the year — to try and raise an estimated \$850,000 in money and in-kind labor for the project.
 The Dallas School Board voted to install a new track when the turf field is installed.

Dallas athletic director Tim Larson said he is excited about that prospect of holding a higher number of events throughout the year, but he also sees another potential benefit.
 “The grass field looks great due to the efforts of the district maintenance team and has come a long way as compare to years past,” Larson said. “But as soon as the rains come, the field gets real soft and muddy. When that happens, it turns amazing athletes into average players. Look at what happened when we played against Corvallis on our field (a 2-0 win in rainy

and muddy conditions) compared to our playoff game we hosted at Central on the turf field (a 50-14 victory). It was a night-and-day difference in performance.”
 District Facilities Director Kevin Montague declined to comment on the project directly.
 “I will say my job is to ensure whatever projects we do in the district are done correctly and comply with all the necessary codes and regulations to ensure the best value for district stakeholders,” Montague said. “This is a standard which applies to all the current

projects we have going on, as well as any upcoming projects, whether done in-house, contracted out or by volunteers, and is the perspective I apply to every project.”
 There would be a cost associated with upkeep of the turf field.
 A turf field would come with an estimated cost of \$5,200 each time maintenance is provided.
 The school and district would not have to perform any maintenance, McNutt said.
 It would not require down months to allow for grass regeneration.



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Dallas’ football team hosted a playoff game at Central High School in 2016.

PREP ATHLETICS

Committee reveals new classification draft

Itemizer-Observer staff report
 WILSONVILLE — The OSAA released its latest draft for a new classification system on June 20.
 The current draft, No. 18, features a six-classification system.
 Dallas and Central

would remain in 5A in the Mid-Willamette Conference along with current league members Corvallis, Crescent Valley, Lebanon, Silverton and South Albany.
 North Salem would join the league.

Falls City and Perrydale would remain in 1A in the Casco League and be joined by C.S. Lewis, Crosshill Christian, Jewell, Kings Valley, Livingstone Adventist, Oregon School for the Deaf, St. Paul, Veritas and Willamette Valley

Christian.
 There would be 23 teams in Class 5A and the OSAA stated it would be looking to increase the number of teams but will wait until new ADM figures are received to determine how best to accom-

plish that goal.
 The OSAA will hold two future classification and districting committee meetings in Wilsonville on Aug. 28 and Sept. 25.
 The committee will make a final recommendation to the executive board

on Oct. 16.
 The committee previously considered a five classification system, but has since tabled the idea.
 Once the reclassification is approved, the new system would take place starting in the 2018-19 school year.

Mini-Marathon results

Mini-Marathon Results
Tuesday, July 4
2.6-mile race
Runners
 Overall (top 10)
 1, Zane West, 14:04; 2, Gavin

Grass, 14:55; 3, Myk Rose, 15:05; 4, Toby Primbs, 15:10; 5, Dam Meireis, 15:17; 6, David Delmore, 15:22; 7, Hunter Bensman, 15:39; 8, Jaydon Aydelotte, 15:51; 9, James Julian, 15:51; 10,

Josh Peterson, 15:53.
Walkers
 Overall (top 10)
 1, Christian Carrillo, 17:53; 2, Erica Burger, 22:17; 3, Reilly Glatzer, 22:24; 4, Jack Chapman,

32:32; 5, Travis Chapman, 32:36; 6, Fenny Roberts, 33:00; 7, Beth Giddens, 33:13; 8, Anita McClanahan, 34:31; 9, Felipe Richards, 35:13; 10, Iva Grenya, 35:53.

Awards were handed out to age groups in male and female divisions. A breakdown of age category winners were not available as of

press time.
 Full results available online at www.runsignup.com/Race/OR/Monmouth/4thofJulyMiniMarathon.



The Monmouth-Independence Mini-Marathon attracted hundreds of runners and walkers on July 4.

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