

U.S. Senate rejects Sanders' proposal to lower drug prices



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Bernie Sanders' amendment to lower the prices of prescription drugs was rejected on Jan. 25, in a 52-46 Senate vote against the proposal. Currently, Americans pay the highest prices for prescription drugs in the world.

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Trump's EPA transition team

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Donald Trump's landing team for the Environmental Protection Agency assembled in Washington, D.C. on Monday, Jan. 23 to begin the process of adjusting the agency from the previous administration's leadership to the incoming one.

The team's 10 members replace the initial transition team chosen by Trump just after the November election. Amongst the members are former lobbyists for the mining industry, former researchers from think-tanks funded by noted climate-change-denying billionaires Charles and David Koch and others who have publicly opposed government efforts to fight climate change.

It's still unclear exactly how the EPA will change under the new administration. In an interview with NPR, the team's communications director Doug Ericksen said that during the transition period, scientists' research would be vetted internally before being shared publicly. Ericksen, a Washington state senator, did not say whether the vetting requirement would remain in effect once the transition period ended.

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Thorsett's diversity task force researches chief diversity officers

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The Diversity Task Force was assembled by President Thorsett a year ago to explore the prospect of hiring a Diversity Officer on campus.

The Task Force is made up of students and faculty, who are giving feedback and writing a report for the president with recommendations about how to hire a Diversity Officer.

"We gathered a group of people on campus that we thought would be important to have on the Task Force, like Gordy of [Office of Multicultural Affairs] and Karen Wood ... faculty from all three colleges ... a wide range of folks," Task Force Co-Chair Jade Aguilar said. Her subtask in the Task Force was doing a literature review, in which she reviewed articles written by other schools in the past on Chief Diversity Officers (CDOs).

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Choosing to care about people

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I think I decided to be glib and callous and refuse to admit I care about people, or politics (which after all is built of people) because I wanted to be fragile. I think I wanted to be the thin, wispy, "perfect" white woman I would sometimes prefer to be.

I think I was afraid to be anything else. I thought if White men thought I was on their side, or at least not specifically opposed to the racist and sexist aims present in Trump's cabinet, I would be safe from them.

Because, see, there was a time when I did care, out loud. I was a member of Students Against War once, an organization that made the CIA's terrorist watch list. I marched on May 1, spoke at Take Back the Night rallies, planned a teach-in, participated in a tree-sit.

I'm the person who danced topless around a fire with other women one night in the Tahoe mountains, who sang folk songs in a jail cell. I fought back, until I didn't.

Maybe that's because the first anti-war rally I ever went to was one my father brought me to, and I cringe from anything that reminds me of my father. Maybe it's because Judaism taught me to try to fix the world, but also to support what I believe to be a colonialist Israel and to call people who can't accept my memories or my

queerness "family." I wanted out.

Maybe it's because one of the men I'd organized with for two years raped me, and every single person in the world I thought I could trust decided I was a liar; maybe it's because they exiled me from that community for bringing police in, but did not exile my rapist. Maybe it's because someone a mutual friend and activist buddy raped was one of my best friends, and within a year she dropped out of college, became a "partier," then overdosed and died on the floor of our house.

It was my fault. I'm the only one she told about the rape, and I said all the right things but I did not get her help. I invited her to live with me at a co-op filled with addicts; I knew something was wrong the night she died, but I didn't say anything because I didn't want anyone to think I was crazy. In the morning, she was dead, and her rapist killed her but so did I.

What those men did to us — those white men, from "good" i.e. rich families, who both had bachelor's degrees — was punishment. We were two of a pathetically tiny group of women in these groups, two of the most outspoken and we were not sleeping with male-bodied members of the groups. It wasn't random, it was silencing, and it worked: I haven't protested, or marched, or voted since.

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New looks for Montag and Goudy

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Over the winter break, there were a few key changes in both Goudy and Montag. According to Marc Marelic, the temporary head contact for Bon Appetit, Goudy is still searching for a general manager to replace Chris Linn. There has been very little turnover within the staff. They have been moving things around in order to have a little fun with the food, including adding healthier items and global flavors to the menu.

To keep the menu fresh, they plan on focusing on quality and preparation for each new menu written weekly. Ideas for the menu come from student surveys, and also come from the chefs teaching the staff new techniques. Now that

the first semester is over, the staff is more comfortable taking initiative and making more changes. In the near future, students should expect to see chefs visiting tables to get their feedback on the menu. Marelic encourages students to come in with recipes that they would like to see on the menu, seeing as Goudy is the only facility on campus that can be flexible to the desires of the students.

Bryan Schmidt recalled how Montag initially started. About a year and a half ago, David Douglas, the former Dean of Campus Life, was looking to expand the space of the Outdoor Program in Montag (Administrative Services was in charge of Montag at the time).

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Trump plans to "leave a little bit" of the EPA

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"We'll take a look at what's happening so that the voice coming from the EPA is one that's going to reflect the new administration," Ericksen said.

The new vetting policy follows the release of a questionnaire by Trump's Energy Department transition team last month, which asked for a list of names of agency officials involved in efforts to cut national and international carbon output. The policy also arrives just days after a general order for members of several government agencies to limit their public communications and not post on social media or speak to reporters.

Ericksen went on to say that during the Trump presidency, the EPA will emphasize its "core mission, which is to protect the environment and protect human health."

Meanwhile, Myron Ebell, the head of the former transition team which the new group replaces, said in an interview with the Associated Press that Trump would likely significantly reduce the EPA's workforce from its current 15,000 employees.

"President Trump said during the campaign that he would like to abolish the EPA, or 'leave a little bit,'" said Ebell.

"I think the administration is likely to start proposing cuts to the 15,000 staff, because the fact is that a huge amount of the work of the EPA is actually done by state agencies. It's not clear why so many employees are needed at the federal level."

Since leaving the transition team, Ebell, who is not a scientist, has returned to his position as the Director of the Center for Energy and Environment at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, a libertarian think tank which opposes "global-warming alarmism."

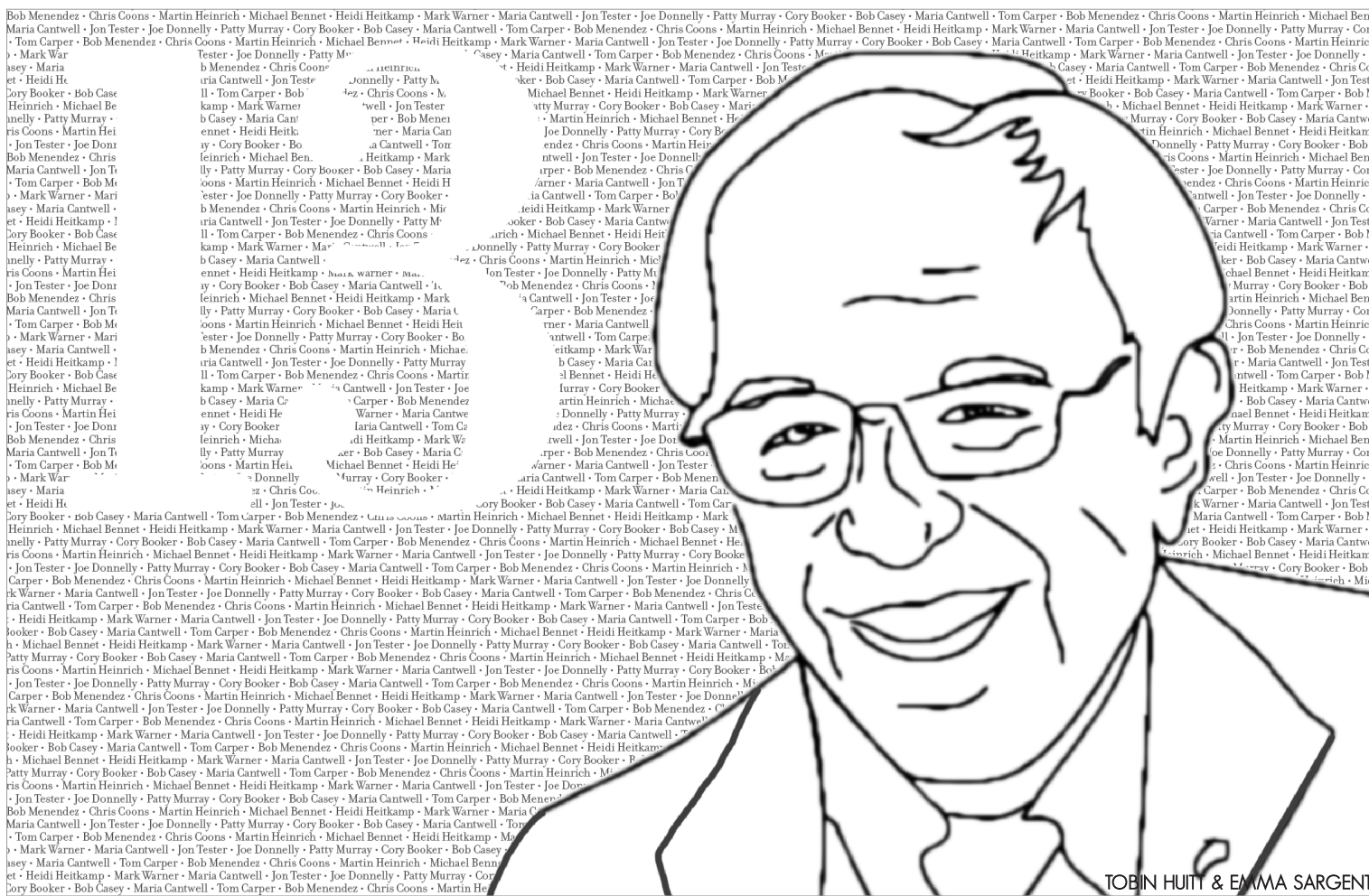
"The fact is that in modern society we have the technology to deal with environmental challenges, and that's why people live in Phoenix," said Ebell. "Because warm is good, as long as we have air conditioning."

In addition to Doug Ericksen, the new landing team includes Charles Munoz, a top Trump campaign organizer from Nevada who helped establish that state's chapter of the Koch-funded political advocacy group Americans for Prosperity, lawyer and environmental scientist David Schnare, who provided legal counsel for the partially Koch-funded Energy & Environment Legal Institute and George Sugiyama, a former lobbyist for the National Mining Association.

Other members include David Kreutzer, a senior research fellow at the Koch Industries-funded Heritage Foundation, Holly Greaves, a senior audit manager at the firm KPMG, Justin Schwab, formerly of law firm Baker Hostetler, Washington State Senator Don Benton, Patrick Davis, a Republican political consultant and Layne Bangerter, an Idaho rancher.

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Thirteen democrats don't healthcare



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On Jan. 11 and 12 Republicans, including Senators Ted Cruz and Rand Paul, voted for a health care amendment put forward by Senator Bernie Sanders. The amendment failed, in part due to 13 Democrats who voted against it.

The amendment would have allowed prescription drugs to be imported from Canada, where they are cheaper due to the collective bargaining system they have in place. A common pain drug, Celebrex, costs \$330 in the United States but only \$51 in Canada. Senator Sanders has made healthcare a pillar of his rhetoric, especially praising large-scale governmental medical systems like Canada's.

"If we can import vegetables and fish and poultry and beef from all corners of the Earth, please don't tell me that we cannot bring in, from Canada and other major countries, name brand prescription drugs of some of the largest corporations in the world. That's a laughable statement," Senator Sanders said.

What makes a Libertarian and Democratic Socialist agree? Human

welfare. Senator Sanders's amendment makes sense from a Democratic Socialist perspective as it furthers his point that a socialized medical system is superior for citizens. Voting for that amendment also makes sense from a Libertarian standpoint, as opening up the market from regulations supports Libertarian ideology. Making life-saving medicine cheaper for citizens is a goal seemingly nearly everyone can get behind. All, except those who would be making less money.

"Too many Democrats spend too much time raising money from the wealthy rather than standing up and listening to the needs of working families. And I want to see that changed," Senator Sanders said.

A graphic has been going around that says that the Democrats who voted against the amendment have had millions in total donated to them from "Big Pharma." This graphic has been put out by the activist group The Other 98. While this graphic is factually incorrect, it does present people's assumed reason of why the Democrats voted against the party line.

Senator Cory Booker from New Jersey, one of the 13 who voted against, has received \$388,678 from the phar-

maceutical industry. However, he's also received millions of dollars from real estate, securities and investment and law firms.

"Any plan to allow the importation of prescription medications should also include consumer protections that ensure foreign drugs meet American safety standards. I opposed an amendment put forward last night that didn't meet this test," Senator Booker said.

Many of the Democrats that voted against the amendment made the same argument: that these drugs aren't tested by American drug agencies and thus aren't verifiably safe for American citizens.

"Allowing unknown drugs to be imported by uncertified and unverified Internet pharmacies undermines that trust and puts the well-being of patients at serious risk," said Senator Menendez, also of New Jersey.

However, the amendment would only be allowing drugs to be imported from Canada, not any "unverified Internet pharmacies." Canadian testing is comparable to and just as scrutinizing as the United States testing and most of their drugs are produced in the same places as American drugs.

"There is nothing whatsoever 'un-safe' about drugs approved by Health Canada or most Western European countries, or Japan, or Australia," Jerry Avon, chief of the Division of Pharmacoeconomics and Pharmacoeconomics at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, told Vox.

Although Senator Booker receives only a small amount from the pharmaceutical industry when compared to other industries, his nearly \$400,000 profit ranks very high among donations from the pharmaceutical industry.

It should be noted that Senator Booker wasn't the only Democrat who voted against the amendment. However, he has become the face of this issue and neoliberal politics in general.

While it's impossible to know the true motivations of any of the Senators that voted against the amendment, it seems they voted against the interest of many of those they represent. Or rather, they voted against the interests of the regular citizens they are supposed to represent.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Jan. 27, 10:36 a.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): While on patrol, an officer discovered graffiti on the exterior walls of Haseldorf. A report was filed and a work order submitted.

Jan. 28, 1:41 p.m. (Softball Field): Campus Safety received a call regarding a fence gate that had been tampered with. Upon arrival the officer noted that the U-lock that kept the gates locked were still intact but the gates had been taken off of their hinges. Maintenance was contacted and the gates were repaired and secured.

Jan. 29, 11:02 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): While on patrol, an officer noticed a ceiling tile had been damaged. Facilities was notified.

Jan. 29, 12:39 p.m. (Softball Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a call regarding a vehicle that had been broken into and stereo components that had been stolen. A report was made, and the individual was encouraged to make a report with Salem Police.

Jan. 29, 1:05 p.m. (Softball Parking Lot): While on patrol, an officer noticed the chain securing

the gate to the softball lot had been cut. A new U-lock was installed to secure the gate.

POLICY VIOLATION

Jan. 27, 4:00 p.m. (Art Building): While on patrol, an officer saw that there were people on the roof of the building. The officer contacted the students and informed them that it was a violation of policy to be on the roof. A report was filed.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Jan. 27, 8:48 p.m. (Art Building): While on patrol, Campus

Safety officers noticed a group of students who appeared to be drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. Officers contacted the group and informed them of the University's policy regarding drinking and smoking on campus. The officers confiscated the paraphernalia and filed a report.

*PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS SAFETY IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS.

University budget changes threaten adjuncts

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The College of Liberal Arts (CLA) will have to cut five percent of its budget according to CLA Dean Ruth Feingold.

These changes are due to a smaller incoming class than expected, leaving the University with significantly less money than it budgeted for. The budget is not finalized, but expected cuts will bring changes both inside and outside the classroom. Incoming class sizes are expected to continue to decrease in the next few years, according to Feingold.

CLA tuition is expected to increase by two percent. That is less than last year's tuition increase of 3.5 percent.

University Services is also taking a five percent budget cut and is finding ways to reduce the budget without having to get rid of personnel. Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Monica Rimai will partially furlough herself to 0.6

next year to keep from laying anyone off.

"We are open to any ideas, turning to layoffs as a last resort," Rimai said.

The largest portion of the CLA budget is faculty. This includes salaries, benefits and health care. Because of this, the CLA is planning to primarily cut from the budget for professors.

This does not mean that anyone is technically being cut. "The first place we are looking for savings is by not filling vacant positions," Feingold said.

Adjunct faculty members are not technically hired for more than a semester or a year. They can have their contracts renewed, but that is at the discretion of the university.

"Visiting professors are living year by year. Sometimes visiting professors can stay as long as three years, but that's the longest we can keep them," Feingold said.

Scott Vandehey, a visiting professor of anthropology who has worked for the university for six years, is

leaving the university a semester early because of the budget cuts.

"Adjuncts are scared because there is zero job security. If you complain then you won't have a job next semester," Vandehey said.

Adjunct professors are a group often left without a voice in university policy, simply because they are not tenured.

"We are a group that's easy to ignore. If they started cutting tenured professors that would make a lot of people angry," Vandehey said. "We can't serve on any committees that might lead to change."

Associate Professor of Economics Laura Taylor serves as faculty chair of the CLA Budget Advisory Council, a group of tenured and tenure track faculty that help facilitate conversations about the budget with the CLA Dean.

"Adjuncts are not asked to serve on committees because they are not paid to. It's not necessary or appropriate for contingent faculty to be on councils. It depends on what the committee is discussing. We do have

a committee that focuses on the issues of contingent faculty," Taylor said.

Still, adjunct professors face intense financial pressure even without budget cuts. Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics John Steinmetz said that last year he was "teaching at University of Oregon, Lane Community College and Willamette, writing [his] dissertation and taking care of [his] 1-year-old daughter." He said, "there is not time to deal with administration."

"The adjuncts who have taught here on one-year recurring contracts for years ... have gotten used to the institution, relied on their wages and have essentially closed the door on any opportunity to receive a tenure-track appointment."

Adjunct faculty members find themselves in a time of change. Steinmetz said, "The real problem is I don't have any work lined up after May 2017, so the pressure of paying rent and providing for my family is on right now."

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Task force expects to finish in March

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The Task Force also held six open forums, referred to as "town hall meetings" among the members. Two were for students, two were for staff and two were for faculty at different colleges, one being for the CLA faculty and the other for a combination of the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and the Law School on campus.

Many people attended these forums and the Task Force reported receiving good feedback. The Task Force also received anonymous feedback on their website forum. CDOs were invited from other schools, including Lewis and Clark College, Reed, Whitman and Puget Sound. These CDOs informed the Task Force about how their position works on their campus and shed light about what works well and what doesn't work well.

According to Aguilar, in the last few meetings the Task Force has been reading through all of the feedback they have received across campus and are trying to answer some key questions, such as: What does being a CDO look like? Is it a good idea? Where does the Task Force agree and not agree so far?

The Task Force currently has a draft report that they are looking over and discussing that will eventually be given to President Thorsett.

"There are other things where the Task Force does not agree at all," Aguilar said. There are still disagreements that will be discussed in the coming few weeks before the report is turned in. This report will be made public for students, staff and faculty to view. March 1 is the goal date for the Task Force to turn in this report.

The feedback from campus during this process has "overall, been a positive response," said Aguilar.

The majority of concerns from faculty and staff regard the financial piece. Willamette is currently in a state of "financially challenging times," Aguilar said. Budget-wise, the Task Force questions if this is the way that money should be spent. The campus response has been mostly in praise of the equity and inclusion work that a CDO would do, but the Task Force must also consider the effect on Willamette's limited budget.

"Not only is it important because it is the right thing to do, but it is important because it can make us more competitive," Aguilar said. Students may want to come to Willamette and stay here knowing that the campus makes equity and inclusion a priority, which will lead to financial gains.

The Task Force's recommendation will include many different suggestions for hiring a CDO, such as who should be hired, with what job title and how they should be hired based on a specified process. After receiving the Task Force's recommendation, President Thorsett will be in a position to personally hire someone, although it is entirely of his right to decide not to.

"We believe that [Thorsett] is going to take our recommendation," Aguilar said. Thorsett was the one who put together the Task Force in the first place.

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Trump withdraws U.S from TPP

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Free trade remains one of the more esoteric issues President Donald Trump brought to the forefront as a candidate.

Trade relationships became a major discussion point during the 2016 presidential race because Trump promised a total pivot from the course set forth under the Obama administration.

Under Obama, our foreign policy shifted from the hyperfocus on military intervention in the Middle East to trade relationships with China. That shift came in response to the rise of China as a global economic player set to potentially take the top spot as

the world's largest economy after years of U.S. hegemony.

The major act of this shift is the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a trade deal between 12 nations (including the United States) which was agreed to in 2016. This deal builds on a partnership known as the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement that began in 2005 between the U.S., Brunei, Chile, Singapore and New Zealand.

Signed on Feb. 4, 2016 in Auckland, NZ, the deal involves 40 percent of the world's economic output according to the BBC. The agreement came out of years of talks dating back to 2005 that picked up steam under the pro-free trade Obama administration, when they

cited a need to remain competitive and to build relationships in the midst of the rise of China.

Much of the deal focuses on tariffs, barriers to trade that work to make imports more expensive by adding on steep taxes, which then raise the prices of goods brought in from other countries. High-priced imports theoretically make domestic products more competitive. By extension, the deal's proponents claim, American manufacturing jobs can be secured if not even returned from the countries to which they are outsourced as a result.

In light of a Trump presidency, the fate of the TPP is certain. President Trump has adamantly declared that the deal is at odds with

his economic plans for a protectionist, "America First" approach to dealings with other nations. He wants to implement new tariffs rather than relax existing ones. This plan coincides with other policy proposals such as building a wall along the border between Mexico and the United States. Trump proposes implementing a 20 percent tax on imports from Mexico in order to fund the wall project.

Trump has focused on domestic production as a source of job security for working class people in the United States, intersecting with other issues such as immigration and the fear of increased job competition and rapid cultural change as a result of an influx of people.

Since the deal's inception, it has come under fire from a number of critics. However, there has also been praise from those who believe the policies can help maintain competition and a level-playing field in an increasingly global economy. Critics from multiple angles have objected because companies typically pass on the increased costs to consumers who purchase their products.

While Barack Obama firmly committed to the pursuit of commercial partnership between nations, Donald Trump has repeatedly stated that he wants to put "America First" in global relations and has described the pact as a "horrible deal."

The TPP has been a politically contentious maneuver stirring the ire of both the right and the left. The partnership has come under fire from both President Trump and left-wing economic activists. Senator Bernie Sanders also criticized the agreement throughout his 2016 primary challenge to Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton.

Liberals claimed the act would result in increased worker exploitation and relaxed environmental regulations in an age of accelerating global warming (as agreed upon by many scientists).

The hashtag #StopTPP began trending as Senator Sanders promoted opposition during his campaign.

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Changes in Goudy and Montag



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When Douglas approached them, they told him that they were actually looking to get out of managing Montag. They implied that it should be more of a Student Center. Douglas then met with students, had open forums and looked at ten years worth of recreational data to figure out what to do with the space. There wasn't a home for all of the recreational programs to live in at the time. Campus Recreation and the Bishop Wellness

Center have always have had a strong connection, which is why they now share the same building.

"Exercise is great, but there is a point where exercise can be an unhealthy thing, like over-exercising," Schmidt said. When students reach the point where their physical health improves but not their emotional or mental health, they can go to the Bishop Wellness Center as a part of Montag's effort to focus on students' health.

If students want access to cardio equipment when the Sparks Cen-

ter is closed, Montag has moved their equipment over the winter break next to the Loft Conference Room, so that it is available to students at any time.

Also, the ping pong table got fixed and the pool table got re-felted, with the addition of new sticks and tips. Schmidt was also able to get the air hockey table free to students. The Outdoor Program Desk moved out to the common area, which will provide easier access and better services. Students can now check out camping gear from

8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The new Wii is now also free to check out.

TVs were also installed because there "wasn't really a place on campus to host things like a Super Bowl Party," Schmidt said. Students can check out the remotes to watch whatever they would like. Speakers were also installed to fill the large space with music.

Montag is currently working with Bon Appetit to upgrade the store to have meals for students, who have given feedback stating that they want the Montag store

to be open more often with more food options besides snacks like ice cream. New artwork was put up and a new bike rack was installed outside of Montag in the covered area.

Goudy is still in need of a general manager and is looking for more student input on the menu. Montag has made obvious physical changes over winter break and remains dedicated to the health and recreation of students.

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New year, new books

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A New Year means a new you. It can also mean new explorations of interests or rediscovering old interests. Either way, the passing of an arbitrarily decided date shouldn't stop you from diving into something that will make you happier and let you look into other people's experiences and worldviews.

Reading is a great way to spend some down time, to plug into the world around you (however abstract the content of the book seems from the world) and still get enjoyment from precious relaxation, especially as the school year ramps up. These books have been longtime favorites, and these literature picks have shaped my own studies here at Willamette. My political views have been shaped by these books, and these authors have helped me grow into my own political views and role in activism. Selecting books based off their diversity and wide themes, I hope to excite whatever is within the scope of your literary interest.

Literature

These books (because they are not super well known) I would argue are hidden gems. They range from a wide scale of fiction, usually do not stick to one genre and usually have an interesting spin. They are not challenging though, and I think they can remain with you long after you finish the last page.

1 "The Weight of Things," by Marianne Fritz

This small, "shattering" masterpiece, (published by a favorite press of mine, Dorothy which is a "publishing project dedicated to works of fiction or near fiction or about fiction, mostly by women") is postmodern in the style of Vonnegut.

It achieves just as much hilarity, with imaginative and grotesque characters who grapple with World War II and its aftershocks. The book's exploration of mental health shapes the novel's various timelines, with each different one traversing its character's psyche.

2 "The Rings of Saturn," by W.G. Sebald

This odd book heralded Sebald to international success. The book is a blending of genres, starting off with the narrator, Sebald himself, walking along the coastline of England, which leads him to daydreaming and going on random tangents, mostly about history. If it sounds boring, that is because it is hard to capture Sebald's ability to make history seem as entertaining as your favorite TV show.

He also ties the anecdotes together really well, giving an otherwise plotless novel an amazing sense of form and accomplishment.

3 "The Story of My Teeth," by Valeria Luiselli

This fascinating book riffs on pop culture icons through a series of auction events that involve the selling of items such as Marilyn Monroe's teeth. This genre-bending tale introduces us to a macabre cast of characters and creates an interesting metafictional world through the author's interesting technique: Luiselli would send in drafts of chapters to women workers at a juice factory, listen to their feedback and incorporate that into the book. This

makes the book a collaborated effort between a skilled novelist and often unheard voices.

Politics

Both of these books offer resistance in different ways. Solnit's book gives real examples to incite activists who have struggled and sometimes won and sometimes failed. Chomsky's and Herman's book offers a study of an omnipresent force of the world. Without sounding conspiratorial, the book shows how to better understand the media.

4 "Hope in the Dark," by Rebecca Solnit

The same author of the very popular book, "Men Explain Things To Me", Solnit deftly keeps her chin up, providing historical as well as current analysis of events with a thesis of hope: struggles can be won. Despite the increasing worries in today's world, this book can be a provider of "Hope in the Dark." The essays traverse radical political struggles, from the efforts against the Berlin Wall to the historic World Trade Organization strikes. It is

both hopeful and lays real praxis down.

5 "Manufacturing Consent: The Political Economy of the Mass Media," Edward Herman and Noam Chomsky

Maybe no one needs to tell you to read this, but this book, coauthored by two distinguished professors, ruthlessly displays the issues with the media. Using case studies of biased reporting about the Third World, the two professors propose a model that allows the media to be shown as a propaganda machine that only serves the oligarchy of the country they function in.

It calls people to use their interpretative skills and take nothing at face value.

These books entertain and inform. I recommend them deeply. It is always a good time to read, and hopefully these books provide something valuable to anyone. I picked these books based off their intrinsic qualities, and each one is unique. Even if it is only a couple pages a day, a book can be a great friend.

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Willamette professors in the running for the 2017 Oregon Book Awards

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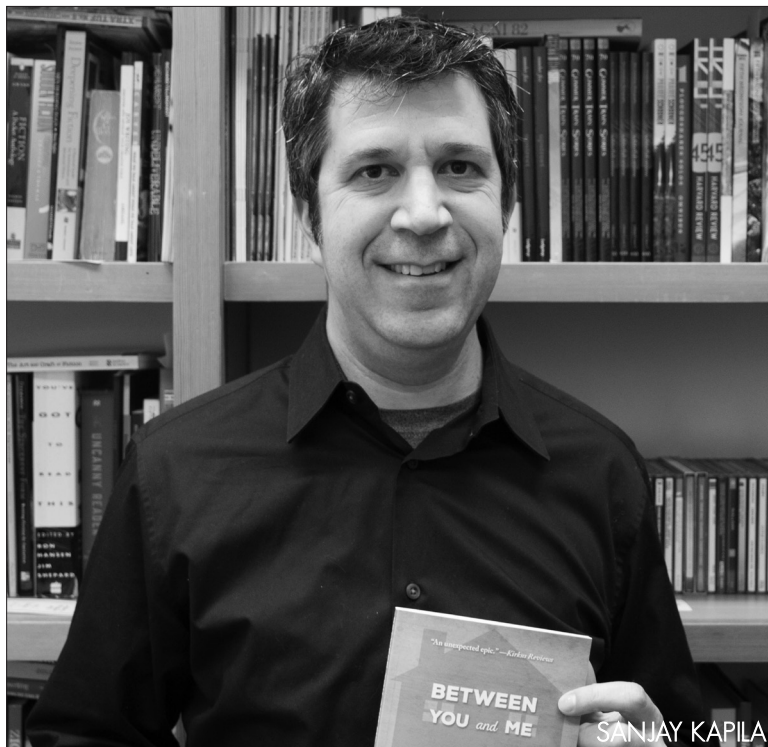
Three Willamette faculty members are currently finalists in the 2017 Oregon Book Awards. The Oregon Book Awards is a subset of Oregon's Literary Art Inc. that recognizes Oregon authors for their work in poetry, fiction, drama, literary nonfiction and literature for young readers. In the running for the 2017 awards are Scott Nadelson, Andrea Stolowitz and Danielle Cadena Deulen.

Scott Nadelson is an associate professor and English department chair, and has already been recognized for two of his books, a memoir, "The Next Scott Nadelson: A Life in Progress", and more recently, "Between You and Me".

"The Next Scott Nadelson" focuses on self-discovery amongst the pain and struggle of life. "Between You and Me" is a portrait of domestic life in the suburbs, and all the trials and trivialities that go along with it.

It's told in an episodic form that narrows in on scenes of everyday life and shows them unfolding in a realistic way. Nadelson's work, as a whole, is true-to-life and startlingly humanistic.

Andrea Stolowitz, a faculty member for both Willamette and the University of Portland, is recognized across the country as an incredible playwright. She has previously won



Associate Professor Scott Nadelson, left, and Assistant Professor Danielle Cadena Deulen, right, are two of three faculty finalists for Oregon Book Awards.

two other Oregon Book Awards in 2015 and 2013 for her works, "Ithika" and "Antarktikos," two stories of grand proportions featuring monsters, interwoven destinies and strong female leading characters.

Stolowitz's work, however, extends beyond just wild fantasies. Her plays have been commended for their emotional impact and emphasis on human feeling and struggles.

Danielle Cadena Deulen is an assistant professor of English whose book of poetry, "Our Emotions Get Carried Away Beyond Us," was a finalist in the Stafford/Hall Award for Poetry. Her collection interweaves views of past and present and offers a narrative of human life that is distinctly philosophical and intelligent. She is also the author of two other works: "Lovely Asunder: Po-

ems" and "The Riots," a collection of essays that explores the dangers of violence that can arise in personal relationships, as well as a discussion of the roles of race, class and gender within our lives.

The Oregon Book Awards also offer a range of special awards including The Stewart H. Holbrook Literary Legacy Award, and The Walt Morey Young Readers Literary Legacy

Award that are contributed by other Oregon organizations and businesses that value the promotion of literature and Oregonian authors within the state. Winners of this year's Oregon Book Awards will be announced on April 24, and an award ceremony will be hosted at the Gerding Theater at the Armory in Portland.

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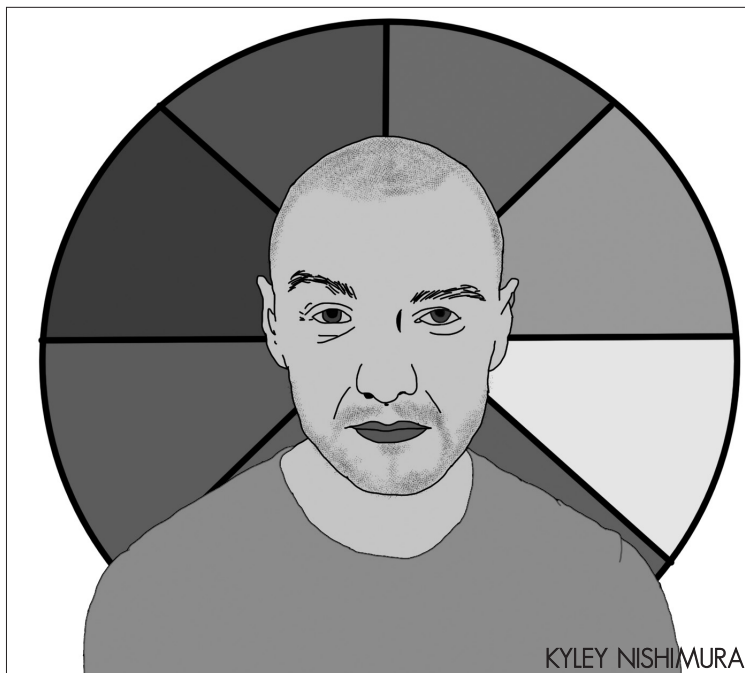
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The recent psychological thriller "Split," directed by M. Night Shyamalan, had all the hype, but fell flat in theatres. The plot follows Kevin, a man with Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), who has 23 personalities living inside of him. Working with psychiatrist Dr. Fletcher, a strong advocate for the validity of the personality disorder, Kevin's other personalities continuously ask her for help as he starts to get consumed by his darker personalities.

"The Horde" which consists of three of Kevin's more aggressive and dangerous personalities take over "the light," or his consciousness. The dangerous personalities work together to prepare for the 24th personality, "The Beast." The only way to prepare for this, however, is to consume the flesh of the "impure" or those who have never been touched by abuse, or have had any hardships in their lives. So naturally this means that Kevin has to kidnap three teenage girls and keep them as hostages underneath the Zoo where he works.

These teenage girls are, frankly, bland and stereotypical shells of any teenage trope. Two of them are best friends, who looked like they walked out of a Nordstrom ad, and the very obvious main character, Casey, is categorized as the stereotypical "weird kid," so obviously the only way to show she is different is to give her clothes that are slightly strange.

Through attempts to escape, different plots and tactics, unfortunately the outcome is only positive for Casey, who was only saved from the Beast because of the abuse she suffered in the past from her uncle. Dr. Fletcher, and the two other girls are killed by the Beast. And in a



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normal horror movie manner, Kevin disappears, meaning the Beast is still on the loose.

More disturbing than the blood and gore was the terrible representation of psychological disorders. One of Kevin's personalities has Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), and Shyamalan decided to represent this by having him react negatively to dirt. Initially that doesn't sound strange, however, the character only seems to notice the dirt when it is on the teenage girls' clothing, so as the movie progresses he coaxes them out of almost every layer, leaving some of them in just their underwear.

Diving into the main disorder, DID, the film fails to do it justice. Currently, DID is still looked at very critically by most of the psychological research. The only accurate thing the film does present, is the skepticism that Dr. Fletcher experiences. It is very unlikely that 24 person-

alities could live within someone, especially when one of them is not even human.

The film presents the idea that if someone develops a personality that isn't human, then they will acquire the abilities of whatever species that personality has. This is also extremely unlikely, and does nothing more than continue to cast extreme skepticism onto DID.

I would not recommend this movie past the horror tropes and conventions. If you want to see a film that has an actual plot with plausible logic, then this movie is not for you. If you are someone who can see past the psychological fallacies, then perhaps you could enjoy this film. Overall, I would say that "Split" is a big step backward for the mental health community, and does nothing more than promote pop-psychology.

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How to be a Christian in college (and still have fun)

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Don't worry, I already know that look you're giving me, I've seen it time and time again. It's the, "Oh, you're a Christian?" look, which also usually comes with of an undertone of, "I'm sorry for your loss," or, "Oh cool, where's the mothership?"

I don't really mind the look at all, actually — earlier in my life I gave quite a few people that exact same look myself. The only question still that irritates me when I see it come up on someone's face when I mention I'm a Christian is, "So when did you give up and decide to never have fun again?" It always comes up — I've even been asked variations of that question out loud by some of my close friends.

And to be entirely honest, I've never understood it. Christians are ordinary people, just with a different worldview than yours; there's nothing in the Christian belief system that outlaws "fun." In actuality, some of the most fun I've had in college has come because of my beliefs.

But I digress. I bring this up because the best piece of advice I got in college was related to my faith, and has brought me a tremendous amount of joy. I was told that I should join an on-campus Christian group to help me keep connected to my faith and make friends that would share some of my values and worldviews.

When my mom first gave me this piece of advice, I had a great reaction to it, something along the lines of, "Uh, yeah... sure." However, as is common with her advice, I would come to realize that she, in her superior age and wisdom, was correct. I say this

with the utmost confidence and sincerity; the best decision I made in my college life was to join Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Contrary to popular belief, Inter Varsity is an intercollegiate club that is focused on providing a safe and meaningful community to grow in your faith, reconnect with your faith, explore Christianity for the first time or ask deep questions on religion and spirituality (not an intramural sports group).

It is non-denominational, and is open to anyone of any backgrounds whatsoever. The only requirement for the club is to be respectful and courteous, treating all others with love and compassion.

Being a part of this club has shaped the growth of my faith more than any other church, organization or community that I have experienced. In all fairness, I do not actually know what it is about the club that has impacted me so deeply or what makes it so truly special, but this group has that nameless special quality that somehow makes it life-changing.

Beyond that, Inter Varsity has also been some of the most fun I've had at college — I will never forget the incredible night spent playing Mafia with some of the biggest, and most lovable dorks in my life right now.

There are dozens of memories, conversations and tiny moments that I will cherish and remember for years and years to come. If I could ever go back to that moment when I decided to check out Inter Varsity, I wouldn't want a single thing to be different at all. I would just want to sit back and watch as I made one of the best decisions of my life.

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Foreword

This article was written by Misaki Mochizuki, a 2016 American Studies Program (ASP) student. She was a Willamette Events Board member, Opening Days Leader and Tokyo International University (TIU)-TIUA Relations Committee representative.

Misaki highlights the incredible opportunities we all have at Willamette to engage with people who have different backgrounds, beliefs, cultures and languages. These opportunities are missed everyday because of our own perceptions, hesitations and assumptions about people with whom we have little or no experience with.

I can tell you from my own experience and listening to others — engagement is as simple as saying hello. The seemingly small act of smiling and saying “hi” to an ASP student is more meaningful to them than you can imagine.

As a student in a host country who wants to be included as a member of the community, your simple “hello” means everything and could change their entire experience.

The new ASP class arrives soon. We all have an opportunity to make a huge impact with just a little effort.

The difference that you make starts with saying, “Hello!”

—Sarah (Abe) Shinn, CLA '04/TIUA associate director of Student Life

Who are ASP Students?

You might have noticed that there are many international students from Tokyo International University (TIU) on campus from February to December. Who are they? They are the American Studies Program students (ASP students) from Willamette’s Japanese sister university of over 50 years. Every year since 1989, a new ASP group has come to Willamette. Both ASP students and College of Liberal Arts (CLA) students have great opportunities to learn about each other’s cultures. As you can see, ASP students integrate into the Willamette community well. However, there are some situations that some ASP students experience on campus, such as misunderstandings.

Some CLA students and ASP students may not know how to communicate with someone who has a different

background or culture. It is really intense for someone who has never experienced this.

Therefore, even though CLA students know ASP students try really hard to learn about American culture, speak in English with native speakers and have a hard time understanding a native speaker’s English, they sometimes get negative impressions. It’s human nature.

You may always want to talk with people without conflict. However, I realized through ASP that it was obvious whether someone had communicated with international students or not. Often, they are more open-minded or more knowledgeable than others.

People are different, even though they have the same nationality. It’s even stranger talking to someone from a different nationality because of cultural differences. However, that can be interesting and you can gain a more global mindset if you talk with people from different countries. The more CLA students get to know ASP students, the more they will have a chance to understand another culture. This is a learning process for both CLA students and ASP students.

Promote Community, Not Discrimination

There are negative situations that ASP students experience on campus. During spring semester, an ASP student was hanging out with a CLA student. Another CLA student came and asked “Why are you hanging out with Japanese? I don’t want to be here,” and she left. During that exchange, that ASP student was quiet.

The CLA student may have assumed that the ASP student didn’t understand English, however, why did that CLA student assume that ASP students don’t understand English without first talking to the ASP student? Maybe she didn’t realize that ASP students all study English here and want to speak English.

Another example is when some CLA students who were taking the same class with them said that ASP students are smart, but they just don’t speak English. ASP students were frustrated when they heard that this was said about them.

Likewise, some CLA students who have been to Japan as Japanese Studies Program (JSP) students may have experienced similar situations. It is still sort of rare to see



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foreigners there, depending on where you are in Japan.

One example of foreigners being treated differently in Japan, is when talking to local people, sometimes it was assumed that they couldn’t speak Japanese. The Japanese person said, “I can’t speak English” even if foreigners spoke Japanese to them.

This does not portray Japanese people positively. When I heard this, I was so embarrassed and felt guilty, because even though Japan claims that it is becoming a global society, these actions do not represent a global perspective. However, Japan tries to be welcoming. They have organized services for visitors who are non-Japanese speakers, and are even hosting the 2020 Olympics.

The consequence of discrimination is that people sometimes judge ASP students without understanding who we are, and those misconceptions affect how you act when you actually meet us. It is hard, but not impossible,

to remove that negative impression. It is unfortunate, because even though we are not native English speakers, we are really interested in your culture. The first impression is important for communication, especially between people who don’t have same native language.

How Does ASP help CLA Students?

ASP provides many opportunities for students to experience different cultures and learn about global society. However, negative assumptions or perceptions might prevent students from interacting with people who have different perspectives.

I bet it’s scary to talk with non-native speakers, because you may have no idea how to listen to another accent. It is scary to try new things no matter where you are, but you can’t know how much you will learn unless you can be brave once.

It may change the way you live or think, and may change your life.

In addition, if you see ASP students speaking Japanese, you may misunderstand their English ability or not understand what they are saying. It doesn’t mean they are complaining about CLA students in Japanese. We do understand English. We also have students who are from outside of Japan, such as Chinese, Korean and Taiwanese students.

Overcoming the Language Barrier

As some of you know, it is really hard and frustrating to actually use a second language. It is extremely different to use the language in real life compared to in the classroom.

I don’t think it really matters if you can speak a second language well or not, but it may still take time for oth

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ers to understand what you are trying to say. I think that expressing your thoughts or feelings is more important than worrying about your language skills.

Let me explain my perspective. When I hear English spoken with an accent I've never heard, I have to listen carefully to understand what they are saying. It's not their fault—it's because I haven't talked to people who have that certain accent. Maybe if I've talked to every non-native English speaker, I would be able to understand without that problem. I think we shouldn't focus on accent as a problem in a conversation between native speakers and non-native speakers. If both of sides try really hard to understand what they are saying, they can make a conversation.

When in Doubt, Talk it Out
Something I learned

through ASP is that any level of conversation can be valuable. When I visited my friend's house, his mother didn't know how to speak English although she could understand. I had no idea how I should communicate, but as I got to know her, I became more comfortable talking with her because she was caring and welcomed me warmly. I realized that we could communicate well and be happy while making conversation, even if our conversation wasn't typical.

I think all language learners have experienced difficulties making sense during conversation, because of grammar or vocabulary mistakes, or problems with pronunciation. It doesn't matter if you can't speak the language perfectly, because people can still understand what you mean if they patiently listen and are willing to understand.

I think if we don't judge people based on how they look or what language they speak,

this kind of misunderstanding wouldn't happen. We can feel when you are having a hard time understanding our accent during conversation. It's not a problem, but it will be hurtful if you stop the conversation or stop talking with ASP students because of this. It's okay to ask ASP students to repeat themselves as much as you want until you get what they are saying. It will be more awkward if you just give up talking with them.

ASP Students are also Willamette Students

ASP students come to Willamette in spring semester because of the difference between when school starts in Japan and the U.S.. CLA students have already started school in fall semester, so it seems like ASP students arrive when CLA students have already created their school society on their own.

However, there are many people who build strong relationships with ASP students because they spend time together both inside and outside of class.

Some cultures expect foreigners to integrate on their own without any support from the host cultures, but how can people even try to integrate into a host culture if the host culture seems unwelcoming? Is that the foreigners' fault, because we are not native English speakers? Personally, I don't expect you to understand ASP students' cultures until you take the opportunity to get to know them.

Being aware that ASP students are also Willamette students is also important to building connections. It is possible to integrate into the Willamette community if you see ASP students as people before you see their nationalities. It's because, above being ASP students, they are people like you. ASP helps students change their lives, personalities and behavior throughout the year, but it depends on what they do during their study abroad.

You are in the Willamette community; therefore, you will be a part of their life-changing experience. ASP students look to you as role models when you are talking to and hanging out with them. We learn from you and you learn from us as well.

Although I described the misunderstanding between ASP students and CLA students, I want to appreciate that there are so many groups and people who support ASP on campus. The Willamette community can be warm and welcoming.

When I felt homesick, there were always friends and support around me. Additionally, I had a CLA roommate from spring semester, and it didn't matter if I could speak English well. We became good friends and overcame the language barrier. There are also many student organizations that are supporting ASP; that's why ASP students can integrate into the Willamette community strongly.

Ways to get Involved to help ASP Students

I like that CLA students, faculty and staff listen and try to understand what I am saying in conversation. I like it when CLA students argue or are against my opinion, and I feel like I am treated like a human-being before my nationality.

They get my ideas, and they say their opinions, even when we don't see eye to eye. They see me as a person and we make

conversation between people beyond cultural boundaries.

I am sure my friendships with CLA students that we built during my study abroad will endure in the future after I go back to Japan.

There are many opportunities to get involved and experience a different culture. You don't need to know Japanese or other languages!

It was not easy to try new things in a different place, but because I was at Willamette, I could try new things and change my life.

I think that this is the most unique point about ASP that other study abroad programs don't have. This program changes people in so many ways—not only ASP students but also for everyone in the WU community. Do you want to change your life? You can start now.

The ASP class of 2017 arrives Monday, Feb. 6. Want to get involved with ASP Welcome events?

1. Greet ASP students as they arrive! Monday, Feb. 6. Meet the ASP buses at the Hatfield Fountain to welcome the students in their first moments on campus. Email gpoehis@willamette.edu to sign up for day-of emails about ASP arrival. Students will arrive in two groups: one around 12:30 p.m., and one around 3:00 p.m.

2. Volunteer with ASP Opening Days! Monday, Feb. 6. We need some help making ASP arrival flow smoothly. Find out volunteer opportunities and sign up for a shift by emailing gpoehis@willamette.edu

3. ASP Welcome Dinner. Monday, Feb. 6, 4:50 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Get to know your new ASP friends and help them acclimate to American culture over dinner! For those without meal plans, limited meal tickets can be reserved by emailing sshinn@willamette.edu.

4. Residence Hall Parties. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 8:00 p.m. Meet the ASP students in your hall! Talk to your RA for more information on the location of the party.

Gonzaga basketball: Gem of the Northwest

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I will admit, I am substantially biased here.

I grew up in Spokane, Washington, home of Gonzaga University. My brother is a student there, and over the course of the past ten years I can count the amount of Gonzaga basketball home games I have not attended on my hands.

Which brings me to my next point: Gonzaga basketball is one of the best hidden secrets in not just the Pacific Northwest sports scene, but the American sports scene as well.

Gonzaga University is not really a conducive school to being a national presence in NCAA sports. With a little under 5,000 undergraduate students and located in the small, snowy city near the Idaho border with no football program or huge athletic boosters, it is an unlikely story.

Before 1999, Gonzaga made the NCAA tournament just once, which resulted in a No. 14 seed and a 24-point blowout loss to Maryland back in 1995.

Then the magical 1999 season came along and that is when everything changed for the little Jesuit school.

The No. 10 seeded Bulldogs made the NCAA tournament for just the second time in program history. They proceeded to win four straight games and make the West Regional Final, meeting up with the eventual National Champion, the Connecticut Huskies. That year they would fall short of making the Final Four by a couple last possessions and 21 points poured in by future NBA All-Star, Richard Hamilton. Not bad though for your second year in post-season play.

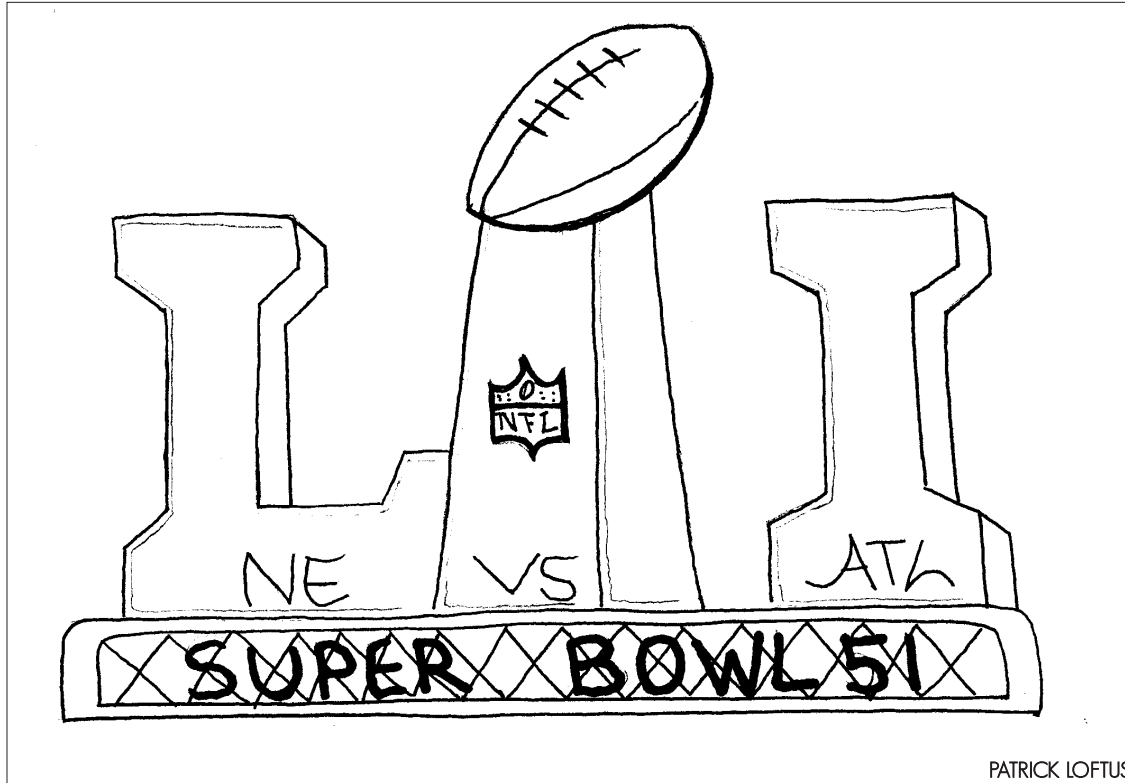
That 1999 run to the final eight in the NCAA Tournament for the little known Bulldogs led to what is now one of the longest active streaks of 18 consecutive years qualifying for the NCAA Tournament.

Since the Bulldogs opened their home arena, the McCarthey Athletic Center, in November of 2005, they have yet to not sell out a game. Every night they play in front of what they refer to as the "Kennel Club." This is a sea of students sporting their annual matching shirts and screaming their heads off at every dunk, blocked shot or controversial call. The players and coaching staff regularly credit the student section for 10-15 points each home game. For confirmation, just look at Gonzaga's astonishing 162-12 record since the McCarthey Athletic Center has opened.

The Zags, who are currently ranked at No. 1 in the AP poll, recently claimed the top spot after No. 2 Kansas and No. 1 Villanova both lost in the past week. While exciting, many in Spokane, Washington will not be overly surprised at the ranking. One cannot deny though; the mere thought of Gonzaga University's basketball team being ranked as the absolute best team in the nation would have sounded nothing short of ludicrous a handful of years ago. To put this all in context the stadium in which the Zags played their home games previously to 2005, Martin Centre, averaged a little over 3,500 fans in attendance, and Willamette's McCullough Stadium has a capacity of 2,500.

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What's in store for Super Bowl 51



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Super Bowl 51 will feature the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons in Houston, Texas. This matchup features two of the most potent offenses in the league, led by the star quarterbacks Matt Ryan of the Falcons and future Hall of Famer Tom Brady of the Patriots.

Tom Brady is no stranger to the big stage, as this will be his seventh Super Bowl of his 17-year career. Currently tied at four championships with quarterback Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw,

Brady looks to set himself apart with his fifth championship.

For Atlanta, this is their first Super Bowl appearance since the 1998 season, where the Falcons fell short to John Elway and the Denver Broncos.

The Patriots' last appearance in the Super Bowl was just two years ago, where they defeated the Seattle Seahawks in an all time classic.

The Falcons were led by second year Head Coach Dan Quinn. Quinn was the Defensive Coordinator for the Seahawks. Despite the different uniform and city, Quinn no doubt is eager to avenge the loss in Super Bowl 49.

M.V.P. candidate Matt Ryan has a plethora of weapons making up the highest scoring offense this year. The offense has the dynamic wide receiver Julio Jones, along with the two-headed monster that is Devonte Freeman and Tevin Coleman in the back field.

The Patriots head into another game following another successful season, with a rag tag bunch of players consisting of late round draft picks. Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick has continued this winning culture with a carousel of players for almost two decades now.

The Patriots offense is not the only headliner on the squad.

The Patriots this season had the league's best defense, surrendering just 15.6 points per game.

Despite having statistically one of the poorest defenses in the NFL, the Falcons have a current six game-winning streak. Along with this, five of those six games the defense has only given up 21 points or less. With a hot defense to match a smoldering offense, the Falcons pose a huge threat to Brady's potential historic fifth ring.

Despite being on a roll, Atlanta is still a three-point underdog going into the game.

The Patriots were 14-2 this season, even without Brady in the first four games, due to the controversial deflategate scandal.

Brady will be the second oldest quarterback to start in a Super Bowl. Brady, at 39 years old, has statistically had the second best season of his career. Although Brady and Ryan seem to be completely different in how they have gotten to this position, the two do share one common link: location.

Ryan was a highly successful player at Boston College, a short drive away from where the Patriots call home in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

Even though Brady, Belichick, and the Patriots are getting all the hype, Ryan and the Falcons are ready for the challenge.

The contest will be held Sunday, Feb. 5 at 3:30 p.m.

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Processing Philadelphia's bold rebuild

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Only six seasons ago, the Philadelphia 76ers went to the conference semi-finals and battled the LeBron era Heat. Most will point out that it was a fluke that they were there in the first place. They were the eighth seed, going up against a prime Derrick Rose Bull's team, and if not for an untimely injury to the Bull's star, they probably would have been quickly dismissed.

That's inconsequential in the grand scheme of things. Point being, the Sixers were, relatively recently, a competent NBA team. In the context of historical playoff droughts, the Sixers's ineptitude over the last few years are a blip on the radar. Granted they will most likely pass their franchise record of seven years without a playoff birth next season, but the longest time a franchise has gone without making the playoffs is the Clippers with 15 seasons.

Failure for an NBA team over this extended period of time is almost always due to faulty management. Questionable signings, missed draft picks and "win now" deals that salvage the future for making a bleak present slightly brighter are what cause these periods of prolonged underperformance. This isn't Philadelphia's problem however; management throughout has known exactly what they're doing. Because of this, the valleys of the process have

been some of the lowest ever. What we are beginning to see though, is the peaks might be just as high.

veterans like Gerald Henderson, Jerryd Bayless and Sergio Rodriguez to provide some wisdom in a

blocks on a minutes restriction. His team goes from a near minus 200 point differential when he sits to a plus 12 when he plays. They have a bunch of interesting pieces around him. Nerlens Noel and Jahlil Okafor are probably the most intriguing, not because of what they could do for the Sixers, but what they could get in return for them. Noel and Okafor are still young, and even though they both have flaws in their game, there are definitely teams that would love to get their hands on these guys.

If Philly can get the right pieces in return for them, then it may mark the beginnings of a dangerous group built around Embiid and Ben Simmons.

All this on top of the fact that they will, in all likelihood, be near the top of this year's draft again. Could this backfire still? Of course, Embiid's injury history is seriously concerning, especially for a young center. Simmons is yet to show he can make shots reliably from the outside, which will be critical if he's paired with Embiid. What's incredible though is, for all the argument over the audacity of what the Sixers were doing, watching the Sixers now, as cheers of "trust the process" rain down on Embiid at the line, a bright future seems just as likely as a dark one, and potentially sooner than anyone thought.

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At the halfway point in the season, the Sixers have five more wins than they did all of last year. Brian Colangelo made smart moves after replacing Sam Hinkie, bringing in

locker room full of early 20-somethings. The obvious reason for their improvement is Joel Embiid. Finally healthy, he's averaging 20 points, eight rebounds and 2.5

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Men and women's basketball has tough road trip



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Both basketball teams headed to Eastern Washington this weekend as they faced Whitworth University and Whitman College. They both had tough times, and neither team was able to get a win.

On Friday night, the women's team was in beautiful and snowy Spokane, Washington to take on the Whitworth Pirates. The Bearcats were not at full strength, playing without junior guards Mary Eckenrode and Ashley Evans due to injury. First year guard Sarah Heinly stepped up big, however, as she scored 14 points with three 3-pointers. Her stellar performance was not enough, as the Pirates were able to come out on top 68-62. Willamette's top scorer, senior guard Kylie Towry, was also able to score 11 points, but it was not enough to ignite the Bearcats.

At halftime, the game was all Bearcats, as they had a 38-30 lead. The Pirates stepped up for the second half, however, as they came out with a vengeance, scoring 11 points unanswered to gain a 41-38 lead. The 'Cats first bucket was with two minutes left in the third quarter by junior guard Whitney Anderson, but by this time the Pirates had already seen their lead grow to 48-40. The closest the Bearcats were able to get to this was 62-52 with two minutes left in the game.

The 'Cats led in most categories, as they shot for a higher field goal percentage, had fewer turnovers, more points off of the turnovers, more second chance points, more points in the paint, and more bench points.

On Saturday night, the bus took the team south as they took on No. 20 Whitman College. This was a tough game from the get-go, as Whitman jumped out to a 14-6 lead in the first quarter and a 31-17 halftime lead. The Blues dominated the backboard as they out rebounded Willamette 53-27. The closest Willamette was able to get in the second half was 13 point difference in the score.

Junior Post Madi Andresen led Willamette offensively as she had 13 points, and Heinly added in 11 points. Willamette plays their next game on Friday, Feb 3, against Northwest Conference foe Pacific Lutheran University at home.

The Whitworth University men's basketball team is a top notch program, being ranked No. 6 in the country. They were too much for the Bearcats to handle on Friday night, as they came out on top 77-55. The Pirates had a commanding 39-21 lead at halftime, thanks in large part to a 12-0 run halfway through the first half. The game was pretty much all Pirates, as they rode out their lead to a victory. However, there were some

bright spots for the Bearcats. Junior forward Casey Thornton had 10 points, while junior forward Nathan Sherfey added in nine points of his own. Sophomore forward Jordan Jenkins led the way on the boards, grabbing six rebounds to lead the 'Cats.

The No.2 Whitman College Blues men's basketball team was not much friendlier to Willamette, as the Blues defeated the Bearcats 100-55. The bright spots in this game for Willamette were the elder statesmen of the club, as senior wing Hayden Russell led the team with 10 points and seven rebounds, while senior guard Jordan Baumgartner had three assists.

"Playing back-to-back games is always a hard thing to do, especially when the teams are good because you can only prepare so much for both teams in a week. We are going to take what we learned and applying it to next weeks games. You learn the most from losing, and I feel like our team grew from this difficult weekend," Sherfey said.

The Bearcats play again this Friday at home against the Pacific Lutheran Lutes.

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Top: Whitworth University dominated the basketball court against the Willamette women's team this last weekend.
Bottom: Junior guard Whitney Anderson drives to the hoop against a Whitworth University player when the teams met in the Cone Field House this December.

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This past week in sports has been interesting to watch because of the many events that happened. Between the Pro Bowl and the Australian Open, there was something for every sports fan.

NFL

The NFL Pro Bowl happened this last weekend. The AFC beat the NFC by a score of 20-13. A notable performance came from Andy Dalton of the Cincinnati Bengals, who was 10-12 passing with 100 yards and a touchdown going to Travis Kelce. The M.V.P. of the game was Travis Kelce of the Kansas City Chiefs and Lorenzo Alexander of the Buffalo Bills. The Pro Bowl is the NFL's version of an all-star game, with the best players from

each conference competing against each other for bragging rights. What is different about the Pro Bowl is that it happens after the NFL season, in comparison to the MLB and NBA which have their all-star game in the middle of their respective seasons. With the game being at the end of the season and football being a grueling sport, it leaves a lot of players that should be all-stars at home on their couch enjoying the offseason early.

NBA

This week we will focus on our Pacific Northwest splash brothers and the Portland Trail Blazers. The team currently finds themselves in the No. 9 place in the Western Conference with a record of 21-28, but the team has won three of the last four games they have played. That one loss came from the Golden State Warriors.

The Blazers had a chance to win the game and were only down by a score of 113-111 with the ball in the closing seconds. Evan Turner took a three pointer and missed.

Point guard Damian Lillard is averaging 26.2 points, which is good for the eighth best in the league. His counterpart, CJ McCollum, is averaging 23.5 points, 3.6 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game.

TENNIS

Being a casual sports fan, the matchup of the Williams sisters on the women's side and Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer on the men's side was one I could not miss. All four tennis players could be considered the best of their generation and even the best of all time.

In the match between the Williams sisters, Serena was the heavy favorite looking to win her 23rd major event, and

Venus was looking to beat her sister who has dominated the matchup, and she was looking to win her first Australian Open as well as her eighth major event. The two sisters together have been icons in Women's tennis and with both ladies on the older side of their sport, it could be the last we will see. Serena got the better of her older sister Venus by a score of 6-4 and 6-4.

Tennis experts were calling the matchup between Nadal and Federer the game to decide who is the best men's player of all time. In a thrilling five set game, Federer got the better of Nadal by a score of 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 3-6 and 6-3. This is Federer's 18th major title, while Nadal is still chasing with 14.

Till next week, K DEN!

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History's s/heroes

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Dear People of Willamette,

It was only months ago that we stood together as a community at large against the current political trajectory as we saw its local impacts. We learned the power of community, spirit and empathy. We successfully objected to injustice as we perceived it.

Trump does not exist in a vacuum. He is the culmination of a crafted effort that began decades ago to deport and dismantle the welfare state that so reflects the true values of a moral America.

Power unfortunately often operates on high levels that seem unreachable to the average person, especially a mere, young student. Yet what we must remember is that while institutions promote the illusion of control from the top, their power ultimately rests in the obedience of the bottom.

In some ways, valuing law and order can be useful for securing the rights of freedom and individuality. However, the public must object when this becomes a tool of oppression.

Our Black peers have told us too many times that they feel unsafe in our society. In response, a widespread conversation more tremendous than Donald Trump could imagine ensued. This reached the level of President Obama, who may have been cautious, but at the very least listened to the cries.

President Trump has told us he hears the messages loud and clear, and he is not interested in our perspective. He is interested in the same "law and order" that segregated our society and concentrated violence and poverty for those not fitting the image of an America that manifests the old European ideal. Our Latino peers whisper quietly of the injustices of immigration, as we have done for so long. Yet we never spoke too loudly, for fear that our undocumented friends and family might be discovered or that those of us who hold citizenship or residency might be presumed undocumented ourselves.

I am a student of history, and have a habit of talking about the present by talking about the future. While this habit is generally pathological, it can be oriented toward a critical position with regard to our current cultural moment.

Imagine being the person who spat on those who sat at lunch counters only 60 years ago. Imagine being the police officer who arrested Rosa Parks. Imagine being the person who sat at home simply watching the Freedom Riders roll into the South, while you sat complicit in your silence.

Now imagine yourself on the frontlines of the protests standing against injustice. Imagine your photo in the history books. Where will you be in the public memory?

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Show support for the president we have

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On Jan. 20, 2017, the presidency transitioned, as it does every four or eight years. Donald Trump, against all odds, was inaugurated.

I write this because far too many people across the country have accused this honestly-elected president of being elected illegitimately. I write this not for the sake of revering our new president, but with the purpose of making clear why his presidency is the product of an honest system.

An obvious line of defense for Trump's opponents is the fact that he won the Electoral College, but not the popular vote. Though there is reason for scrutiny, it must be understood that this system has been in place since the very first years of our nation's existence. In addition to this, Trump was historically not the only candidate to win the election without the popular vote.

Rutherford B. Hayes, Benjamin Harrison and George W. Bush all beat their respective opponents through the Electoral College. That is how the system was designed; the founding fathers wanted to ensure equal representation for all citizens especially if certain, vulnerable groups were outnumbered by politically homogenous majorities. Trump won, for lack of a better term, fair and square.

Even so, some believe that he is, "not their president," despite the fair, and, lest we forget, democratic election that got him in the White House. The following is addressed to all readers of course,

but especially to those who cling to the notion that Trump "isn't their president."

First off, he is your president whether you voted for him or not. Whether or not you agree with the system, the system carried out its course as it has done since the late 1700s. There is nothing legally unfair about what happened with regard to what influenced the outcome. Though one may argue about Russia's alleged involvement in the election, there is no evidence that Russia disclosed any information pertaining to any particular candidate nor that it gave any party an advantage in popularity. In other words, the vote itself wasn't influenced.

The grief and terror which has seemingly struck Trump's most vehement opponents in this election represent many Americans' inability, especially from the millennial generation, to come to terms with the fact that life isn't fair. They were so set on Hillary Clinton winning, and at the same time so comfortably sheltered in "the bubble," that they ruled out the very possibility of Trump being elected. When he did win, it was as if the world would end on Jan. 20.

To extend this, it is important to recognize that you win some, and lose others. To bash Trump for the next four years compromises the whole principle of "the loyal opposition." People are elected to this office precisely because they are deemed capable of running this nation. To deliberately hope for the failure of the Commander-in-Chief because he isn't like you, or because he is from another party, is like hoping for a plane to



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crash and burn because it is run by an airline that you are not pleased with, when you yourself are on that plane. Furthermore, while it may seem like a shock that this man was elected to the highest office in the land, half the country voted for him. The fact that half the country saw such promise and held so much faith in this man shows that this wasn't some bizarre, rigged victory perpetrated by Trump's campaign staff with the help of the Kremlin.

In conclusion, regardless of whether or not you supported Trump, we are all living with him for the next four years. Despite

whatever political concerns are out there, nobody is taking a vacation to Canada with the goal of collective suicide, nor is the world entering an apocalyptic era during which humanity will be wiped out.

To cower in the fetal position for the entirety of Trump's presidency while complaining about not getting one's way is neither productive nor mature. If people were able to more or less peacefully accept the elections of the last 44 presidents, they are certainly capable of accepting the 45th. Trump is here, and so are we.

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Why I am still angry about the election

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So begin the trials and tribulations of a Donald Trump presidency.

Forgive me for taking so long to comment on it, but I needed time to process. You can understand, can't you?

What happened purely defies every ounce of logic, but that just works with this historically bizarre presidential race.

"He's not going to win the primary," they said after he raced out to a substantial early lead. He did.

"He can't beat Hillary," they said. "She's too experienced and too safe of a choice."

As it turns out, those qualities were her undoing, and his red carpet to victory.

As I watched election night unfold in Cat Cavern, I honestly began to feel afraid that the anger and tension would escalate into violence. It didn't, but the night's events sparked a fear and anxiety that I have never truly felt before.

I am very lucky, and have grown up privileged in America. As a result, I have never held fear due to my Jewish heritage. Anti-semitism I've faced has been minimal (albeit not non-existent), and has never sparked me to truly question my physical safety. And yet, suddenly, that feeling changed. Walking home at night hasn't felt the same since.

I'm not saying this to invoke

sympathy, as I know many people have experienced this feeling for their entire lives rather than for the past three weeks. I'm saying this to point out that

is being treated with an unqualified objectivity in the media and in academic settings. They suggest that since, after all, half the voter turnout (OK, a little less)

lighted prior to Trump's victory, and suddenly doing so now salts the wound of the loss and looks like one more excuse.

The rural voters who voted for Trump have also been struggling, and have not received the sympathy or media coverage that other struggling groups in America have.

Finally, and most simply, people have the right to vote for whom they choose. Attacking them for exercising that right appears counter-intuitive.

Yet it is difficult to not be angry at people who seem to have voted away our last chance at taking proper action to combat climate change. Don't tell me I can't shame you when the lives of every human soul on the planet are suddenly in much more serious jeopardy. Don't tell me not to shame you when hate crimes on behalf of the man you voted for spike.

And don't tell me not to shame you when millions of people from a country ravaged by war are suddenly barred from one of the few potential safe havens they thought they might have.

Yes, you exercised your right to vote. Yes, you exercised your right to chose who you voted for. No, you do not belong in prison.

Yes, your choice was a pretty damn bad one, and you should feel very guilty about it.

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The response I've heard from the pro-Trump (or at least, given Willamette's liberal leaning, the more centrist camp) has been that the tragedy of his election

voted for Trump, they should be allowed to celebrate while the liberals mourn. To some extent, I understand this.

It feels slightly petty to start crying foul over the Electoral College when it was already widely known how skewed it is in favor of rural voters. That information should have been high-

Why I was afraid to vote, but should have voted anyway

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I started working for social change because I believed in the possibility of a different kind of world. I guess you could say I went ahead and stopped believing I could convince anybody that I, or anyone else I cared about, was more than just a piece of meat for white men to consume.

I detached from investment in politics because it made me feel safe from the man the police claimed I had consensual sex with, and from my father, and from the many white liberal men I was — am — afraid of. It made me feel safe from caring; I didn't want to lose anyone else.

I guess I'm writing this because I do understand, more intimately than most people with my left-wing politics ever could, why white women voted for Trump. I understand how it's possible to be so terrified that doing absolutely anything to please the white men in your life seems logical. I even understand how it's possible to shut everyone else's needs out, because trying to love them or care for them just went so terribly wrong before.

I understand the kind of tunnel vision trauma and grief and everything that comes with these things can cause, but that is not an excuse.

It's OK to be completely terrified of doing the right thing. I am not made stronger by the tragedies that have occurred in my life; I am a paranoid, skittery mess who cannot currently conceive of sex except as violation. That is what trauma has made of me, and

all of the horrible things that go along with that — panic, DID, dissociation from reality, confusion, "brain fog," exhaustion, etc. — that's there to stay. That's the reality of what my life is now, and I wouldn't wish that on anyone.

What my life is not is a thing that is unimportant. My choices impact people, and so do my words (even when I'm spaced out and jumping at shadows and can barely remember my name and address). It's hard to remember,

acceptable to insist I deserve that but no one else does, that my life and my pain and my struggle are the point while everyone else's just somehow matters less.

Besides, I do care. Somehow, without meaning to or consciously letting myself, I started caring about one person and then more people just entered my heart without my permission. I care so much that I hate myself for everything I did to tear at other people so I would not be so alone in my

from ever facing actual reality by giving me someone to hate instead of the men who actually hurt me. If I am willing to pretend I am not queer or disabled or a conscious, empathetic human being, he and I could get along perfectly.

Trump is willing to provide me with the safety I have wanted for my entire life, because he values my skin color and the numbers in my parents' bank accounts enough to wish me to survive.

Trump would give me what rac-

The reality is that white men in my life and worldwide have consistently proven to be what we all most need protection from. I don't want to be a person that people I love need protection from.

That was not a bargain I ever really recognized that I was making, because I didn't want to know.

I did need to be saved, when I first came here. I needed to be saved from the person I let those men turn me into, and from all of my own anger and self-righteousness. I am still afraid that I will never stop being the girl monsters created. I am not, however, afraid of any of the people Trump tells me to fear, and I'm not about to pretend to be afraid in order to keep the privilege of illusory safety. I've been to hell and I know who belongs there, and it's not who Trump says.

I am not a little girl in a woman's body, and I never will be again. I'm not white supremacy's idea of what I ought to be, delicate and an emotional blank page. I'm not too fragile to face reality, and if that makes me too strong for white men to find me attractive or worth saving, so be it and so much the better. Being in pain only makes me a useless person if I let it, and I choose not to let it.

I don't want to live in America under Trump, and I don't want to live my whole life afraid of tyrants. I want to live my life making them afraid of me.

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even on my best days, that I'm not surrounded by monsters, because when I'm in the midst of a flashback, monsters are who I expect to see.

This is called PTSD. It is not called "reality."

I'm bitter and angry, and some days I hate almost everyone I encounter for having things I will probably never have.

I think it's morally acceptable to want that. I do not think it's

pain. I care enough to insist I have a right to my guilt, and my shame, and my determination to do better.

Trump is a kind of monster I know well, because he is a part of my story, and of myself. I understand how Trump could garner people's loyalty, because there is a part of him that I find compelling. Trump is the father I have occasionally allowed myself to wish I had. He is willing to protect me

ist white men have consistently been willing to offer white women in exchange for our silent, forever immature lives in gilded cages: he offers to redirect hegemonic male aggression away from us, toward-severyone who is not us, while the world burns. He would turn this country into one where attacking People of Color is even more socially and legally permissible, and the white supremacist story about that will protect me.

This fight belongs to all of us

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This fight is ours.

If the era of Trump were a time of day, it would be the night. The night is when those who lurk in the dark can feed on those who shine in the light. They say it is easier to stay safe at night by staying in groups, coming together and staying vigilant. That is what we must do now.

We can no longer pick and choose which things to fight for, because everything is under attack: the environment (DAPL, Standing Rock, etc.), education (appointment of DeVos), reproductive health (Planned Parenthood), affordable health care (ACA) with much more to come.

It's no longer about just women or People of Color; it's time for marginalized people to support each other. That means we fight for each others' causes and stand up for each others' rights. Only together can we all make it through what almost seems like an endless night. Standing together and recognizing our differences is a bigger threat to bigotry than anything else. Standing together is the only way we will remain safe.

Intersectionality is the interconnection of race, class, and gender as they apply to a given individual or group. These are the overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or

disadvantage. We can use this understanding to our advantage, because those of us who are pushed aside in this country make up this country. People of Color, women, immigrants, Muslims, the sick, the poor — we are what make America great.

If this is the night, we must fight to bring in the brightest of

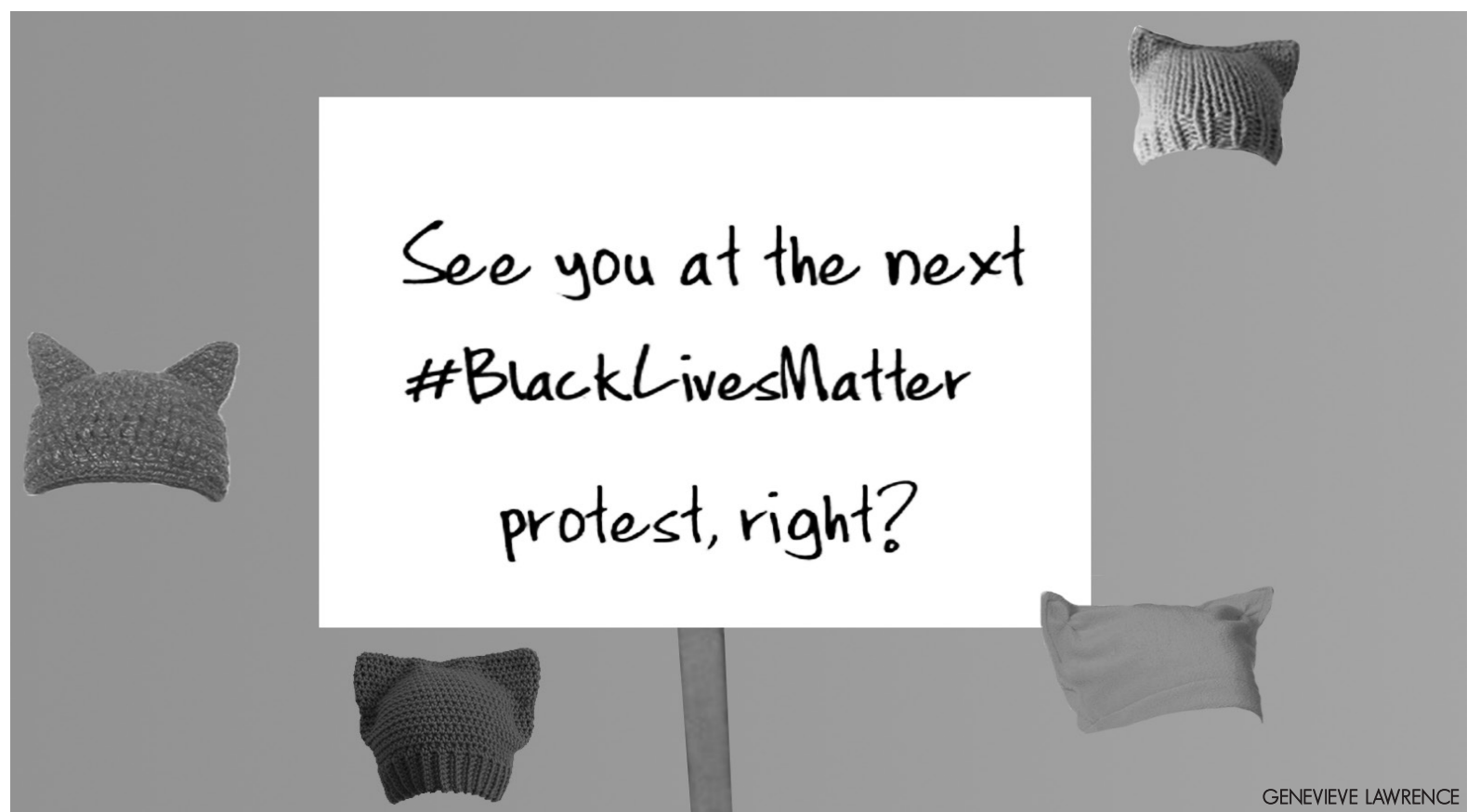
days because we will not stand idle in view of the injustice that those who stand in the dark unleash. The tyranny this night has brought will not happen silently. We are the descendants of slaves, civil rights activists, immigrants, wage slaves, disenfranchised women, and above all, human beings. Not one of you should stand

idle while white men infringe upon the rights our ancestors fought for.

This is the HOME OF THE BRAVE and the LAND OF THE FREE. We do not run when faced with adversity, nor do we tweet haphazardly when we have the lives of millions of people in our hands.

We organize, mobilize and look injustice in its own eyes. When we do this together, we can bring in the sun and not go gentle into night.

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Humans of Willamette

What makes you nostalgic?



Bridget Summit
Theatre
Portland, Oregon
Senior

"What makes me nostalgic is going on road trips with my family because we used to do that all the time when I was little. Road trips just remind me of my childhood."



Emma Smoll
Undeclared
West Lafayette, Indiana
First Year

"When I was five or six, my dad made a woodstrip canoe, and I would be running around while he was making it. So the smell of pine-wood makes me super nostalgic."



TJ Rutter
CCM
Seattle, Washington
Sophomore

"The smell of coffee grounds makes me nostalgic because my grandpa always drank coffee and it reminds me of long car rides with him."



Mariah Juarez- Wagner
Environmental Science and Politics
Seattle, Washington
Senior

"The smell of certain kinds of chlorinated water because it reminds me of the water on the Small World ride at Disneyland."

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The Red Onion White middle class women flood U.S. cities over price of avocados

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Last Saturday, in cities across the country, female demonstrators descended in mass to protest President Trump's proposal for a 20 percent border tax on goods coming from Mexico.

President Trump is floating the idea of a 20 percent border tax on imports to help make Mexicans pay for his infamous wall. However, many economists believe the tax will instead affect U.S. consumers with higher prices. 78 percent of our avocados and 71 percent of our tomatoes come from Mexico which means that, like the working class, many middle class Americans will now no longer be able to afford avocados.

In response, White middle class women came out in force to protest Trump's tax, smashing expectations, with over 500,000 protestors in both Washington D.C and Los Angeles, and another 1.5 million in other cities across the country. Many were adorned with green "avocado" hats and

signs with messages such as "make avocados cheap again" and "you can't grab my avocados either."

We spoke to one demonstrator who had flown from Seattle to Washington D.C. with her 14-year-old daughter.

"As a woman, I think it is disgusting that Trump thinks he can take away my right to cook affordable, healthy meals for my husband and sons. When I voted for Trump I didn't really think any of the stuff about the immigrants or the wall would affect me, but now it has. Lots of my friends are going to join people of color at immigrants' rights rallies now, at least until he changes his mind about this inhumane law. I think it is our duty as citizens to show Trump that we aren't accepting this and I guess that's what I wanted to show my daughter today," she said.

With White middle class women joining the long list of demographics protesting President Trump, it won't be long before he has alienated the entire country.

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