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NEWS

REVIEW

Content compiled by Bronte Dod, Emily Hoard and Joseph Lindblom-Masuwale

Four years of headlines

2011–2012

- ASWU executive election invalidated
- Extreme floodwaters threaten university and Salem community
- Multicultural center aims to equalize, empower

2012–2013

- Pardon the dust: Sparks Center construction commences
- School of Education to close in June 2014
- Sammy Basu named OR professor of the year

2013–2014

- Campus Safety, Salem Police refute claims of off-campus crackdown
- Uprising in Kiev, disillusionment in Salem

Doney Hall residents to receive sex-neutral restrooms

2014–2015

- Students hold vigil against violence
- ASWU debt at \$45K: Senate overrules impeachment
- Salem PD responds to rising car, bike thefts



KELLIE STANDISH

Farming shut down at Zena

University places indefinite halt during easement renegotiations

This February, the University issued an indefinite halt to all agricultural production at Zena Farm. University administrators said that the farming needed to stop while they renegotiate terms of the conservation easement, a document that describes what activities are allowed on the property. Until farming is restored, the summer education program and the weekly trips to Zena Farm are not allowed to continue.

Farm club members are looking for other ways to continue their agricultural work. They hope to use places on campus. The five acres and homestead are part of a larger property that the University purchased in 2008. The entire 305-acres sits about 11 miles west of campus. Willamette students and faculty also use the 300 acres of forest on the property to conduct research. The University hopes to reevaluate how they want to use the property in the future.

Greek Life’s fall and rise

Three chapters added in four years

Two fraternities and one sorority were added to Willamette Greek Life since the fall of 2011 due to the increasing interest in Greek organizations on campus. Fraternity Kappa Sigma returned in the spring of 2012 after they were disbanded. Sorority Alpha Phi and fraternity Beta Theta Pi were both reorganized during this academic year. Those chapters returned less than two years after fraternity Sigma Chi had their private Facebook page published online, which revealed misogynistic content and threats to University administrators. Sigma Chi was removed from campus and banned from social activities for one year, though the University later lifted that ban after one semester. In response to the incident and students calling for Willamette to address problems of sexual assault and harassment on campus, the University also created the President’s Working Group on Sexual Assault. The committee was charged with assessing student safety on campus. About 30 percent of Willamette students are members of a Greek organization. Next year, Sigma Chi and Beta Theta Pi will both have housing on campus.



NATALIE PATE

Bearcats plan to take back record

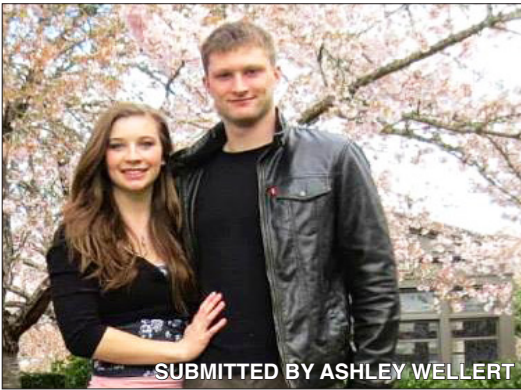
Community gathers for another game of red light, green light

This fall, the University will attempt to take back their world record for the largest game of red light, green light. That record was originally set in August 2013 when over 1,000 Willamette community members participated in the game. The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee broke the record this January with the help of the Phoenix school district. Exactly 1,136 people participated, which broke Willamette’s record of 1,068.

Becca Brownlee, the incoming ASWU vice president, will organize the event alongside Director of Campus Recreation Bryan Schmidt. “We want to bring this record home to Willamette in the fall,” Brownlee said. “We will need even more people, more energy and more enthusiasm if we want to be called record holders again. I know our community is more capable and I can’t wait to see us come together again.”

Engagements

Alex Ludwig and Ashley Wellert



SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY WELLERT

1. How did you meet?

Ashley: We met during our freshman year colloquium. He was a few weeks late because he was in basic training, so I tried talking to him and make him feel welcome in the class. He was so quiet! He mostly stared at me while I jabbered on... The rest is history!

2. Who proposed? How? Where?

Alex: I took her to Multnomah Falls because she loves nature and proposed on one knee.

3. What did your parents say?

Ashley: My parents weren't surprised at all! They were happy for me though!

4. Were your friends surprised?

Alex: I don't think anyone was surprised. My close friends knew we were in a serious relationship for a couple years. I don't think we are that young to be engaged.

5. Do you have a firm date for a wedding yet?

Ashley: We're hoping to have it next summer in central Oregon, but we've put off planning until after graduation. I'm really hoping we can have a ceremony with mountains in the background and then a relaxed reception... with our families.

6. What are your plans for the future?

Alex: Right after graduation I will be attending a program to obtain a master's in teaching... Once we have a few years of experience we would love to move out around Bend! I want to be a teacher and a football coach!

7. Kids? Adoption? Is it too soon to ask?

Ashley: Lots of dogs, possibly two kids! We want to wait until we have better careers and have traveled and enjoyed married life together before having children. Our puppy Taz helped us realize we want to enjoy our freedom some more before kids.

8. When did you realize she was "the one?"

Alex: I love being around Ashley. I have never met anyone that I could be this comfortable with and who accepts me despite my faults. She is amazing. I don't know when I realized this.

9. Anything else?

Ashley: Thank you and sorry to everyone who had to put up with us during our super PDA phase!

Joe Mendoza and Kiersten Irwin



SUBMITTED BY KIERSTEN IRWIN

1. How did you meet?

Kiersten: I was his student trainer.
Joe: I had feelings for her right when I saw her, but I was afraid to approach her.

2. Who proposed? How? Where?

Joe: I proposed to her on top of Triangulation Peak.

3. What did your parents say?

Kiersten: OH MY GOD!
Joe: Congratulations! We're so excited.

4. Were your friends surprised?

Joe: Yes. Some friends were so surprised that they couldn't even sit still.
Kiersten: Half thought I would never get married, and the other half said "Finally!"

5. Ceremony plans?

Joe: Something small, maybe on top of a mountain, like Grant Park in Ventura.

6. What about the future?

Kiersten: I plan on going to grad school for my nursing degree and [plan to work] as a nurse anesthetist or endocrinologist.
Joe: I am hoping to get into athletic administration, and one day work as an athletic director.

7. Kids? Adoption?

Joe: Not sure about kids just yet.
Kiersten: Ask me in 10 years.

8. When did you realize that your partner was "the one?"

Joe: When we started talking about our life goals.

SPORTS REVIEW

Senior Standout Athletes

Content compiled by Holly Petersen

“More than anything, I think athletics has provided structure to my life in college. Running is like the skeleton providing a foundation for everything else... or maybe it's the connective tissue holding everything together... I dunno... I didn't have enough time to take a poetry class because I was doing athletics...”

Daniel Swanson
Cross Country/Track and Field

Michaela Freeby, Cross Country/Track and Field: Senior Michaela Freeby is ranked No. 1 out of all NCAA Division III athletes this spring in the 3,000-meter steeple chase. In cross country, Freeby won the NWC individual championship title in 2013, and led the Bearcats to a team title. This year, she took second in the women's six-kilometer race at the NCAA West Regional, while Willamette earned its sixth regional championship.



MIKE RHINE

Senior Peter Hoffman finished the 2015 season with a winning 5-3 record, starting 10 games and registering a 4.06 ERA.

“I transferred to Willamette not knowing anyone. Not only did being on the baseball team help me adapt to my new home here at Willamette, but it helped build relationships with my teammates that I'll never forget.”

Jordan Ramp
Baseball



JOE BERGMAN

Senior cornerback Wendell Galvan started all nine games in his final season with the Bearcats, making 27 tackles during the 2013 season.

Tiras Koon, Baseball: First baseman Tiras Koon finished the 2015 season with a .407 batting average, tallying 36 runs and 45 RBIs. Koon also led the Northwest Conference in home runs, and was named NWC Baseball Player of the Year based on a vote by all the head coaches in the conference. Koon was also chosen for First Team All-Northwest Conference.



PALOMA HENNESSY

Senior Taylor Gee played in all 25 matches of her final season, registering 96 kills and 21 digs.

Dylan Jones, Football/Track and Field: Two-sport varsity athlete Dylan Jones led all NCAA Division III football in rushing yards per game in his 2014 season, and rushed for a school record of 1,599 yards on 237 carries. In track and field, he ran as part of Willamette's 4-by-100-meter relay team, which won NWC Championships in 2013 and 2014.

Denise Poltavski, Tennis: After earning an 11-6 record in the No. 1 singles spot this season, senior Denise Poltavski was chosen as First Team All-NWC for the third consecutive season. In her career at Willamette, Poltavski established a winning 44-18 record in spring singles matches.

Sarah Desautels, Soccer: Senior Sarah Desautels led the Bearcats during the 2014 season, registering 21 shots on goal and scoring three goals. Desautels was named First Team All-NWC for the 2014 season.

Ryan Kukula, Golf: Senior Ryan Kukula was named First Team All-NWC for the third year in a row this season. Kukula was honored as NWC Player of the Year during his sophomore season.

“As a college athlete, I learned that the friendships established with your teammates turn out to be some of the strongest and most rewarding. For me, success on one's respective team does not amount to much unless its also met with success in the classroom. Put differently, focusing on and playing your sport becomes a lot easier and fulfilling when one is also doing well in their classes.”

Katie Kalugin
Basketball

Jack Nelson, Football: In his senior season, Jack Nelson led the NWC in tackles with 104. He also sits atop Willamette's football career record book with 315 total tackles.



MICHAEL UNDERWOOD

Senior Ben Mow competed on the track and field team and the cross country team all four years at Willamette.



THEY JUST CAN'T SAY GOODBYE

MATT TOM

MOST REPRESENTED HOME STATES

1. CALIFORNIA 2. OREGON 3. WASHINGTON 4. HAWAII 5. IDAHO



PALOMA HENNESSY



KELLIE STANDISH

TOP 5 MAJORS



Mr. Collegian speaks

ZANE SPARLING
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



This senior reflection will mostly consist of thank-you's. If most of our readers had their way, it would only consist of apologies. But to keep the self-love interesting, I've hidden a few "sneaky" digs at our harshest critics within the text. So read on.

To Nina Berger—I received more misplaced praise because of Nina's hard work

than anyone else. Our tireless production manager, Nina spearheaded the revitalized, refreshed and compellingly readable redesign of our paper. Besides complaints, the most common thing I heard about the *Collegian* this year was how nice it looked. Next year, we'll get people to read it. Nina is fearless, driven and the only organized person in the office. We are doomed without her.

To Elize Manoukian—No one challenged me more, or forced me to reconsider my own values and editorial judgements than Elize. This push-and-pull relationship contributed tremendously to the paper. To draw from countless examples, during the "Logan Lamb Night of 1,000 Smiles" debacle, it was Elize who critically ensured we respected the rights and privacy of students first. In the face of my dithering, her confidence and self-assuredness have been our guiding star.

To Bronte Dod—Nothing is more difficult than ensuring a student newspaper actually features, well, news. In the face of press-release reporting and PR journalism, Bronte assigned, edited (and usually wrote) our most challenging stories. Thanks to her watchful eye and keen newshound nose, we scooped the Bearcat Bulletin time and time again. Wherever there was breaking news, there was Bronte.

To Juliana Cohen—Compared with Juliana, we are all mainstreamers. But beneath the impressive (and intimidating) aura of coolness lies a kind, sincere spirit. No one worked harder to bring diversity to the pages of the *Collegian* (in all its forms) than her. Juliana will be our editor-in-chief next year, and I eagerly await criticizing every single one of her editorial decision, regardless of validity, from my dingy, rat-infested SRO.

To Shannon Sollitt—Our mid-semester Features replacement, Shannon flattened the learning curve, making the rest of us look like amateurs. She took the job and made it her own in only a day or two, with just the right mixture of aplomb, intelligence and sassiness. I only wish she had failed a class or two, so she could stay on for next year.

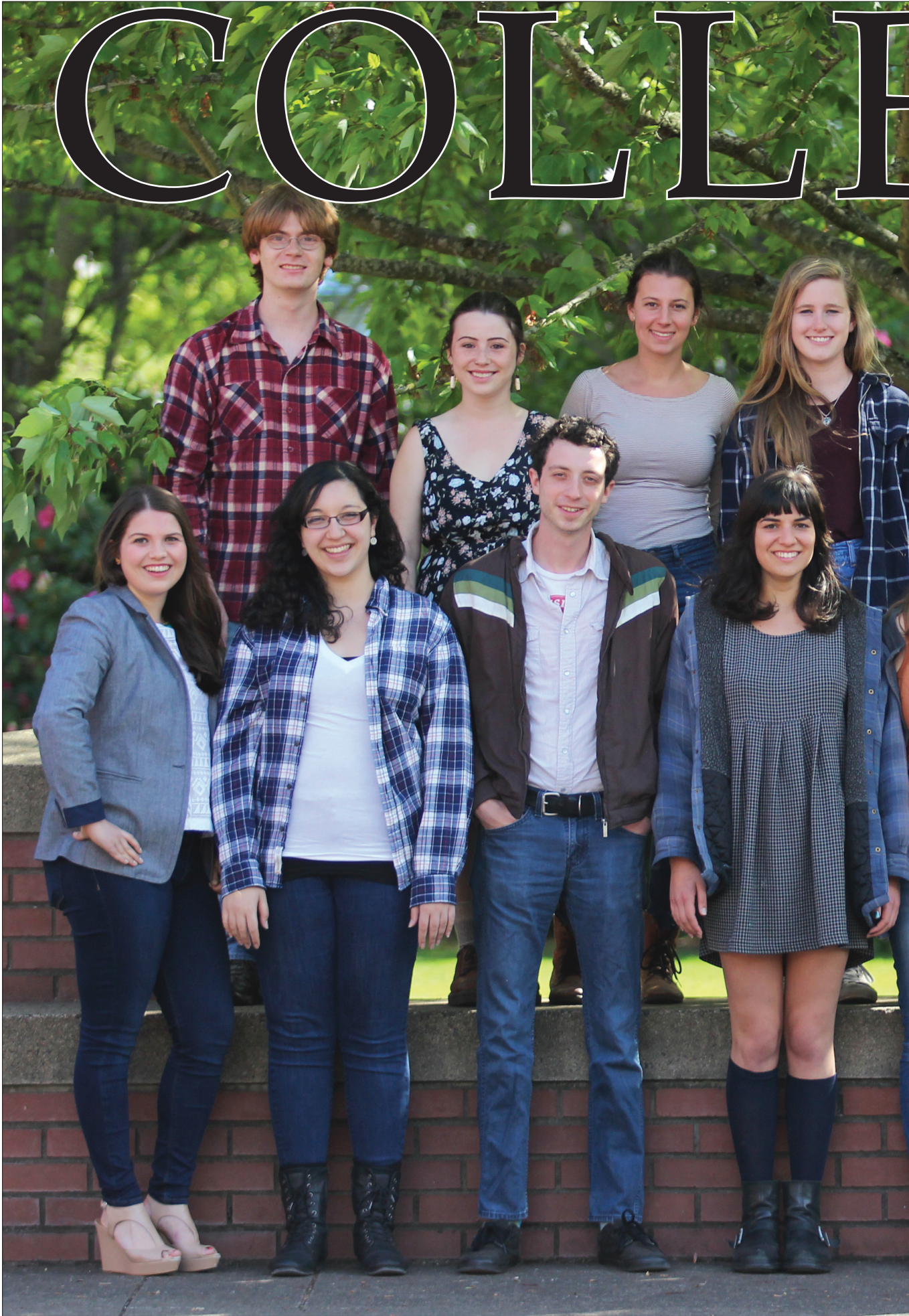
To Holly Petersen—A gifted writer in her own right, Holly oversaw a complete rethinking of the Sports section during her tenure as editor. Her willingness to explore new possibilities and reject hidebound tradition is just one facet of her unique, outside-the-box outlook and true knack for creativity. Holly does not need anyone to believe in her besides herself. She will go far.

To Maggie Boucher—By far the most organized (and punctual) staffer here, Maggie invented a radical new form of workflow titled: Not doing everything at the last minute. Though she juggles an uncountable number of other roles and responsibilities, Maggie is a hands-on, accessible editor who knows how to shape prose.

To everyone else who somehow put up with my errors, gaffes and AP Style induced fits of mania, (including but not limited to) Christa Rohrbach, Daniella Kim, Annika Hagelin, Robin Thorson, Kellie Standish, Emma Sargent (next year's production manager!), Ian Sieg, Madison Montemayor, Sean Rhodes, Jessica Meza-Torres, Lance Rossi, Mele Ana Kastner, Cameron Bean, Jared Virtue, Jake Saiki, Andrew Mell, Gretchen Moon, Dick Hughes and his class, all our staff photographers, writers and columnists, as well as the chronically underpaid contributors and necessary guest writers—Thank you.

Only space, a looming deadline and my own disorganization prevent me from thanking you each individually with the consideration you deserve. You alone comprised this paper. I just fiddled with the commas.

And to all the administrators, professors, students and citizens we slandered, misquoted, angered or irked—For the record, I never thought any of you had anything but the best interests of our University in mind.



Shannon Sollitt

FEATURES EDITOR



I wrote my college admissions essay about all the nicknames I have accumulated over my lifetime, and how each name reflects a different but equally significant time in my life. It concluded: "I can't wait to see what nicknames college has in store for me."

So allow me to introduce myself almost five years later.

I'm Non.

Inspired by a misspelling of my first name, Shannon (accidentally spelled Shanon), on my freshman roommate's mini-fridge (written in dry erase, but never erased), Non has stuck with me throughout all four years of college, and

is now a permanent marker of my identity. Non is very different from Shan, her predecessor. Non has a backbone. Unlike the more timid Shan, Non recognizes her voice as powerful and worth listening to. She joined the *Collegian*, if only for a brief few months, to share that voice.

However, while I (back to first person, hi) truly believe my voice to be unique—and I make no apologies for the times I have chosen to share it—perhaps the most important lesson Willamette has taught me is that my voice is part of an enormous chorus of equally unique and important voices. At times, my voice has served as a powerful tool for change to, or at least awareness of, issues I hold dear. Often, however, it has been far more meaningful for me to lower my voice and listen to the brilliant voices of those around me—of my fellow students, professors, advisers, supervisors and mentors. It has been the biggest honor to be a part of your chorus, and to publish some of your voices in the *Collegian* while I had the chance. I hope you continue to share them, because they are powerful. They have changed me, and they will change so much more.

And as long as you're willing to share them, I'll keep listening.

Robin Thorson

DISTRIBUTOR



last people to leave in the evening a printing company and say "Good morning we'll see the papers on campus."

But then I show up at 6 a.m. To find 1,200 newspapers waiting for me. There's only one thing I can ever do.

Thanks everyone for leaving a note in my office so I can cut the zip ties off.



Kellie Standish

PHOTO EDITOR



My favorite author Alice Walker once wrote, “the most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.”

When I reflect on what my experience at Willamette has taught me, I cannot think of better words than these. I feel extraordinarily blessed to have spent four years in this school and three with the *Collegian*, surrounded by people who have both challenged and encouraged me in ways I never could have imagined. My freshman self, traipsing about with my terrifyingly inseparable group of friends, never would have imagined that I would be the photo editor for the newspaper, much less a journalist. Nor would I have believed that those same friends would still be my rock, by my side supporting me in all that I am doing now.

I am continually impressed by this community. My professors and peers have taught me to critically engage with everything and to fight for the things that I believe in. They have encouraged me to believe that I have power to make positive, tangible changes in the world. I’ve found myself discussing feminism over dinner, critiquing colonialism in a coffee shop and having conversations about racism at a party, and I loved every minute of it.

The scariest part about leaving this place isn’t just living in an unfamiliar space, but not having this community to support me and believe in me.

In the Willamette bubble, it’s easy to critique privilege, identify structural inequality, call out someone for their cultural appropriation; the real challenge is to keep that going even when there are others who don’t believe in you.

If I’ve learned anything from the *Collegian*, it’s to believe that my voice is important, to believe that what I say has power, even if no one else thinks so.

I hope that we continue to believe that our voices are important. I have hope that we will continue to make positive changes in the world, in the country and in this school, but it is only through the belief that we have the power to transform things that we will.

Nina Berger

PRODUCTION MANAGER



Three years ago, a wise editor told me that no one works for the *Collegian* for the money. People work for the *Collegian* because they have passion and drive to produce an excellent paper the connects with the student body. While that statement didn’t make complete sense to me then, it has lead to where I am today.

When most people think of a newspaper, they think of the headlines, articles and photos. But that is not the case for me. I have always been passionate about design. Good design is something that has continuously motivated me while working at this paper. I strive to engage the audience through cleanly presented articles and engaging visual elements. After all, at the end of the day, if articles fail, you can still appreciate the *Collegian* for its excellent design.

Serving as production manager has been a wild ride to say the least. I had the amazing opportunity to update the entire cover with a new engaging design, and actually change the paper. (If you noticed that the paper is longer and on a thicker newsprint, I did that. You’re welcome.) I have had the privilege to lead a dedicated staff of layout editors, collaborate with fantastic senior editors and manage a school newspaper with some incredible leadership triangle members. In the end, I wouldn’t want to spend every Tuesday with anyone or doing anything else. Thank you *Collegian*, for all the moments, laughs and sleepless evenings.

Bronte Dod

NEWS EDITOR



I remember being a freshman and always looking forward to Wednesdays, because it was the day the *Collegian* was published.

As a sophomore, I enrolled in the journalistic writing class. I said I took it just to improve my writing skills because it’s hard to admit that you want to have a career in a field that allegedly might not even exist in a few years.

But, finally, as a junior returning from studying abroad, I was encouraged to write for the news section. Writing my first story for the paper, I felt extremely unqualified. But at the end of that semester, I was hired as the news editor.

This year, that feeling of inadequacy hasn’t gone away. I’ve reported mistakes and cover-ups created by ASWU, administration and faculty controversy, two arrests and the conflicts over Greek life on campus. But I still get nervous every time I ask someone for an interview. I still worry about what my peers and my professors think of the newspaper.

After writing and editing many articles for the *Collegian*, I still feel like I don’t know what I’m doing. But I’ve loved working for an organization that is so important to collegiate lives, and with this team of people who are completely dedicated and passionate about journalism.

Annika Hagelin

WEBMASTER



There are so many people I’d like to thank.

First off, I thank go-daddy.com for our domain, willamettecollegian.com.

Then, I thank “Malcolm in the Middle” for keeping me company late Tuesday nights—and from which I learned to say you’re not the boss of me, Zane Sparling.

I unquestionably thank the force behind the 20 weekly views of “New episodes of ‘CatDog,’ ‘Hey Arnold!’ and more to return to Nickelodeon next fall.” Does the cybercrowd yearn for more than the array of subpar cartoons running these days?

I am also grateful for *Collegian* staff members and the wondrous material they produce. I will miss our delicate exchange of InDesign files.

Lastly, I thank viewers of the website. I have knowledge of your existence.

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

SIMON ZHEN

Looking back at my four years at Willamette, I can't help but notice how I have transformed from a naïve adolescent to a mature and driven individual since shaking President Thorsett's hand for the first time. To a lot of people's surprise, I used to be the introverted and quiet kid who was good at math—I played basketball and power lifted, so I don't consider myself a nerd. The liberal environment at Willamette, along with the unusual chances that I decided to take, completely changed my worldview. From taking a class from that crazy American politics professor, to witnessing weekly demonstrations on campus for social justice, to joining the debate team for three years despite fearing public speaking for my life, I discovered that I wanted to become "an evil lawyer," as my close friends would say.

But these are also the people who I tried many things with for the first time: Eating at Goudy for the first time and mistakenly thinking that we could eat here every day for four years; pulling consecutive all nighters together and crashing for 24 hours after finals; laughing so hard at a stupid 'that's what she said' joke that we were literally in tears; surviving hangovers that we would have never imagined surviving; being forced, and forcing our roommate to find a place to sleep because we needed alone time to "study" for the night. They are the ones I will remember for the rest of my life.



ANDRÉS OSWILL

I'm not a racist
Or at least I wasn't. I arrived at Willamette the lovechild of a post-racial colorblind society. I was a student. A student who happened to be a first-generation American raised by a Latino single mother. I was determined not to be a student of color, to not let my race define me.

When I arrived, I signed up for the Alianza and CAUSA listservs and never attended meetings. I was committed to being uncommitted, determined to be a bystander in conversations about race and ethnicity. I was able to choose my race, a choice most don't have, and choose to leave my upbringing behind.

Those first years, I interacted with students of color as libraries of knowledge. Our primary relationship being that of a person seeking knowledge and a person assumed to have that knowledge. I did what many Willamette students do, I reduced students of color to walking encyclopedias. My interest in them as people was secondary to the information they possessed about race and racism.

It took me three years to realize what I was doing. Three years before I interacted with students of color as peers and took the time listen to them when they wanted to speak, not just when I wanted their input.

As I graduate, I linger on the good times, but also the seemingly obvious lessons I wish I had learned sooner. Students of color are not vending machines. Their job isn't to answer our questions. They are tired of talking about race, too, but for them it isn't a choice.

No one knows who they want to be when they go to college. I was really sure I was going to be a Bio/ Psych double major and go be a neurosurgeon. And then really sure I was going to be an Anthropology major. I thought for a while that the Rhetoric was going to stick but somehow my degree says English on it. (Like they always say, eighth time is the charm.) We might know our story, know the facts we are going to use in two truths and a lie, maybe even know some impressive fact about Marx. All that being said, we have no idea what we are doing. We were all still those terrified first year students on the first day, yellow rush shirt in hand and lanyard around our neck, wondering how the hell we ended up here, and what we were going to do next.

Being one of the two Bearcats hailing from my hometown of Atlanta, I have gotten really good at answering the question of how on Earth I ended up at Willamette. Beyond the free application and the undeniable connection that having your godmother on the faculty has, the truth of the matter is, after visiting 22 universities, Willamette was the place where students gave a shit.

They cared about their classes, cared about their student organizations, cared about social justice. Even as a confused propie trying to come to terms with the Pacific Northwest in February, I could tell that there was something special about this stressed out-group of weirdos. I might not have known who I wanted to be, but I knew I wanted to be one of those bistro sipping, Sunday night Goudy avoiding, secretly nerdy, hipster kids.

For the most part I have succeeded in that goal, though the route I have taken is not nearly what I expected. If you had told me when I enrolled that I would have spent two years as a varsity rowers, joined a sorority and fallen in love with the flawed but incredible experience that is Greek life, switched my major a few times, become an Oregon resident, decided to go to grad school to pursue a passion for Student Affairs, or consumed as much wine and whiskey as I have, I would have laughed at you. A lot. Partly because I am a snarky butthead, but partly because that just makes no sense.

And yet, along with the rest of my Class of 2015, I have made it to this momentous occasion, ready to dawn an unflattering cap and gown that doesn't breathe and celebrate all of our accomplishments. Though I am not always hyped to celebrate me, I am more than ready to celebrate our class. We have done a lot of really fantastic things: studied abroad (not me), survived double majors (also not me), run the Bistro (I'm just going to stop pointing it out because it's becoming a trend), tried a variety of on and off campus programs, presented our research at conferences across the country.

Some of us know what we are doing after we get handed that empty cover for our diploma.
Some of us have no idea.
Some of us are excited about the possibilities and some of us are totally terrified.

The truth of the matter, at the end of the day, is that feeling of wearing your gold rush shirt and your lanyard around your neck never really goes away. It happens with relationships, it happens with jobs, and we are all about to face it again, with the dreaded big f-word, the future. Though I might not be prepared to handle the Ohio snow, and may second guess my choice to dive straight into another two years of class, I am starting to believe that that gold rush shirt isn't such a bad thing.

Sure, maybe yellow doesn't work with my skin or hair or really should ever be on my body in any way. But, symbolically, it fits. Being a Bearcat fits. I knew it when I was visiting five years ago, and I believe it now more than ever.

I might not know who I want to be, but I know I want to be a Bearcat.

ANNA FREDENDALL



IF I HAD TO TELL THE ME OF
FOUR YEARS AGO ANYTHING
ABOUT THE FUTURE, I'D
PROBABLY WOULD HAVE
TOLD HER "KID!

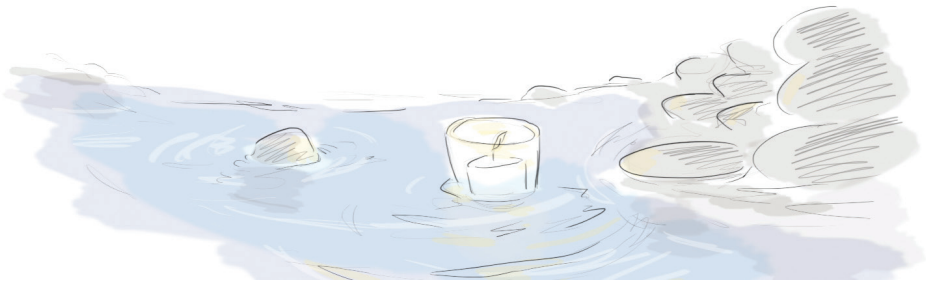


YOU HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT YOU'RE GETTING
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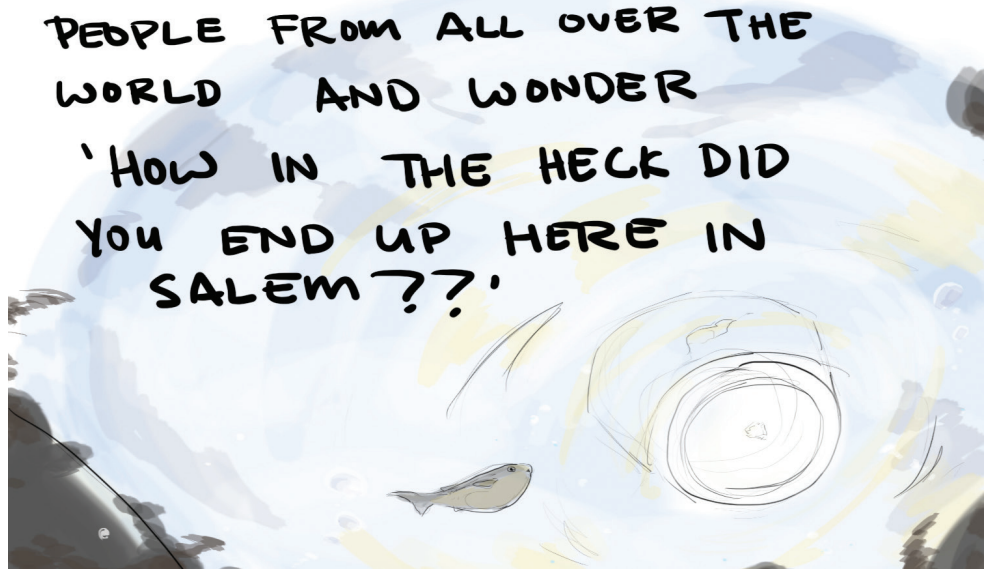
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IN THE NEXT FOUR
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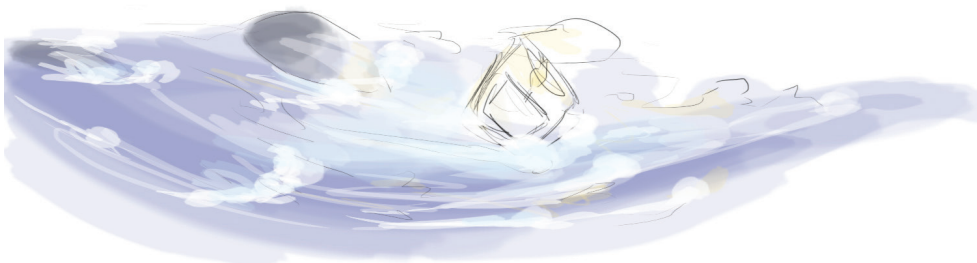
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REVOLUTIONS AND OPPRESSION—
ABOUT PLANETS AND PLANTS—
ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT
AND ABOUT HUMAN BEINGS."



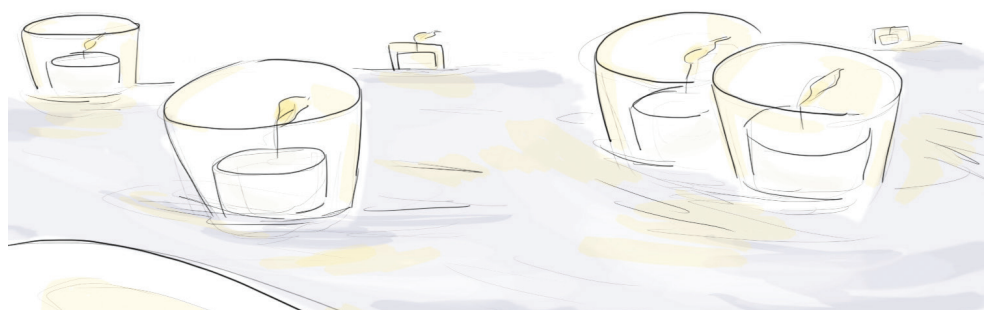
"YOU'RE GOING TO MEET SO MANY
PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE
WORLD AND WONDER
'HOW IN THE HECK DID
YOU END UP HERE IN
SALEM??'"



"YOU'RE GONNA MEET SOME
REAL GRADE-A ASSHOLES TOO
AND SOMETIMES YOU'LL
WAKE-UP HATING THAT YOU
DECIDED TO COME HERE."



"BUT MOSTLY YOU'RE GOING TO MEET
THE BEST PEOPLE YOU COULD EVER
HOPE TO KNOW IN THE SPAN
OF 22 YEARS."



"AND THEN YOU GET TO THE END
AND YOU SEE THAT YOU'RE
PART OF SOMETHING MUCH
BIGGER THAN YOU."



I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SAID
SOMETHING REALLY CORNY LIKE
THAT

WHICH IS PROBABLY A GOOD
REASON WHY WE DON'T
HAVE TIME MACHINES."



THANKS FOR EVERYTHING WILLAMETTE!

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MELE ANA KASTNER



Jonneke Koomen, Politics

When I struggle to make sense of injustice, I turn to a speech by Farrell Dobbs, a Minneapolis coal-yard worker and rank and file leader of the 1934 teamster strikes. He wrote: “the road ahead in that struggle is going to be strewn with obstacles, and there are going to be many pitfalls.... Our task is to chart a revolutionary course...and to hammer out the tactics in that direction as we go along. There’s no timetable. Nobody can say how long it’s going to take or when it’s going to happen... Don’t make it a condition that the... revolution must come in your lifetime. Be not only a citizen of the planet; be a citizen of time. Recognize that what is fundamental is to be in rapport with the human race from the dawn of history on to the heights that we can only vaguely begin to dream of. And what’s the alternative? The alternative is to make a compromise with this rotten capitalist sys-tem.... Maintain your place in the front ranks of the revolutionary fighters, and stand in that place for the duration. There is no other way in which you can find so rich, so re-warding, so fruitful and so purposeful a life.”



Joe Bowersox, Environmental Science

Take time for humility. None of us are the center of the universe. We live in a world that tells us to self-promote, to construct a life that one can broadcast like a highlight reel. Question yourself and reflect. Talk less and listen more. The world will come alive if we just listen.

“ HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS...AND CELL PHONES; IT IS A CRAZY WORLD OUT THERE! ”

Joyce Millen
Professor of Anthropology

David Craig, Biology

The great American author, poet and naturalist Henry David Thoreau wrote “Friends...they cherish one another’s hopes. They are kind to one another’s dreams.” I hope the Class of 2015 leaves with a greater sense of kindness and that you cherish the friendships born on this campus with students, faculty and staff. We want you to return to us when you can and share what comes of your dreams.



Abigail Susik, Art History

If you can, take a light view of your troubles whenever possible. Life is too short to dwell. For the very same reason, always pursue what you love with im-mense passion, energy and commitment!



Sammy Basu, Politics

Go forth with vigor but make room for others as you do.



Rich Dennis, Campus Safety


To the Class of 2015, go out and take the world by storm. Be productive and live life to the fullest.

Joyce Millen, Anthropology

HOLD on to your hats...and cell phones; it is a crazy world out there!
In your years here at Willamette, you have learned to identify injustice and oppression, and you have acquired the ability to recognize the local effects of complex historic and structural forces. You have learned to eschew superficial analysis and facile solutions, and have practiced the art of honoring nuance and complexity. You have become adroit class-room warriors, indignantly cursing oppressive systems and strictly-for-profit values.
Your professors have cultivated these skills in you by cajoling you to narrow the scope of your analysis, to probe deeper and to bring forth more and better evidence. We have done this for you AND for all of us, so that when you leave our collegiate bubble, you will translate the fruits of your learning into pragmatic ways of improving our world. Hold tight to these insights and skills; continue to build upon them. Good luck. We will never forget you!




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