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Student arrested on murder charge

Beau Wesley Smith is being held without bail, made no plea in court



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No bail is set for Beau Wesley Smith, a 21-year-old University student charged in the murder of a Salem man. Smith may enter a plea during his next court appearance, or his attorney could ask for more time to put together a defense.

Smith's next court date is slated for Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. Until then, Smith will remain in the Marion County Correctional Facility.

A trial has tentatively been set for Jan. 20.

Salem police and the Marion County District Attorney's office say Smith killed Michael Hampshire, 66, early in the morning on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Police responded to a 911 call made shortly before 4 a.m. that day stating that a body was found near Winter and D streets, a residential neighborhood about six blocks northeast of campus. The body was later

identified as Hampshire's.

The cause of death was homicidal violence, including blunt force injuries to the head, according to State Medical Examiner Christopher Young.

Public Information Officer Lieutenant Dave Okada could not confirm whether Smith made any statements to police when he was arrested.

"[Smith] was found a couple blocks from the scene," Okada said.

When asked if police tested Smith or Hampshire for alcohol or other intoxicants, Okada declined to comment.

Will Pahrman, a local landscaper and neighbor of Hampshire, said he knew the Salem resident for over 20 years.

"I need time to grieve," Pahrman said. "I wish [Smith] well. I know he was a student and a classmate of yours. That's all I know. I only know about Michael, and Michael's gone."

State to investigate further

Smith was arraigned in court

on Thursday, Nov. 13. He did not speak, and was separated by a glass partition from the rest of the courtroom while Judge Donald Abar read the murder charge to him. If convicted, Smith faces a potential maximum sentence of life in prison, Abar said in court.

A 1994 Oregon citizens' initiative requires a minimum sentence of 25 years in murder cases. Governor John Kitzhaber placed a moratorium on capital punishment in 2011, calling for a review of the death penalty system.

Abar also granted a request from Deputy District Attorney Doug Hanson, who asked that no bail be set, in accordance with Oregon's law for murder cases.

Smith complied with Salem police during the investigation, according to his lawyer Walter Todd. But Todd said that he would not characterize any statements made as a confession.

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Beau Wesley Smith (bottom) has been charged in the murder of Michael Hampshire (top right). Police said Hampshire's body was found Wednesday morning near Winter and D streets. He died due to homicidal violence.

OPINIONS

Non-white faculty at 17%

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On Oct. 25, the Willamette board of trustees met to discuss an issue near and dear to many students' hearts—diversity and inclusivity within Willamette's faculty and curriculum.

To frame the discussion, University President Stephen Thorsett and CLA Dean Marlene Moore presented material published by the Association of American Colleges and Universities on making excellence inclusive and began answering the question of why a diverse faculty matters.

Thorsett gave statistics showing that Willamette has the most diverse liberal arts student body in the Pacific Northwest.

The most recent statistics estimate approximately a quarter of Willamette students are first-generation students.

However, those numbers and others that reflect student diversity show a gap between the makeup of faculty and students.

Of 140 professors, 24 identify as non-white—or 17 percent. This

number is 2 percent below the national average of 19 percent non-white faculty.

An important distinction that was raised is that not all forms of diversity are visible. Some factors, like sexuality and socioeconomic status, are not statistical and often times not immediately evident to students.

Professors Jade Aguilar, Sammy Basu, and Chris Smith continued the conversation with a panel presentation.

Smith noted that while liberal arts schools produce only 8 percent of undergraduate science degrees, they account for 20 percent of successful science Ph.D.s. This underscored the importance of producing well-adjusted and societally aware graduates prepared to succeed.

They discussed the important role many professors of color play in taking on the burden of supporting underrepresented students. They encouraged that work on diversity and other additional responsibilities be tied into assessment during tenure review.

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SPORTS

Runners advance to nationals

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The cross country team had high expectations coming into this season, as both last season's men and women earned bids to the 2013 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships.

Last Saturday, they made sure not to fall short.

The women's team captured the West Region championship along with an automatic berth to the NCAA Championships in front of an outstanding home crowd at Bush's Pasture Park.

They placed 2-3-5-9-12 and earned a team score of just

31, the lowest score of the race by far, with the next closest team receiving a 54.

Senior Michaela Freeby led the Bearcat pack with a time of 22:16.6, followed closely by sophomore Olivia Mancl (22:20.0), junior Taylor Ostrander (22:28.5), junior Juliet Farman (22:42.2) and junior Hannah Bressler (22:48.0)

"Since the course consists of two loops, the first loop we tried to just establish our position," Ostrander said. "On the second loop is where you want to make your move and go to work."

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MICHAEL UNDERWOOD

From left: Junior Taylor Ostrander, sophomore Olivia Mancl and senior Michaela Freeby all placed in the top five overall, leading the women to a regional title.



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BRIEFS

On Friday, Nov. 14, Campus Safety Director Ross Stout sent an email to students about a recent string of car break-ins on campus. "Over the past three days, seven vehicles have been broken into in campus parking lots," Stout wrote. Stout said that he is certain that the damage and theft is by the same individuals. "Campus Safety has undertaken additional surveillance of parking lots and we are scheduling a second Willamette Watch student to patrol parking lots during peak hours," Stout wrote.

Applications for the ASWU judicial branch are due to student government President Andrés Oswill by 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21. "The Judicial Branch is designed to ensure the lawfulness and objectivity of your student government," Oswill wrote in an email. ASWU's third branch was formed last year in a revision of the group's constitution.

Director of Athletics David Rigsby has been hired as the University's new associate vice president for advancement. Rigsby "will provide leadership to a number of fundraising departments," according to a press release.

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Students voice input on faculty hiring

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The politics, sociology and environmental and earth sciences departments each invited three candidates applying for tenure-track faculty positions to campus during the past three weeks for the final part of the hiring process.

During their visits, the candidates gave a research presentation, taught a class and met with students and faculty.

After the evaluations, the departments and search committee members will recommend to CLA Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs Marlene Moore one candidate to hire per department.

The chosen professors will potentially start working as soon as next fall.

The sociology department is searching for a professor with an expertise in education or medical and health sociology.

Associate Professor of Sociology Kelley Strawn said that the department is very pleased with the candidates. He said that the department wants to hire someone who is passionate about teaching and providing a good education, and who is willing to absorb new teaching strategies while being open to sharing their ideas with other faculty members.

"We're looking for people who bring research experience and expertise that they can maintain and sustain here," Strawn said. "Every school has geographic and resource limitations, so we always try to find candidates who will be able to thrive and succeed given whatever the particular limitations might be in their field at Willamette."



Students talk to a faculty candidate for the politics department in the Bistro.

Associate Professor of Politics and Department Chair David Gutterman said that the politics department is searching for a professor to teach Latin American politics or politics concerning Latinos in the U.S.

Students have always been involved in the search process, but Gutterman said that they are particularly involved this year, as many students have been eating lunch with the candidates as well as attending the open house "cookies and conversation" sessions in the Bistro.

Students have also attended the candidates' presentations about the research they've conducted in their fields.

The candidates have received positive feedback from student evaluations about the classes they've taught.

"It's really quite wonderful how deeply committed politics students and other students on campus are to this search process," Gutterman said.

The search committees for each department include two students who are full-voting members.

Juniors Sam Gonzalez and Isa Peña are the students on the politics search committee.

"We ensure that there is a student voice on the committee, so any decisions that they make are going to have some sort of student guidance," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez and Peña have read all the candidates' files and have discussed them in meetings with the faculty members on the committee.

Gonzalez said that when narrowing down the candidates, he and the other search committee members try to ensure that the job applicants would be a good fit for students as well as the institution.

He said that the faculty members have been receptive and appreciative of student input.

"They have made the process really transparent and easy to access so our voices can be heard on the committee," Gonzalez said.

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Smith's lawyer solicits character references

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"He fully cooperated with the police, and he made a full statement to the police," Todd said. "The state of Oregon would perceive it to be that some admissions were made."

Todd, a 1981 graduate of the Willamette College of Law, waived the right for a preliminary hearing at the arraignment on Thursday in order to provide "further information to the state." He said he is still waiting to receive the police report from the district attorney.

"He was a real good student in high school and a star football player and we'll [provide] more information about his character, and the state wants more time to investigate the circumstances fully," Todd told reporters after the arraignment.

The senior chemistry major's parents visited Smith in jail on Friday, Nov. 14, according to Todd.

He is allowed visitors once per week, one person at a time.

'No easy resolution'

First news of the incident arrived on campus around 3 p.m. on Nov. 12, after Dean of Campus Life David Douglass sent a campuswide email stating that a "student is being held as part of a criminal investigation into an off-campus incident."

Douglass did not release the name of the student or the nature of the crime in his message. That information was announced by the Salem police department in a press release sent around 5 p.m. later that day.

In the days that followed, calls for compassion, support and campus unity were disseminated through email by a number of sources, including ASWU President Andrés Oswill and University Chaplain Karen Wood.

Wood has spoken with faculty, staff, students and parents about the incident. She said that there has been "a lot of concern."

"The fact that there is no easy resolution makes it hard," Wood said.

Students enrolled in the chemistry department attempted to visit Smith in jail on Monday, Nov. 17, according to an email sent by Professor of Chemistry Todd P. Silverstein.

That visit was later canceled after Smith's lawyer asked that students reserve the visit for his family, according to an email sent by Smith's adviser, Chemistry Professor and Department Chair Sarah Kirk.

In a separate email, Kirk said that Smith's lawyer has asked students to write letters testifying to Beau's character. Kirk said those letters could be submitted to her, and that she would ensure Todd, the attorney, would receive them.

Kirk did not return a phone call requesting an interview. In a separate email sent to senior chemistry majors, she praised "the care and support that you have shown for one another through this difficult time."

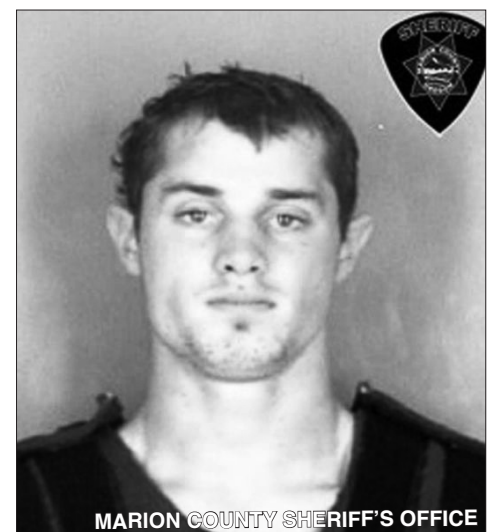
Violent crime increasing in Salem

The University may perform some type of a student conduct investigation, according to University spokesman Adam Torgerson.

"We're assessing the best way to proceed regarding any potential administrative adjudication given the complexities of this situation," Torgerson said. "All adjudication processes are confidential, so we'll be unable to share information about any particular student's case."

Between the active investigation and legal requirements that protect a student's personal information, there are not many details that can be revealed at this time.

"Student conduct cases are confidential," Torgerson said. "In all cases, we consider whether administrative actions are



SMITH HAS BEEN CHARGED IN THE MURDER OF A SALEM MAN. HE HAS NOT ENTERED A PLEA.

appropriate and will take necessary steps to ensure students a fair and just process."

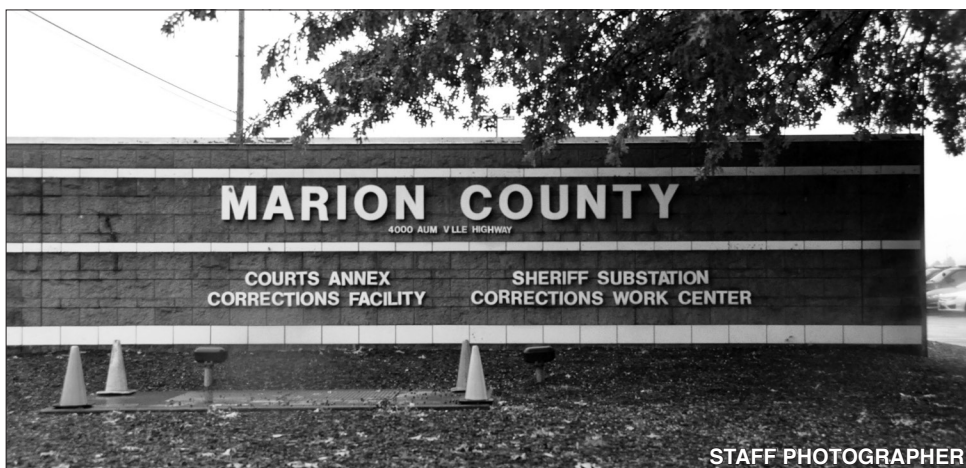
According to the FBI Uniform Crime reports, Salem's violent crime rate had been dropping since the mid-1990s, but increased by 7.9 percent between 2011 and 2012. There were seven murders in 2012 and 2013, up from three in 2011.

Violent crime rates on college campuses have not significantly changed in the last decade, according to the American Council on Education.

Smith, a wide receiver on the football team, scored three touchdowns this season. His arrest occurred just days before the team's final game, a home match against University of Puget Sound on Saturday, Nov. 15 at McCulloch Stadium.

Willamette lost the game 14-27.

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Smith is being held without bail at the Marion County Correctional Facility.

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Haseldorf's future still in question

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Though no definite plans have been made to tear down the Haseldorf apartment building, Vice President for Administrative Services Jim Bauer said that it's only a matter of time.

"The number of issues that would come up with a remodel of [Haseldorf] are significant," Bauer said. "About three years ago, we did a cost analysis of what it would cost to fix or change it, and it costs more to upgrade it than it costs to build an entirely new building. It doesn't make any sense to go in and do that."

Haseldorf features architecture of another era: The apartments have hardwood floors and curved archways. Some even have telephone booths. The building had an elevator, but it is now out of order. Due to its age and lack of renovations, Haseldorf is missing seismic upgrades and accessibility requirements.

When junior Margaret Woodcock was hired to be the community mentor of Haseldorf, she said that many students didn't believe her because they thought that all of the apartments were condemned.

"When you walk in, it's completely run-down and has a lot of cheeky charm to it, so it's the butt of most jokes for administrators," Woodcock said. "For example, Dean [of Campus Life David] Douglass often jokes that it is condemned. But

you're having students pay to live there, so that's a little bit ridiculous. This is someone's home."

Despite the rumors that circulate about the state of Haseldorf, Woodcock said it is one of the more popular housing options on campus.

"The apartments go pretty fast during lottery and once



SHAYNA WEIMER
Costs to renovate Haseldorf exceed how much money it would take to rebuild the apartments.

someone decides to leave for various reasons, the apartment gets filled," Woodcock said. "I think they're really popular because they're big and you still get the off-campus experience, but with the support of a CM and Campus Safety."

Bauer noted that there has been a fascination with the apartments for years.

"Students are always asking how long we are going to keep it open. Most of those ques-

tions were not coming from the standpoint of wanting to close it," Bauer said. "They wanted to keep it open."

In the spring, Bauer said that he and Douglass are going to lead a task force to discuss what housing arrangements are attractive to students.

"We'd like to have our students be able to say, I like the choices that are here, because they're flexible," Bauer said. "In the future, we want to build some options."

For Bauer, changing housing options is an important part of enticing students to live on campus. When the three-year residency requirement is discussed among students, Bauer found that questions about the policy are set in the present tense, rather than in the future.

"Sometimes those [questions] are asked in the context of what we have [now], not answered in the context of what we might have in the future," Bauer said. "And that's the kind of job that we need to do."

While Bauer said that students will be sad to see Haseldorf go, it might be the most practical solution for the University.

"There's been passion around Haseldorf for a long time. But all good things often have to come to an end," Bauer said. "Even if you renovated [Haseldorf], it's not going to have that kind of a life."

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Dean talks to ASWU on 3-year housing

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At the ASWU meeting on Thursday, Nov. 13, Dean of Campus Life David Douglass gave a presentation to the senators about the possibility of having a three-year on-campus residential requirement for students.

Douglass said that this requirement would not be a ploy to gain more revenue for the University, but that Willamette would be looking to add value to the on-campus experience.

"This is a strategic plan," Douglass said. "This is a small, residential liberal arts college."

Douglass also mentioned that the University could develop themed housing.

"What we have in mind is the idea of living in a learning community," Douglass said.

One senator mentioned that living off-campus can be less expensive, and that this decision could impact students financially. Douglass responded by saying that the cost of living on campus for another year would have to be scaled into financial aid.

Douglass said that at this point, many of the details of the plan are still speculative.

"We won't require students to live on campus until we have enough space, so it won't

be too soon," Douglass said.

Douglass then gave a brief presentation about the new Compass Program that first-year students are required to participate in.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of presentations from student organizations who requested more than \$1,500 from the ASWU budget.

Willamette Taiko club asked for \$12,000 to purchase new equipment, including new drums. The senators moved not to fund Taiko club for now, but to fund the group through the ASWU endowment.

A club member read multiple letters of recommendation, and cited their growth from six members in the fall of 2012 to 25 members currently.

Wulapalooza asked for a sum similar to prior years—\$30,450.

The Japan Studies Student Leaders and the Office of Multicultural Affairs Council also gave short presentations for their budget requests.

Senators discussed various options for funding the organizations.

During the meeting, current ASWU Treasurer Greg Ebert reported to the senate that on Thursday, Nov. 20 senior Brad Russell will be sworn in as the new treasurer.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

November 12, 1 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): An employee called to report that their vehicle had been damaged while parked in the lot. The employee showed the officer the broken side view mirror as well as a couple of scrapes on the plastic.

November 16, 2:07 a.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): Campus Safety received an alarm triggered by a window screen. The officer found that one of the screens had been pried away from the window, bending its frame. A work order was submitted to replace the damaged screen.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

November 13, 5:08 p.m. (12th and Mill streets): Campus Safety received a call that a student was struck by a vehicle as they were crossing 12th street on their way to Kaneko. WEMS and Campus Safety responded to the scene. Paramedics also responded. The student suffered no major injuries and the driver of the vehicle was arrested by Salem PD on a charge of DUI.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

November 15, 10:38 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received a report of the smell of marijuana. Officers responded and spoke with residents of the room, who confirmed that they had been smok-

ing marijuana. The students handed over the paraphernalia to the officer.

THEFT

November 10, 8:30 a.m. (Lee House): Campus Safety received a report that a set of golf cart batteries had been stolen from a campus golf cart. Information regarding this incident was forwarded to Salem PD as part of an ongoing investigation.

November 10, 2:30 p.m. (Eaton Hall): A student came into the office to report that their bike had been stolen. The student reported locking the bike up in front of the building and, when they came back after class, it was gone.

November 11, 8:30 p.m. (University Apartment Parking Lot): A student reported that their car had been broken into. The front passenger window was smashed and a purse was taken from inside.

November 13, 7:35 a.m. (University Apartment Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report of a vehicle that had been broken into. The right front window had been smashed. The owner was contacted about the incident and later was able to itemize what had been taken from the vehicle.

November 13, 11:15 a.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): A student called to report that their vehicle had been broken into. The officer met with the student and observed that the left rear window had been smashed and items had been taken from inside.

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Do you care about Wulapalooza? Have a sweet tooth? Stop by Frozation Nation on Liberty Street from 6 to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 19—25 percent of your purchase will go toward the spring music festival.

Come celebrate Native American Heritage Month at Frybread Night on Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Alumni Lounge from 4 to 6 p.m. The Indigenous Student Union will provide Native American films, music and food, including "Indian tacos"—something you'll only discover if you attend.

Are you a self-described "poor college student?" Luckily, it's Penny Pincher Month at the Salem Public Library. Sharon Henegar, "The Queen of Fifty Cents," will give free tips on saving money at yard sales on Saturday, Nov. 22 in Loucks Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. The event is called "Shopping on Driveways." For more information, visit www.salemlibrary.org

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LECTURE REVIEW

Taking George Takei at face value

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This fall's Atkinson lecture, arguably Willamette's most buzzworthy platform for guest speakers, featured George Takei, to the delight of many students.

People know Takei for many reasons, from his role in the original "Star Trek" series to his successful work as a human rights activist.

I, however, only knew him as "the guy who gets all those Facebook shares from my mom."

Indeed, much of Takei's fame comes from his Facebook page, a collection of day-old memes plucked from Reddit and reposted by a crack team of interns.

I'm not sure if my limited knowledge of Takei affected my enjoyment of his lecture, but I had a good time nevertheless.

It only took me five minutes to get used to his voice, which reminded me of a 1940s radio announcer trying to tell me about the benefits of capitalism mixed with a hint of Kermit the Frog.

The speech itself was fantastic. Takei's story of his Japanese-American family internment during World War II sent a message about equality, social justice and hope—all things that good and honest people enjoy hearing about.

Problems arose, though, when it came time for the actor to answer questions from the audience.

Everything was running smoothly until students asked Takei about transgender issues. Like so many of us, he fumbled when pressed for an immediate response to a complex question.

Rather than responding to these pressing questions like someone with, say, a doctorate might, Takei answered the questions like a 70-something-year-old man trained in the arts might.

Finding out that George Takei didn't have literally all of the answers for everything was jarring for some, especially those of us who expected a star of "Star Trek" to answer political questions with ease.

Sure, it would have been nice if he had some kind of prepared speech on the importance of transgender representation in mainstream media. Sadly, Takei could only provide an answer from his limited perspective and experience, which apparently is extremely disappointing coming from a guy known for pretending to hurtle through space with William Shatner.

After a student ditched him at the mic mid-answer, Takei received questions he could actually answer regarding his acting career and the use of humor in activism.

While some of us felt let down by his apparent lack of insight, others found inspiration in Takei's anecdotes.

Perhaps some people felt let down and inspired at the same time, forcing them to go home and stare blankly at their walls while thinking, "Who am I ... really?"

Regardless of your individual feelings about George Takei's lecture and his question-answering ability, at the very least you can tell people you heard him say "Ohh my!" in person and use that to sleep better for the next couple of days.

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George Takei navigated tough questions to the best of his ability.

KELLIE STANDISH

Reality TV from a British perspective

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When asked to compare American TV shows with those in England, I assumed that I wouldn't have much to say about their differences.

After taking a closer look, the examples of MTV and E! were pretty much what I expected, and in parts, much worse.

That's not to say there's a lack of this stuff back home. "Made in Chelsea" and "The Only Way is Essex" resemble their American counterparts in terms of low production value and the recasting of audience as voyeur; no one really knows what's scripted and what's not.

First, I watched "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," relocating twice in the library to avoid being seen with it on my screen. I spent most of it pretty bored and sometimes a bit bewildered, but mostly just a little uncomfortable.

I tried to imagine exactly how each scene would play out beforehand and wondered if everyone in the show was as uncomfortable as me.

Probably not.

I kept a running commentary of my thoughts, such as "All of these people look dead inside."

"Teen Mom" seemed a bit easier to figure out. Young people, younger than most of us, have to deal with older people's responsibilities, often with the irrespon-

sibility of the surrounding older people piled on top.

Even with such an obvious concept, the sticky sentimentality of "Teen Mom" made me feel weird. The viewer is encouraged to watch the show and feel better about his or her own life. It's a show about "the worst generation ever," but placates the audience with cute babies.

Confusingly, in the introduction of one teen mom, we're expected to judge one woman for having a baby at a young age and also her sister for having an abortion. I could not figure out how the audience is supposed to react to these concepts.

It seems that these shows become popular due to their incomprehensibility; you just end up sitting passively in front of the TV until it's time to change the channel.

All the same, TV viewing is a two-way street. I would have to watch "Kardashians" and "Teen Mom" very regularly to actually give a damn about these people—I'm certainly not hooked after one show.

I think it all boils down to the call of the voyeur—there's no other way to classify this programming except under "guilty pleasures."

With such unlikable characters/people, I couldn't figure out if this serves as a draw for audiences, or just a garish, bizarre and brainless way to kill time.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Big K.R.I.T. shines a light on Southern rap

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Mississippi native Big K.R.I.T. graced us with his sophomore major-label debut "Cadillactica" last Monday. I have historically paid relatively little attention to K.R.I.T., save for his presence in tracks alongside the likes of Curren\$y and Chip tha Ripper.

I can't speak much to his biography, but he's the only Mississippian rapper that I know of.

With that in mind, this review will focus on the album itself, rather than its role in the context of a larger career.

It's a lengthy record, clocking in at almost an hour, and definitely didn't hold my continuous attention for its duration.

"Kreation (Intro)" hits us with some Daft Punk-y synthed vocals underneath K.R.I.T.'s proclaimed aspirations of perfection. It's a lofty end-goal, but "Kreation" effectively sets the stage for the galactic feel that the EP presents.

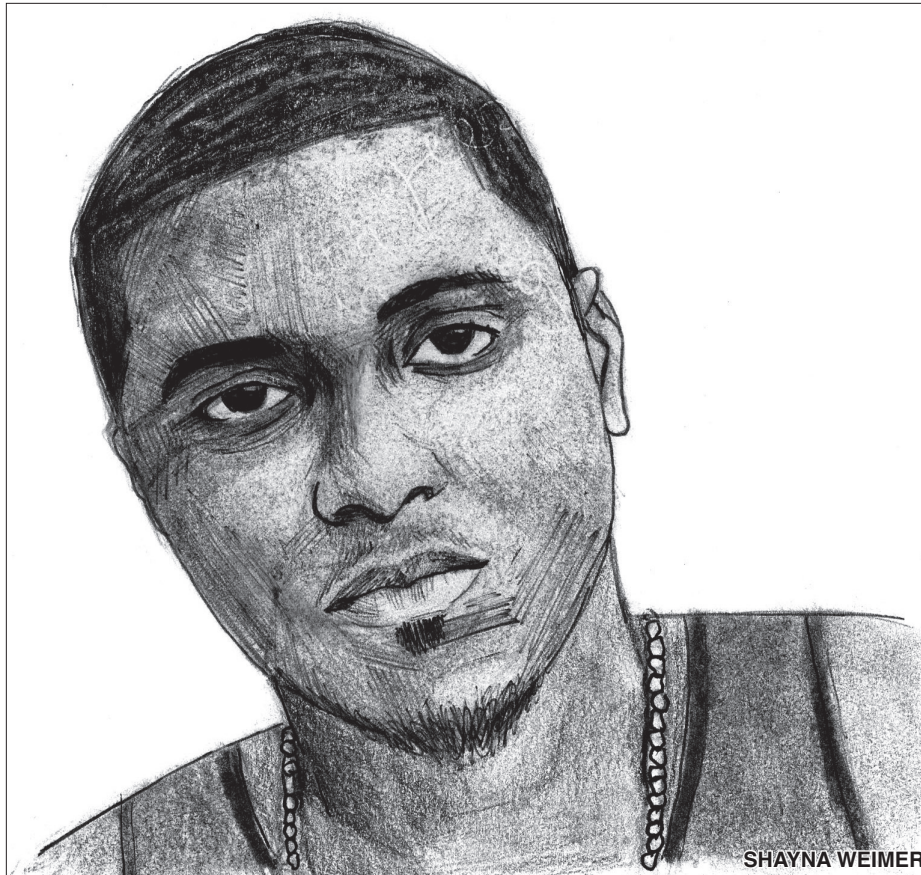
In "Life," K.R.I.T. talks of "dodging comets" on his way to finding life on a mythical planet, with triumphant yet subdued production and bellowing choir vocals.

K.R.I.T. has my undivided attention as he transitions to one of my favorite tracks on the album, "My Sub Pt. 3 (Big Bang)"—here lies the Southern feel that pretty much any rap aficionado can identify. A gradual, piece-by-piece beat buildup leads to a bass line deeper than your iPhone headphones can register. K.R.I.T. finishes his first verse with "I can barely feel my face / but I hit 'em with the bass!"

Been there.

"Pay Attention" succeeds save for the hook, essentially just a falsetto'd bummer sentiment about paying more attention to his lady friend. This track highlights K.R.I.T.'s Achilles' heel: one-dimensional, repetitive hooks.

"King of the South" has that same problem of a tiresome hook. K.R.I.T. notes later on "When you flexin' it's



Big K.R.I.T. (born Justin Scott) borrows heavily from OutKast's "Stankonia" on "Cadillactica."

hard to be humble," which is a lot like saying "When you're swimming it's hard to be dry."

"Mind Control" features an average guest verse from E-40 and a horrible contribution from Wiz Khalifa (like much of what he does these days). While younger than E-40, Wiz is clearly past his prime, and I was pretty bummed to hear him on this album.

When I saw a track titled "Third Eye," I wanted to throw up a little. I'm so tired of hearing rappers brag about their all-seeing third eyes; it's a claim of omniscient superiority that either isolates themselves from their fans, or worse, coerces fans into "discovering" their own third eyes.

Thankfully, K.R.I.T. turns around the cliché to describe the third eye of a mystery woman: "My two eyes saw

your third eye from across the room / I can see ya soul babe I think you my soulmate / you remind me of a goddess / pardon if I fall in love too soon."

After the manipulative sentiment on "Mind Control," I was glad to see K.R.I.T. recognize a potential mate as his equal or possible superior.

The album concludes with a verse from Lupe Fiasco on "Lost Generation" that I think sabotages the album. We don't need to hear your surface-level opinion of the military industrial complex, Lupe. Not the time or place.

Overall, if you've ever gotten down to an OutKast or UGK jam (Lord help you if you haven't), definitely give "Cadillactica" a listen.

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BEARCAT BULLET

Too soon?



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Sensitive times call for sensitive behavior. Whether the situation in question occurred locally, across the country or in the Middle East, rarely do bad things only affect one person. We expect caring humans to think beforehand about their words in order to avoid inflicting further emotional distress.

Tragedies are as unique as the people who experience them. Some flood the minds of many, while others barely register—a car crash that occurred near my house in 2006 still compels people to leave flowers around a tree, but hardly anyone I know acknowledged the Virgin Galactic SpaceShipTwo explosion that occurred this Halloween. Both events involved just one casualty.

Humans, complex in their nature, react differently to loss. Whether you sob violently or laugh hysterically at bad news, someone next to you could have the opposite response.

Even when it comes to their own demise, some individuals want others to respond gleefully. In the seminal film "Elizabethtown," Orlando Bloom's character finds the prospect of a happy funeral (a celebration of one's life) deeply confusing—most people would probably agree.

In the same vein, backlash quickly follows most jokes made at the expense of a tragedy. A person might shake their head and glumly declare that the statement is "too soon."

The more aggressive version of this scenario would involve the disapproving person making a judgment about the joker's character. How dare they use this death/heinous crime to get laughs!

I still use Yik Yak, and the regular reader of this column probably shares this in common with me.

What the *Collegian* once considered a passing fad has turned into both a rumor mill and an outlet for repressed thoughts and feelings.

Without explicitly commenting on the grisly events that recently befell the Willamette Valley, it is clear that Yik Yak users expressed a range of reactions and theories about the news.

Everyone stands at a different proximity to these situations. Some are strangers and look at the newspaper with callous objectivity, while others unfortunately remain entrenched in the chaos.

Someone expressed anger toward an alumni who wanted to talk publicly about the relationship between crime and race. Not that this person saw what the Yackers said, but denunciation is perhaps the gentlest way to describe the responses.

If critical thinking doesn't fare well in these trying times, then comedy doesn't stand a chance.

I asked a few impartial non-Willamette friends about the general parameters of judging how soon is "too soon." While most said to decide on a case-by-case basis, a bolder person recommended waiting between two and four weeks after something horrible happens.

Timeliness dictates everything that goes into a newspaper, so naturally everything covering a tragedy will be "too soon." Even if someone chose to stop reading this column paragraphs ago, I hope that another person found some general analysis somewhat useful.

Cancer has traumatized countless families, yet fundraisers often declare "Fuck Cancer!" in a tongue-in-cheek manner. ISIS beheads innocent people, yet teens in Lebanon lampoon the terrorists with parody videos.

Everyone responds differently to tragedy, and being truly compassionate involves openness to all coping mechanisms.

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Sustainability in the bathroom

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Tampons are gross. So are Maxi pads. And both toiletries affect everyone living on this planet, regardless of sex or gender.

Over the course of a lifetime, the average woman (it should be noted that not all women have periods, and not all people who have periods are women) will spend \$3,500 on disposable menstrual products. That's about 8,000 tampons or pads, generating mountains of bloody, disgusting waste that will sit in our landfills forever.

Disposable menstrual products are made of wood pulp—with chemical additives and fragrances—and contain (trace amounts of) a known carcinogen, (dioxin), as a result of the bleaching process.

Thankfully, we have sustainable alternatives: reusable menstrual products.

For the sake of your body, your friends, your family and your planet, put aside preconceived notions and give these solutions a chance.

Two main types of reusable menstrual products can be found on the market: menstrual cups and reusable cloth pads.

Menstrual cups are the bomb. Made of medical-grade silicone, they go inside the vagina, like a tampon. You'll buy one for about \$30 once or maybe twice in your lifetime.

These cups only need to be emptied two or three times a day. Unlike a tampon, they collect, rather than absorb, liquid. This greatly reduces the risk of TSS (toxic shock syndrome), which occurs from over-ab-

sorbent tampons drying out tissue and creating small tears that allow bacteria into the bloodstream.

Similar to tampons, menstrual cups allow you to run, swim, bike, etc. with ease and comfort.

While urban legends and a few sad but true stories describe cups getting stuck inside of people, this shouldn't ever happen. Menstrual cups do require a little practice, but will come out with a bit of maneuvering.

Menstrual cups don't work for some people, with excuses ranging from "I just can't even" (personal preference) to medical conditions such as endometriosis.

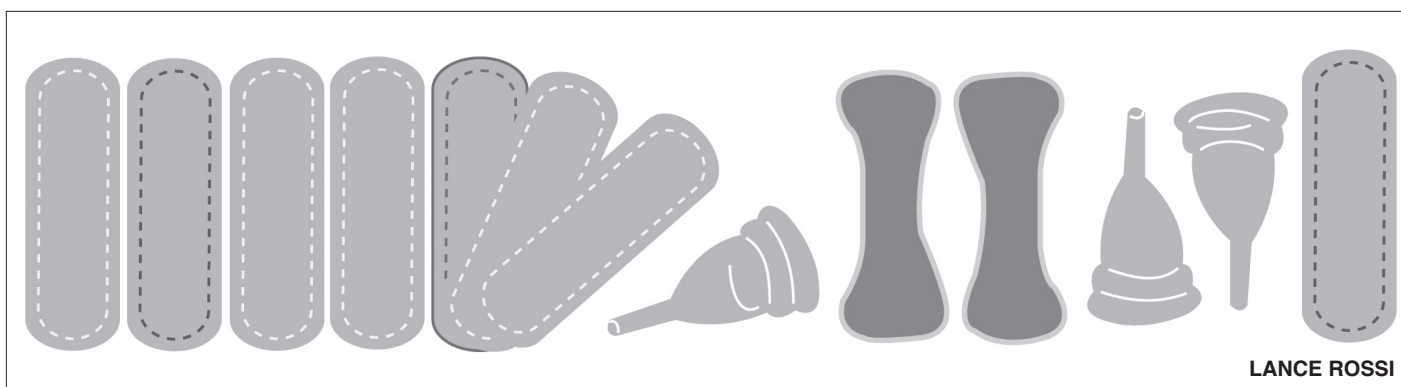
Luckily, one can always try reusable cloth pads, available in a wide variety of designs and pretty colors. Unlike disposable pads, which have a plastic lining

that traps odor and can lead to chafing and infection, cloth pads are breathable and supremely comfortable. Contrary to popular belief, the fabric isn't difficult to keep clean; just rinse and toss them in the laundry.

All reusable menstrual products require a little more cleaning than their disposable counterparts. But ask yourself: Which is really more disgusting? Having to deal with a little blood, or piling up foul, rotting disposables for someone else to deal with in the future?

Want to go buy some of these wonderful products? Check out the Portland-based company GladRags (gladrags.com) for a great selection of pads and cups and plenty of extra information.

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Surviving Thanksgiving and Other Relatives

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In less than a week, Thanksgiving break will be upon us. Some will go home to their warm beds of familiarity—some will visit friends and family—and some will stay in the comforts of Willamette. Regardless of location, with great breaks comes great responsibility for dealing with boredom, inquisitions and awkward social interactions. Here are a few tips to survive your Thanksgiving break.

Dorm Dwellers

Despite the short break that is Thanksgiving, you will inevitably become bored. Whether you're procrastinating on finals and assignments due after break, or trying to hibernate and catch up on sleep, there are things to distract you from the bottomless pit that is mind-numbing boredom.

1 A Very Netflix Thanksgiving

"Free Birds" is an animated film about two turkeys time traveling in order to remove their species from the menu. If that doesn't put you in the mood for Thanksgiving mood, I don't know what will. There is also an array of Christmas movies (including Lifetime Originals!) on Netflix, and we all know Christmas comes right after Thanksgiving, so might as well get an early start.

2 Explore Salem

Food services at Willamette (Goudy Commons, Kaneko Cafe and Cat Cavern) will be closed from Nov. 26 after lunch and won't reopen until Dec. 1 for breakfast. Students will have to survive without the glory of three square meals made for them, complete with the live entertainment that is other students. However, this is a great opportunity to explore Salem through food. Great, affordable eateries around Salem within walking distance include Love Love Teriyaki, Thai Orchid, Sassy Onion, Oregon Crêpe Cafe and Crema Coffee Brewtique. So get out there and find something good to eat!

3 Craft

Despite popular opinion, hand turkeys are not only for children. Find some craft paper and go crazy. Stick them on friends' doors, your roommate's desk, across the windows, across the walls. It's also never too early to start putting up winter decorations. There can never be too many snowflake cutouts.

4 Friendsgiving

Safeway is only a block away, and if you and your friends are staying at school, why not have a Friendsgiving? Get some friends together and make a feast. It doesn't have to be a full-blown turkey dinner and you don't have to be Gordon Ramsay to have a good meal. Pizza? Warm cookies and milk? Pumpkin Pie? Binge-watching movies? Yes, please!

5 Skype

We've all been avoiding that dreaded Skype or FaceTime date our Mom has been wanting to set up with us, but go ahead and cave in this time. Five minutes of "Can you see me, honey?" shouldn't kill you and will certainly brighten your family's day.

6 Dad Jokes (Thanksgiving Edition)

If your roommate or friends are going home, they're going to miss their family when they return to school. What better way to make them feel less homesick than telling a few classic dad jokes? Here are a few Thanksgiving themed examples to get you started.

Q: What is the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner?

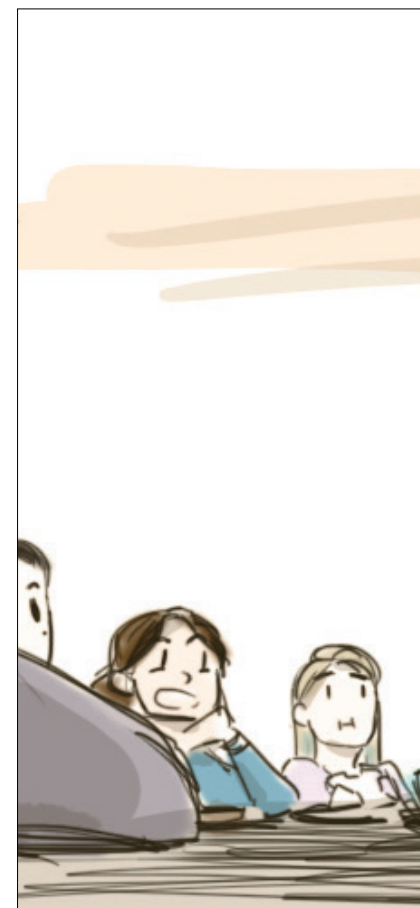
A: A turKEY.

Q: What do you wear to a Thanksgiving dinner?

A: A harVEST.

7 Sleep

Honestly, isn't this all we need? Time to catch up on some serious sleep. Prepare to say hello to your lovely sheets. May this week eradicate the widespread deprivation.



Thanksgiving Break Related Struggles

Awkward Family Moments

After getting a taste of living life somewhat independently, it's a strange feeling to go back home. Distance makes the heart grow fonder, but it also makes for, at the very least, some awkward dinner conversations. So prepare yourself for the worst and hope your room hasn't been turned in to a home gym yet.

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Stuck In The Annex

You're in college, but it still doesn't warrant you a spot at the adult table. So you're stuck with the paper plates and plastic utensils, complete with cartoon turkeys and autumn leaves. If I throw a fit, does it make me still a child?

Try throwing a piece of pie at the adults to get their attention.

2

My Lovelife?

Every relative asks you about your relationship status.

Yes, I'm still single. Yes, it's normal. And if I were in a relationship, I would never tell you, so please drop it.

Ask them about their romantic struggles and see how it goes.

3

Overeating.

Your meal plan fed you in school, yes. Hence, the freshman 15. However, there's nothing like home cooking, especially when you've been so removed from the perfect feast. It's OK to overeat for Thanksgiving—you're going into finals hibernation soon anyway.

4

When Political Views Don't Align

After taking that intro to politics class, you have formed your own opinions, and have written a research paper that argues for said perspective. Now, your Uncle Al is negating your thesis and dinner turns into debate class. Watch out for that cleaver and accept that you will probably never convince your uncle.

5

Drunk Relatives

When every adult in your family got a bit tipsy at one time or another over the holidays, you always thought it was weird. Now you have college friends to compare them to, and it makes it just a little bit more bearable. Make sure you bring your camera.

6

Your Future

Inevitably, some relative twice removed will ask you, "So, what are you doing with the rest of your life?" Chances are you don't know, and even if you do, you probably don't want their commentary on your plans. So try faking a coughing spell when the dreaded question comes up, in the hopes that when you're done, they will have moved onto their next victim.

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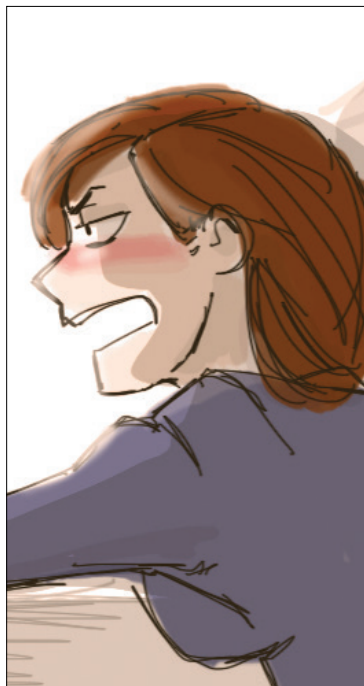
Brainwashed Childhood

When a little cousin (or any young family member) starts giving a speech on what they learned in school about Thanksgiving, the joy of pilgrims and feasts with Native Americans, it's time to interject.

Honey, the pilgrims slaughtered a lot of Native Americans. Also, Columbus didn't "discover" America—he invaded and colonized it.



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A fighting chance



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Kenneth Wainstein, a partner with the law firm Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft was hired by University of North Carolina (UNC) to independently investigate academic fraud.

This October, Wainstein unearthed 18 years of evidence revealing that thousands of student-athletes had been funneled into a fake program to keep them on the field.

The UNC administration has been on the defensive throughout the entire investigation, admitting only to allegations as they surfaced and never digging to the root of the problem.

Mary Willingham, learning specialist at UNC, went public with allegations of academic fraud after years of attempting to assist student-athletes with the academic rigors of studying at UNC.

After encountering an alarming number of athletes unable to read and write, she researched the reading levels of 183 UNC at Chapel Hill athletes who played football or basketball. She found that 60 percent read between fourth and eighth grade levels. Between 8 and 10 percent read below a third grade level.

A CNN investigation this past January found that at public universities across the country, many students in the basketball and football programs could read only up to an eighth grade level.

The data showed a staggering achievement gap between college athletes and their peers at the same institution.

Iowa State is one of the few schools found to have only a marginal achievement gap between students and student-athletes.

The study cites Iowa's special summer tutoring program, which is for everyone, not just athletes, as a part of their success.

Tom Hill, senior vice president for student affairs at Iowa State, sees the current system as corrupt.

Hill sees cases like UNC, where institutions are pushing student-athletes through college with fake classes and denying them a real education, for what they truly are—wrong.

"Those people who do that should be arrested," Hill said, in an interview with CNN. "We should make it against the law."

Hill, Wainstein and Willingham are demanding change within a structure where athletes are made to carry the brunt of a failed system.

Michael McAdoo, a former football player at UNC, said he was forced to major in African-American studies, the department cited as the heart of the fraud.

"I lost an education. I lost trust in the school—someone I thought had my best interest," McAdoo said. "I definitely lost out on two seasons of football, which would have put me in a better situation than I am now."

The current NCAA, designed to protect student-athletes, is screwing them over.

The NCAA has dealt with countless cases of academic fraud by universities in the name of protecting their sports programs and has yet to release a mandate that changes the system.

The NCAA needs to quit covering their ass and, instead, demand that institutions follow models like Iowa State's.

If we are going to have sports be a fundamental part of higher education, then we need to at least give our athletes a fighting chance.

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Bearcats open season against top opponents



Junior Brandon Luedtke scored 13 points to top the Bearcats, but Willamette could not keep up with Schreiner University, who posted 12 total three-pointers.

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The men's and women's basketball teams began their season last weekend with the hopes of getting off to a strong start.

The women's team played on Saturday against Montclair State University from New Jersey in the first round of the 2014 Bon Appétit Northwest Conference Tip-Off Classic, hosted by Lewis & Clark.

The Bearcats fell to Montclair 73-49. This year, the Red Hawks are ranked No. 10 in the USA Today Division III Poll.

"Starting out the first game against one of the best teams in the country allowed us to see what future conference games would look like against the top teams in our league," senior Jojo DeLong said. "Our conference has some of the top teams in the country, so in playing against a team like Montclair, we got a chance to see where we are and figure out what we need to work on in order to play at that level later on in the season."

Sophomores Kylie Towry and Racyn Parker had a strong season start with nine points each. Senior Daena Mau also had nine points, and DeLong was close behind with eight.

Nevertheless, the lady Bearcats had an opportunity to bounce back the very next day against Texas' Schreiner University, also hosted at Lewis & Clark.

The game was close throughout and was tied at 51 with 1:09 remaining in regulation. However, a couple clutch free throws and rebounding helped Willamette finish the game on a 6-2 run for a 57-53 victory.

"The match up against Schreiner was nice because we were comparable to them in height, so we figured it would come down to the hustle plays and weathering big runs," senior Julia Brand said. "This weekend was a really good challenge and the next step from here is to feed off the win, learn from the mistakes and build off of this momentum."

The Bearcats were led by DeLong, who finished with 26 points as a result of scoring four three-pointers and going eight for 10 at the free throw line. She also added on six rebounds, three assists and two steals. Towry was also a top performer, with 12 points, five rebounds and two assists.

The men's team opened their season on Sunday night at home against Schreiner.

The game was back and forth, with each team responding to their opponent's respective runs with runs of their own. Ultimately, at the 16:08 mark in the second half, Schreiner tallied seven points in a row to make the score 40-34, and held that lead the rest of the way.

The final score was 69-57 in favor of the Mountaineers.

Junior Brandon Luedtke topped Willamette's offensive chart with 13 points. He also led the Bearcats with seven rebounds.

Freshmen Hayden Russell and Brendon McCullough chipped in 10 points apiece for Willamette, while junior Bridger Harlington scored seven points.

The men will take on La Verne and Caltech this weekend at home, while the women's team will host Caltech and UC Santa Cruz.

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Football wraps up season with loss

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On Saturday, the Bearcats were unable to rebound from some early turnovers, eventually losing to University of Puget Sound by a score of 27-14.

However, after the game, the attitude in the locker room was anything but negative as players and coaches reflected on a very accomplished season.

"This team was able to build a very strong camaraderie compared to years past," senior cornerback Wendell Galvan said. "I feel like everyone on this squad was a lot closer to each other on and off the field."

During the game, Willamette was unable to stop UPS early on, as they scored on two of their first three possessions to take a quick 14-0 lead. The first touchdown came on a 7-yard run and the second came via a 55-yard pass.

From there, the Bearcat defense found some rhythm, as a punt forced two missed field goals—one of them being blocked—to give the offense an opportunity to get them back into the game.

However, the next two Willamette offensive series featured giveaways via interception, leading to seven more Logger points as they capitalized on the turnover by scoring on a 16-yard pass.

Puget Sound scored 20 total points off turnovers in the game.

Coming out of the half, the 'Cats saw a spark as they scored on a 10-play, 80-yard drive that was finished with a 16-yard run by sophomore quarterback Trent Spallas.

However, the relief was short lived, as the Loggers put the game out of reach with two more field goals to extend their lead to 27-7.

For their second and final score of the game, Jones ran it in from 5-yards out with 13:46 left in the fourth quarter.

In his final game, Jones finished with 223 yards on 32 carries, capping a record-setting season for the senior.

"I'd just like to thank my team for everything they have done for me," he said. "I couldn't have had any of the success I've had without them and I appreciate everything they've done for me."

He broke the school's single-season records in rushing yards and touchdowns, as well as the single-game records in rushing yards and longest touchdown run. Jones also finished with 2,587 career yards, a mere two yards shy of the all-time record.

However, the season featured many other highlights, including the Bearcats road victory over rival and (at the time) No. 5 nationally ranked Linfield College.

Willamette snapped Linfield's 41 consecutive regular seasons win streak along with its 38-game NWC winning streak and 25-game regular-season unbeaten streak at home.

"The highlight of the year was our victory over Linfield," head coach Glen Fowles said. "It is something that we hadn't done in a while, and it showed how well a team can perform when they play together and play inspired."

As for what lies in the future for Willamette football, Jones had some words of wisdom after his final game.

"The chemistry on teams makes something special," he said. "We battled all year and didn't give up and that's how it has to be."



The Bearcats closed out their season with a loss to Puget Sound on Saturday. Senior Dylan Jones rushed for a total of 1,599 yards during the season, a new school record.

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Willamette runners went the distance

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It was the sixth West Regional women's title for the Bearcats and their first since winning five championships in a row from 2003 through 2007.

"During the race, we were focused on running for the team," Freeby said. "This is something we all love to do, and Saturday was really fun for all of us."

In addition, every single Bearcat runner that participated received All-West Region honors, including freshman runners Alyssa Reese, who placed 24th, and Hannah Swanson, who finished 34th.

"Regionals are really exciting because you know where that's going to put you for Nationals," Ostrander said. "This definitely gave us a big lift."

One member of the men's team will also join them—junior Yonny Castillo.

Despite placing fourth in the team standings, Castillo will represent his squad after earning himself an at-large bid—coming in 10th overall and running a 25:52.0.

He was one of seven runners to receive a bid for tremendous effort in the Western Regional.

"I felt good during the race, I knew that I was capable of competing toward the front of the field," he said. "So I just used that confidence as momentum throughout the race to help me stay up toward the front and battle for a good place."

The NCAA Division III Championships will be held on Saturday in Mason, Ohio. Members of the women's team said they will take this short week to mentally prepare more than anything else.

"Getting in the right mindset and staying relaxed I think is big," Freeby said. "We are excited and confident knowing that we've trained all year long to get here."

Castillo has similar preparation goals for the trip in order to represent his team well.

"It is going to be a bit bittersweet because I would prefer to have my teammates come with me, but I am excited in the sense that I'll be able to go out there and represent them and our program this weekend," Castillo said. "I know that my coaches have prepared me for this and I'm excited to go out there and compete."

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The women won the West Regional title on Saturday, and will be moving on to Nationals in Ohio. Junior Yonny Castillo will join them, as the only representative of the men's team.

The perils of exhibition



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Last Friday, MLB All-Star second baseman Robinson Cano fractured his toe playing in an exhibition game in Japan.

Despite just finishing a season that spanned from the middle of February—when catchers and pitchers began to report to spring training—to just several weeks ago—when the Giants defeated the Royals in the World Series—the MLB has already continued to play on, sending a team of well-known MLB All-Stars to Japan as part of a goodwill exhibition series against the Japanese League All-Stars.

Cano is not expected to miss an extended amount of play time, but must refrain from participating in baseball activities for the next month.

Cano's injury is a perfect example of what can go wrong during exhibition games.

Despite the fact that most teams believe the final score of exhibition games to be meaningless, the consequences of these games can be very real for players, especially if they suffer injuries during them.

For example, take the case of NBA star forward Paul George. George was playing in a televised scrimmage with the United States in preparation for the 2014 FIBA World Cup when he fractured both his tibia and fibula attempting to chase down James Harden on defense.

Despite the injury taking place in a totally meaningless scrimmage, George will miss the entirety of the 2014-2015 NBA season.

NFL players also know the danger of sustaining injury during exhibition games.

Every year a handful of vital players succumb to injury during the preseason, derailing their teams' regular season hopes.

Before off-the-field issues overtook his life, Adrian Peterson was a large proponent of shortening the NFL preseason. Peterson, who rarely participates in preseason games, believes that the NFL should replace several of these games with controlled scrimmages in order to reduce the risk of injuries.

One of the more famous examples of a devastating NFL preseason accident is the knee injury that Trent Green suffered heading into the 1999 season for the Saint Louis Rams.

Green was expected to be the starting quarterback for the Rams, so when Green was carted off of the field, many thought that the team's playoff hopes were leaving the field with him.

However, this injury led to the Rams giving unknown backup quarterback Kurt Warner an opportunity to start. Warner ended up leading the Rams to a Super Bowl victory that season, which marked the beginning of an unlikely but successful NFL career.

The lesson from all these instances seems to be that teams should play as few exhibition games as they possibly can.

Exhibition games surely serve a purpose, as they not only help remove the rust that teams have accumulated during the offseason, but they also allow players that aren't talented enough to play in regular season games a chance to get in-game reps.

That being said, teams surely can't be pleased seeing their star players miss large numbers of meaningful games because they hurt themselves in one that was, in the end, meaningless.

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More than a pretty face

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"Pretty Faces" is the title of the first all-women's ski film. If the title seems ironic, let me explain why—faces, to a skier, belong to mountains. Something you stand at the bottom of, look up at in terror, summit and descend.

For many female skiers, these faces are huge. Not just because of their sheer size, but because of the work it took for those skiers to get there. The body I inhabit has largely shaped my own experiences as a female skier.

My progress in the sport was inhibited for a long time by an internalized feeling of self-doubt and inferiority—my younger brother, however, thrived at the sport and was far better than me at a young age.

According to unicornpicnic.com, women make up 40 percent of the skiing population and 30 percent of "adventure sports film viewership."

Yet, a mere 14 percent of athletes in major ski films this past season were female. And that 14 percent is a record-breaking high.

So, female skiers ski pretty faces all the time. We also, however, constantly have to prove that we are more than just pretty faces.

And so the title, and the film to which it belongs, was born.

Lynsey Dyer, professional big-mountain skier, provided the concept for the film, and on Sept. 30 of this year she saw her idea premier on the big screen in Boulder, Colorado. Since then, the film and its crew have circulated the country.

I got the chance to see it at Base Camp Brewery in Portland a few weeks ago. The film opened with a clip of a female skier—who might reach my knees—standing on her tiptoes. She wears a GoPro, as all the pros do, and appears to float fearlessly down the mountain.

Until she reaches her first "drop"—a jump, cliff, rock, anything that puts you in the air—and stands paralyzed by fear at the top until her dad carries her down.

I still often wish that were an option for me.

The following two hours spotlight women skiers, both professional and recreational, and their athletic pursuits. The music—a classic ski movie mix of trancey tunes, heavy beats and occasional acoustics—filled the brewery, as did the stoke.

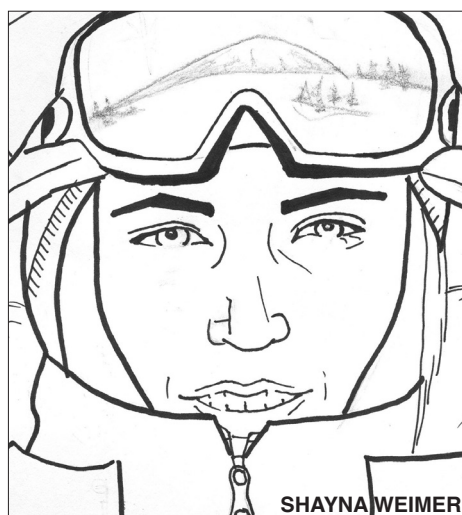
During a clip where Dyer credits her father for teaching her to "dance on the snow," I recognized a man I had seen in the crowd, turned to face him, and raised my glass to the man who raised the woman now on the screen. Dyer's dad toasted back.

The film played twice that evening due to high demand. I stayed for both showings, and had never felt so excited to be back on my skis.

"Pretty Faces" continues its tour through the U.S. The next showing closest to Salem is Nov. 21 in Hood River, Ore. It is also now available to purchase on Vimeo.

You can also visit unicornpicnic.com for more information on the film, and shejumps.org for more information of female participation and visibility in adventure sports.

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GOP won a battle, not the war

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As those who follow national politics or the news at all surely know, Republicans came away from the midterm elections with a major victory.

Gaining control of both chambers of Congress is no small feat, but it's also not the ultimate, mandate-creating type of win that many have made it out to be.

For those who don't know, a political mandate is a victory at the metaphorical ballot box. However, like most things, mandates aren't one size fits all.

Sure, Republicans picked up at least eight seats in the Senate (the winner of Louisiana's Senate seat, currently held by three-term Democrat Mary Landrieu, will be determined in a runoff election on Dec. 6) and 12 seats in the House. But they got there with only 36.4 percent of eligible voters.

That's right, one-third of the Senate and the entire House were elected by just over one-third of the eligible voting population.

Assume that not all of the 36.4 percent of people who cast their ballots voted for Republicans, and we have a situation where possibly as little as 19 percent of voters support the candidates about to assume office.

Simply put, the midterm electorate is older, whiter and more conservative than the electorate in presidential years. And even in the highest turnout years, the electorate rarely reflects the demographics of the country.

We need a way to re-democratize our elections so the results are a better representation of the political makeup of our country.

As any of my friends would tell you, I'm a proud Oregonian, born and raised. So it should come as no surprise that the first solution I support is turning more states to vote-by-mail elections.

Oregon was the first state to get rid of traditional ballot box voting when it adopted vote by mail in 1998. Since then, Washington and Colorado have joined the game (in 2011 and 2013, respectively). And this year, Oregon and Colorado were two of just seven states to garner over 50 percent voter turnout.

The idea is outrageously simple: Instead of asking voters to rush to a ballot box during breaks from work or classes, voters receive a ballot and a voter's pamphlet guide in their mailboxes in the weeks leading up to the election. They can vote whenever is most convenient by submitting it to a free, government-run collection box or affixing a stamp to it and mailing it.

Because so few states currently use this system, it's hard to say whether it would dramatically increase voter participation across the country, but it's certainly a start.

My second (and preferred) suggestion will also come as no surprise to fellow survivors of Richard Ellis' American politics course or fans of Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders.

This idea is also outrageously simple: Turn Election Day into a national holiday.

Without work or school to get in the way, individuals would have no trouble making it to a polling place to cast in-person ballots. Various educational events could be set up to help voters learn about the different candidates and issues of the election.

Democracy would thrive.

Either of these ideas would be a vast improvement over our current system. Voting shouldn't be difficult, and we have the power to make it easier.

For the sake of having a truly representative government, we owe it to ourselves to try.

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Faculty diversity remains a priority

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One idea already being acted on is emphasizing the role of the Multicultural Affairs Committee, tasking them with addressing topics of academic diversity and providing them with a budget so they can continue working on diversity programming and education.

The panel emphasized the importance of faculty mentorship, especially for faculty of color, as students tend to gravitate toward them for guidance—especially professors who teach in areas related to diversity.

They also argued that in order to recruit faculty of color, the University needs to show diversity as a value during searches and make it coequal with other criteria for new professors.

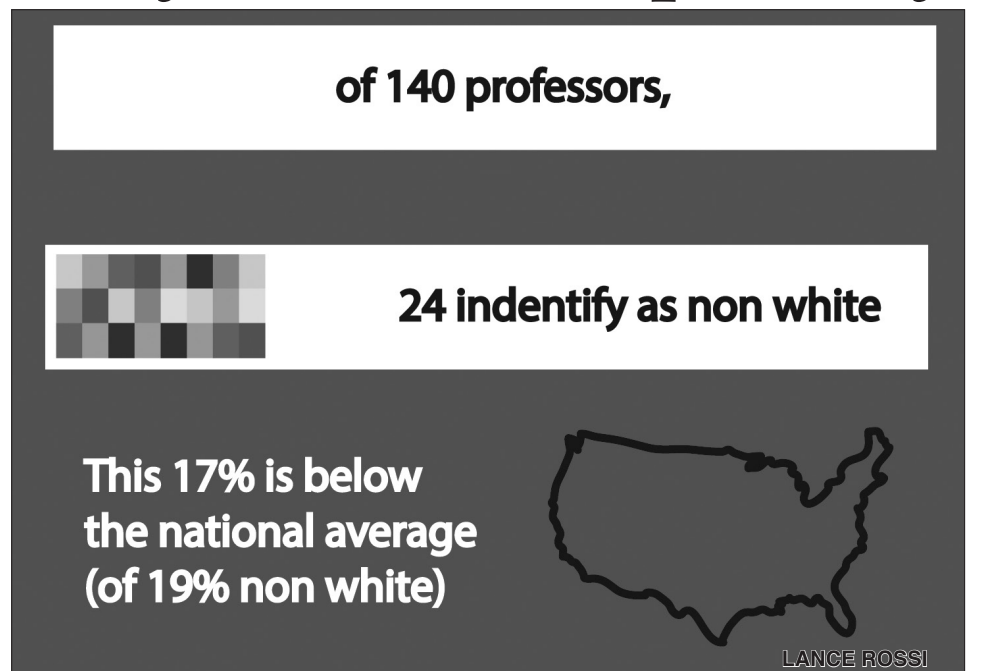
The faculty panel discussed two forms of diversity curriculum underway that need additional support—creating new courses, and revamping existing courses.

By creating new courses, professors have the opportunity to make diversity a central part of the curriculum.

Professors Smith and Drew's race, racism, and human genetics class allow them to teach the topic in an interdisciplinary way.

Revising existing courses allows them to be retrofitted to allow students to engage with the material in a way that applies to their lived experiences, like Professor Basu's death in America course.

Regarding both approaches to fostering diversity through curriculum, faculty said that progress is being made, but that more needs to be done.



They emphasized the need for building new diversity-centered courses across academic disciplines. This would increase faculty retention and avoid cordoning off topics like diversity into specific disciplines where faculty are overburdened.

Other ideas they suggested included creating a diversity equivalent of the QUAD Center to help professors integrate diversity into their courses, creating an MOI similar to the writing-centered requirement for classes addressing diversity and hiring the chief diversity officer to sit on the faculty and academic councils.

They suggested periodic assessments of campus diversity and inclu-

sivity similar to environmental assistance assessments that are done for universities.

The panel concluded by suggesting that our primary objective should be to change students' experience with and awareness of diversity.

Diversity is something that, when done right, benefits all who are involved. The presentation given by the faculty panel and the central focus the board of trustees is placing on diversity and inclusion this year is very encouraging.

Willamette has a promising future as a national leader in diversity and inclusion as long as this work continues.

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No such thing as too many laughs



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Around Halloween time, I had an intense revelation: When I laugh, I cackle like a witch.

This very distinct laughter comes from two very distinct factors.

One: I have an obnoxiously loud and carrying voice.

Two: I am an idiot, and, for this reason, I can almost always guarantee some kind of vocal response if you tell me, show me or do something remotely funny.

Laughing at stupid things gives me life.

Sometimes, it seems like all I need in the world is a solid pun, a well-timed joke or a viral video in order to survive.

Sure, food is nice. Water and shelter? Also a plus.

But, comedic gold is the foundation of my very existence.

Recently, Adult Swim began airing some shortish sketches at four in the morning in between infomercials because anyone who is watching Adult Swim at four in the morning is in the perfect mindset to accept anything that comes their way.

The biggest success in my heart (and apparently the hearts of millions of YouTube viewers)? "Too Many Cooks".

The premise is that of a fake late 80's/early 90's family sitcom intro—actors pulling straight looks to camera in character as their names pop onscreen in garish font

with the most annoyingly catchy theme song.

What makes it the funniest shit I've seen in a while is the fact that the moment you think this terrible montage should rightfully end (stereotypical dad sets up camera on tripod and times it so a family portrait can be taken, but he doesn't quite make it to the couch in time before the picture is taken leading to blurred dad ass in the middle of the developed picture) it doesn't.

Classic comedic misleading. More characters are introduced. The camera pans around a table to continuously introduce different people.

The show morphs from sitcom to buddy cop show to animated series to melodrama to a serial killer slaughtering the actors within the intro to take each and every one's place himself.

I don't want to fully spoil it for you because you honestly need to see this bit for yourself, but it's 12 minutes of your life that you might not actually regret losing to the Internet.

It's a roller coaster from start to finish, and I am down for the ride every time I need a little pick me up (or I'm bored or it's late at night or I want to share this nugget of pure stupidity and happiness with those around me).

Going along with the old adage that laughter is the best medicine, I have deduced that I have done the required studies and practical work in my 22 years of life on this planet to become

a doctor in the comedic field.

Kate Piluso, Comedy M.D., at your service.

So, as a self-proclaimed doctor in a completely made up discipline, I have two things to prescribe to you as the weather turns gross and the sun disappears from us for a long, long while.

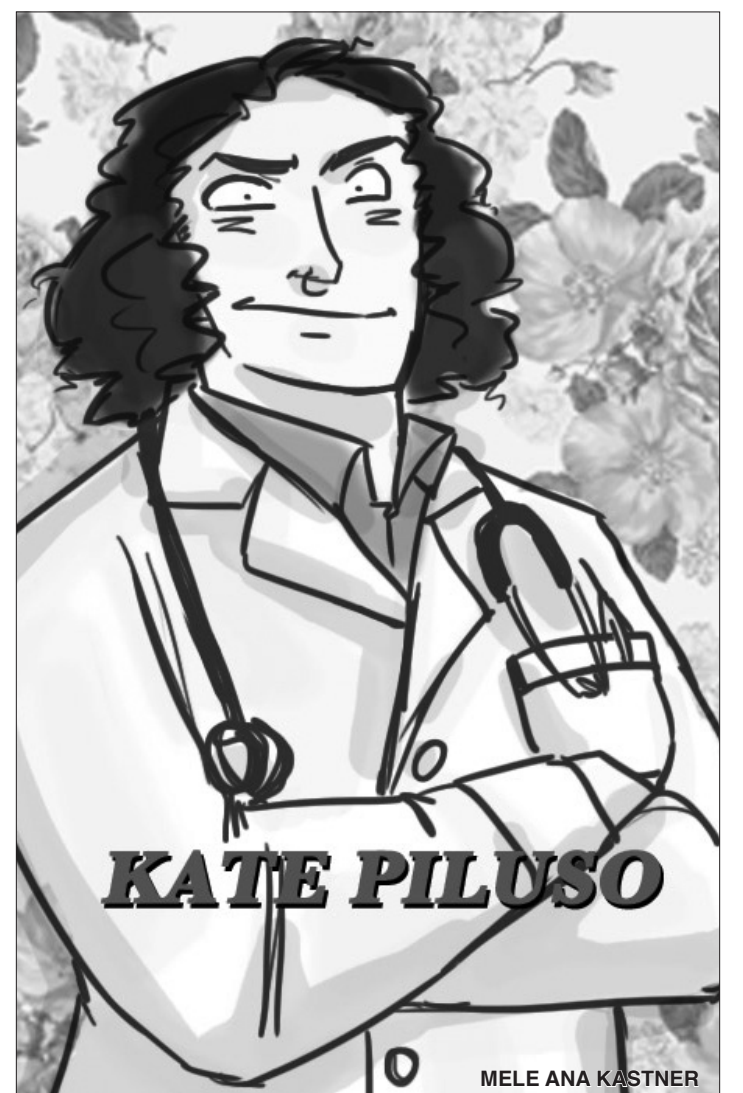
One, go watch "Too Many Cooks". Or, just go watch something dumb on YouTube that you like. Take some time for yourself be-

cause you deserve it.

Two, bring laughter into the world because laughing makes life better. Spend time acting stupid. Use accents when you talk. Make terrible puns.

Guffaw/giggle/chuckle/chortle/cackle/whatever laugh you do best proudly, my friends, because those are this doctor's orders.

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Pragmatism: discerning the truth



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William James was an American philosopher, considered to be one of the fathers of pragmatism.

As a philosophy, pragmatism declares that absolute truth is relative to the individual and that there are many ways of approaching the truth, all from different human experiences.

James explained pragmatism as a way to discern the truth: "Theories thus become instruments, not answers to enigmas, in which we can rest," he wrote in his essay, "What Pragmatism Means."

In his mind, the ways in which we come to understand our world are not

through facts, but through personal understanding of the knowledge that we arrived at through means of both rational explanation and empirical understanding.

In terms of politics, this means that fiscal and social ideologies are more like tools than absolute truths.

Our democratically elected republican government is sanctioned by our Constitution, and its establishment as an institution has existed for over 200 years. I shouldn't have to defend its legitimacy from naysayers, but recent political stratification has generated a lack of faith in our democratic system.

Conventional society has yet to flirt with the idea of dismantling the republic, but fringe political movements have started

to rally support from the skeptics. Reactionaries persuade the fearful of a coming societal collapse, and socialists gain credence through their denouncement of our societal systems as inherently unjust and immoral.

A democratic society that turns to blind extremism in a time of crisis is doomed to fall.

This is what we now face in government.

The movement toward extremism has created two polarized sides that refuse to even consider working together on some of the most crucial issues that face the country. In terms of strategy it's not irrational—concession to a side that refuses to compromise will inevitably result in a net loss for those that give in.

It's not just Capitol Hill either.

Stanford University released a recent report that concluded that differences

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in political opinion are one of the biggest strains on interpersonal relationships. This is all in the face of declining voter participation, too.

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In order to mend this, we

should be looking toward pragmatism. In some ways, it is the central tenet of democratic discourse. Why?

It forces us to compromise.

But the refusal to compromise is a betrayal of the democratic ideal.

Compromise isn't limited to the government sphere: Compromise is a tool that makes day-to-day life easier for Americans.

As a melting pot, we're bound to meet people every day who don't agree with us personally. We have to compromise to get along.

Factions in the United States have always disagreed with each other, but the greatest moments in this nation's history are when those arguing finally came to an agreement, and shook hands.

To me, that's why we

need to apply pragmatism in politics.

If there's anyone who embodied the pragmatist spirit in modern times, it's Ronald Reagan.

He was able to have strong positions and firm principles, yet he still maintained a strong relationship with liberal Speaker Tip O'Neill, which helped them see eye to eye, even on issues that would have divided Republicans and Democrats today.

When faced with catastrophe, those who truly believe in democracy turn to the center, not the periphery.

They reject extremism on the basis that those who adhere to it will refuse to negotiate.

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'Tis a season for homesickness



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I'll never get over the cruel irony of my best friend deciding against going to Linfield mere weeks before I settled my heart on attending Willamette.

Though I understand she made the decision that was right for her, I'll always pine for the adventures and mayhem that could have been. As it stands, she goes to school back home, still my best friend from over 500 miles away.

I miss her dearly.

For those who are experiencing Willamette for the first time, this is the season of homesickness; of missing friends, family, pets. It's the time where we want to be back home, wherever it is that we feel more comforted and loved.

For those of us who have hung around a while, we've come to expect the longing.

With Thanksgiving a week away and Christmas shortly after, the feeling is in the air, drifting through the minds of

students, old and new.

It feels like I've only been at Willamette a short time, but I've discovered that the sentiment doesn't go away.

Personally, I've found myself in a strange situation.

My parents, hating the town I grew up in, decided one day to up and follow me to college. (Yes, you read that right—cue the pity). Just like that, my permanent place of residence changed from nothing-but-dirt-and-sagebrush Nevada, to Salem, Oregon.

I'll be the first to admit this comes with perks.

I never have to worry about missing my family. More importantly, I never have to worry about missing my dog. I have regular access to home-cooked meals. I don't have to buy plane or train tickets.

Oh, and I'm not charged an extra \$10,000 or more a year to live at the place I go to school.

So yippee!

But it still makes me sad that I no longer have a true home in the place I grew up. I don't have the opportunity to see those friends who once meant so much to me.

I've lived in Salem for almost a year and a half now, but I still miss them terribly.

Now, I promise I'm not preaching doomsday and misery. Sure, I ques-

tioned my decision to go to a school so far away from almost everything I really knew, but only for about half a second.

See, over Skype calls, posts directly to my Facebook wall and random bursts of texts messages, my friends helped me come to a conclusion that I hope will hold true for the rest of my future: The people who want to be in your life will find a way to be in your life.

We're in an age where 500 miles is not going to stop me from complaining about my math class to my best friend or hearing about her date last week. I can see videos and read blogs recording my friend's experiences in other places, during different stages of their lives.

Hell, my mother sends me pictures from the other side of the house.

We can still share and communicate in the most essential ways. We can still connect.

I guess what I'm trying to say is: Do no despair, my fellow Bearcats. Do what you need to do, whether that's to wallow in that homesickness or to beat it away with a stick. But let yourself be comforted by the fact that those who really care aren't going to let you slip out of their lives so easily.

Plus, einter break is just right around the corner. So keep on trucking, Willamette!

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Don't fear FOMO while studying abroad

The semester is slowly drawing to a close, and most people seem to feel as if it simply can't come fast enough. After months of tests and papers and endless amounts of homework, we are all ready for a break.

But for the students preparing to go abroad, the end of the semester will be less of a break.

As our friends and student peers (and maybe you) prepare to embark on the journey of a lifetime, a few questions are inevitably raised.

Specifically: How will life at Willamette possibly go on without everyone present?

As the Bearcat Bulletin stated a few weeks ago, many students suffer from FOMO—or the fear of missing out.

Most of our outside of class activity is driven by the pressure to never miss a moment.

This is to be expected. We go to a small liberal arts university; shared experiences are going to be a large part of our conversations.

As overcommitted and constantly stressed out Bearcats, it seems impossible to imagine that life can remain the same in our absence. How can our friends hang out while we're gone and not notice that we aren't there? How can the clubs and sports we participate in close the gap we've left behind? How can we possibly expect people to remember us after we've left them for upwards of four months?

How will we fit back into place after being gone for so long?

As people who've already had the semester abroad experience will probably tell you, the gaps won't stay the same. Life will go on here, just as the lives of those abroad will go on in their respective countries of study. Things will change. People will grow. Friends will graduate.

But everything will be OK. And as our friends go abroad and come back and we continue on our own individual life journeys, we will grow into people we could not have become without taking leave of the infamous Willamette bubble. Wheth-

er that leave is by choice (by choosing to study in another country) or by force (by being abandoned by your abroad friends), it affects us all during our time here.

If you miss your friends while they're abroad, reach out to them. And if you miss Willamette while you're abroad, tell your friends back home. But understand that feeling doesn't have to manifest itself in constant streams of WhatsApp messages and Facebook updates.

Trust that your relationships are strong enough to stick around. Don't let the fear of what will happen in one another's absences stop you from breaking your mold.

The Willamette bubble is a constantly shifting apparatus, and it will welcome you back when you're ready.

The rest will work itself out.

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Social media content posted by the *Collegian*, as well as an article published on the *Collegian's* website ("Willamette student charged in murder," Nov. 12) misstated the age of Beau Wesley Smith. He is 21, not 22.

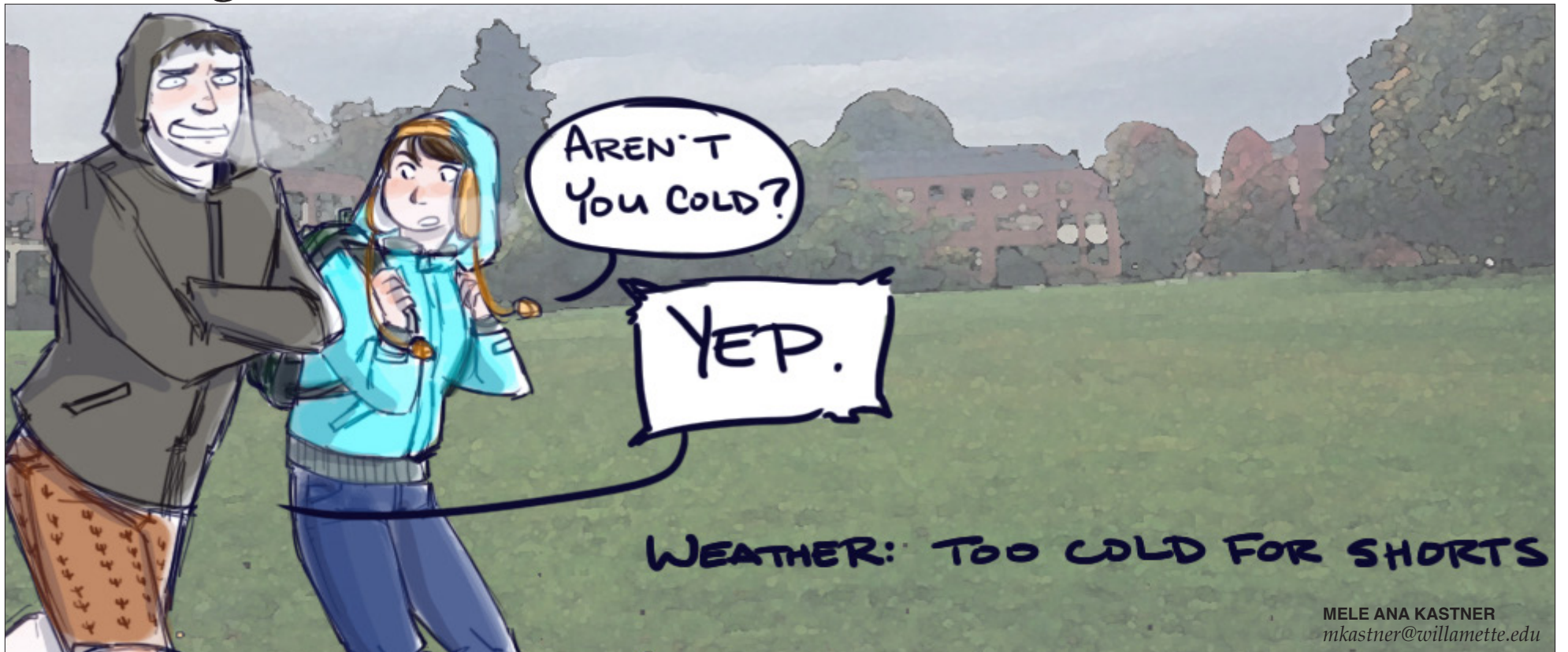
A photo caption published online ("Willamette student charged in murder," Nov. 12) misattributed a photo of Michael Hampshire. The photo is courtesy of the Tillamook County Sheriff's office, not Salem PD.

An article published on the *Collegian's* website, ("Smith to hear charges in court today," Nov. 13) incorrectly listed the address for the Marion County Courthouse Annex. The Annex is located at 4000 Aumsville Highway SE, not 100 High St. NE.

The *Collegian* invites its readers to submit corrections for publication. Errors found in print can be sent to <zsparin> and will be corrected in the next edition of the paper.

Walking in a winter weather land

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in about Zack Boyden's article ("Rigid politics loses big on election night," Nov. 12).

While I thought it was a well-written article, its conclusion (in my mind) was completely wrong—Tuesday's election represented an enormous win for rigid politics. Under the leadership of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Republicans have blocked most bills that have any relation to President Barack Obama and refused to compromise with Democrats.

McConnell made the bet that if Congress did nothing, the American people would blame the President—and he was

right. Obama's approval ratings are lower than ever. Republicans then ran on a platform of "I'm Not Barack Obama," so they won (despite conservative ballot measures failing across the board).

But President Obama isn't up for election in 2016, and it seems likely that either the GOP will shift their policies to the left or there will be a reckoning for the right.

Cheers,
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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

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November 13, 12:15 p.m. (University Apartment Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report of a vehicle that had been broken into. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and met the officer at the scene. The right front window had been smashed and the owner's wallet was stolen.

November 13, 12:20 p.m. (Winter Street): A student came into the office to report that their vehicle had been broken into. The right rear window had been smashed in, but nothing appeared to be missing from the vehicle.

November 13, 3:01 p.m. (University Apartment Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report that a vehicle had been broken into. The front passenger window was smashed and some valuables were taken from the vehicle.

November 13 8:39 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report that a vehicle had been broken into. An officer met with the reporting party and they showed the officer how their car had been ransacked. No signs of forced entry were observed on the vehicle.

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