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## Sexual assault prevention starts with you

 MADISON BROWN  
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While understanding consent as a concept may seem straightforward, much confusion surrounds the discussion of how we should practice it in our daily lives. To cut through some of the gray areas or lingering questions that you might still have after Reality Check, or what you may have been exposed to in the news, consent can never be assumed. It must be asked for and given each and every time.

Consent that was given in the past is not consent given forever and always; it can be offered and rescinded at any time. The absence of a "no" is not consent. An enthusiastic "yes" is. Silence, a "maybe" or an "I guess" is not consent. Consent cannot be assumed because of what a person is wearing, intoxication level, rumors of promiscuity or because of a past relationship. Consent must be freely-given without the influence of drugs, alcohol or coercion. Put even more simply, consent is a yes with the opportunity for a no. Always ask for consent and respect their answer.

It is also very worthwhile to spend some time thinking about what your expectations and boundaries are regarding sex and relationships.



EMMA SARGENT

See CONSENT Page 5 Opening days leaders demonstrate the importance of consent to the incoming class of bearcats during Reality Check.

## Housing and Community Life shifts focus

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The summer brought construction, new faces, new policies and a new identity to Housing and Community Life (HCL).

Under the guidance of new Director of Housing and Community Life, Scott Etherton, the University has enacted a number of changes in an effort to improve students' residential experiences and encourage students to live on campus longer. The changes, which include dorm renovations, a name change from Community Mentors (CMs) to Residence Advisors (RAs), the establishment of three Living-Learning Communities (LLC) and a focus on educational intervention by RAs, are all a part of Etherton's desire to give HCL's work more intentionality.

Etherton, who took over the position two months ago, hopes to use his experience in residential life and human resources at Oregon State University (OSU) to introduce new ideas and policies that have been successful at much larger universities, like OSU.



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The first floor lounge in Doney Hall was renovated over the summer, with wood accents, a fireplace and a modern kitchen added to encourage students to use residential spaces for academics and community programming.

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## Ducks dominate all-star Olympic field

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As the 2016 Summer Olympics of Rio de Janeiro came to a close, the United States was able to claim another overall victory.

This year, the United States fielded a staggering 567 competitors from big cities to small farm towns across the nation. Despite the vast diversity in geographic backgrounds, Oregon's overall impact on these Olympic games cannot be overlooked.

The University of Oregon's track and field program has been quite successful in the past few years, having won both men and women's national championships in both indoor and outdoor events.

In the Rio games, the Oregon Ducks alone recorded six different medalists, four of which were gold. Headliner of the athletes was Ashton Eaton, who recorded his second consecutive gold medal in the men's decathlon.

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# We can rebuild it, we have the technology

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The Willamette Integrated Technology Services (WITS) planned several major IT projects over the summer that will be implemented over the course of the school year.

These projects were approved by the recently formed Technology Council, which was created in October of 2015.

“Previously, there was a less structured process to get faculty, staff and student input on priorities, through surveys and such,” Chief Information Officer Jackie Barretta said.

While the topics of transparency and equity became common targets toward the University last school year, the changes in governance are meant to keep the organization open and

to add more voices to the decision making process that WITS undergoes when planning these projects.

“The governance structure was created to increase transparency and shared governance,” Barretta said. “The members of the committees literally determine the priorities for WITS and guide communications with the Willamette community.”

The Technology council has representatives from Finance and Administration, Academic Affairs, University Libraries, the Enterprise Systems Advisory Committee (ESAC) and the Academic Technology Advisory Committee (ATAC). On projects that have a more immediate impact on the Willamette community as a whole, additional people are brought into the discussions.

“For the projects that have direct impact to faculty and students, we have a faculty member on the project team and we review the goals, accomplishments and communication plans at ATAC, which includes several faculty members,” Barretta said.

In these cases, input is also gathered from students through focus groups prior to general release. All of this is done to ensure that a large number of voices are heard and included in the process of determining which projects to undergo.

Some of the projects that have been approved by the council are already nearing completion. Fifty-five outdated computers have been upgraded and HDMI computer connections have been add-

ed to 11 classrooms due to faculty requests.

Other projects will be completed later in the school year, with several of them meant to ease student interaction firsthand. One of these projects is the use of the Adirondack system, which WITS plans to implement this coming September. The system is meant to simplify the process of housing for students. With it, students will be able to manage their residence and meal plans easily from their phones.

“The Adirondack Housing system will make it possible for students to easily complete an application and select their roommate through online self-service modules accessible from any device,” Barretta said.

Other projects that will directly impact the students of the University include planning software that will help students plan how they will get their degree, emergency contact information updates that will prompt students to update contact information for notifying parents or loved ones in case of emergency, a degree audit for progress tracking and Web Gateway Pages to provide a single point of access to all of the University’s applications.

These projects are slated to be continued over the course of the fall semester and training for many of them will be conducted by WITS as the are completed.

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# Man it’s a hot one, like 7 inches from the midday sun



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Salem has not been spared from the heat waves ravaging the country, and temperatures exceeding 100 degrees have become more and more common.

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A massive heat wave is set to strike Salem just as Willamette students arrive on campus. On top of moving their things into the dorms, students may face record high temperatures. According to the Weather Channel, temperatures could range from 79 to 99 degrees in the next week.

In this era of climate change, record high temperatures are becoming more of a norm. The presence of increasing highs, without a similar amount of record lows, has been happening consistently for the past 60 years.

According to the Insurance Information Institute, in the first half

of the year alone, there have been at least ten fatalities and over \$200 million dollars in damages caused by heat waves and extreme heat related events. In addition to the heat, drought has plagued different parts of the country and widespread wildfires have popped up in New Mexico, California and Arizona, serving as a reminder of the ongoing problems these heat waves are causing.

CNN reported six heat related deaths by the end of July in the central and eastern portions of the country. Heat indexes above 100 have not been uncommon. There were four more deaths in the state of Arizona alone, where temperatures were as high as 120 degrees. According to NASA, each of the

first six months of the year were the warmest they have ever been in history.

The Pacific Northwest remains one of the more unaffected regions in the nation. Compared to the last year, Oregon has actually seen fewer declared drought emergencies than in the past despite the many instances of the temperature exceeding 100 degrees. The entire state was declared to be in drought in 2015, with 25 counties in a governor declared drought and the other 11 in a state of national drought status. Comparatively, this year has seen no petitioned or declared droughts in any county according to the Oregon Water Resources Department.

However, this does not mean that Oregon is in the clear for de-

clared droughts as 2016 goes on. The department also showed that a total of 11 counties declared their drought status in August or September last year. If these extremely high temperatures persist through the fall season, it remains possible that some counties in Oregon, especially in the central and southern parts of the state, could still be put in a position where they have to declare drought.

As the warm weather continues, governments and news outlets have urged people to avoid heat related sickness. The United States Department of Labor recommends drinking water every 15 minutes, resting in the shade, wearing hats and light colored clothing and knowing the signs of heat related illness to help stay healthy.

The two major types of heat related illnesses are heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Heat exhaustion is characterized by dizziness, headache, sweaty skin, weakness, cramps, nausea and an increased heartbeat. A more serious illness, heat stroke is recognized by red, hot or dry skin, high temperature, confusion, convulsions or seizures. Should any of these symptoms occur, contact a doctor immediately.

As the prevalence of high temperatures increases, it is important to know how to keep yourself and others safe.

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# On-campus living gets a new approach

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“Working on accommodations in the workplace and conducting Title IX investigations really helped develop some skills for me in terms of aligning this housing director position with other work, for instance, harassment prevention work and making sure renovations are universally designed,” Etherton said.

The new director hopes to introduce a “programmatically approach” to HCL so that residence life feels more engaging and connects back to academics; one of the ways he plans to achieve this goal is to make residential spaces more livable and comfortable.

Dorm renovations began in May to upgrade a number of residential spaces on campus including the Baxter complex and Doney Hall. Baxter has undergone multiple construction projects in the last two years as new, larger rooms have been added, a state-of-the-art kitchen has been built in Southwood and the fourth floor has been refurbished. The most notable project, an elevator connecting the entire building from Montag Center to the fourth floor, is nearing completion.

The first floor of Doney Hall received a number of upgrades this summer, as a modern kitchen and lounge area have been constructed

to accompany new apartment-style rooms.

“Because they took down Hasel-dorf, I kind of expected them to step it up and build new apartment-style living on campus. I think they did a really good job of making that transition. If you take down that much housing, you need to replace it,” said junior RA Emma Giron.

Giron is one of many returning RAs who must adjust to the recent name change. As Etherton describes it, “[the term RA] meets a national standard. Everyone knows exactly what they are.”

But there was more motivation to change the name than just catching up with other universities. Etherton noted that he felt there is inherent discrep-

ancy between the connotation of the terms “advisor” and “mentor.”

“Typically we are assigned advisors. Our mentors are people who we choose, ... and I really wanted the term ‘mentor’ to be left for students to be able to find who it is that is their mentor,” Etherton said.

Among the other changes, HCL is also introducing three Living-Learning Communities in first-year halls. The themes for the communities — sustainability, health and wellness and global living — were specifically chosen to fall under any student’s potential major, in the hopes that their residential experience will broaden their academic experience.

Giron, as an RA in the health and wellness LLC, is hopeful that the program will be successful for first years and that it can be expanded into housing options for upperclassmen.

“I’m excited to see the new bunch of kids and I wonder if it is going to be a stronger community. The LLCs are only open to first years, but I think that upperclassmen could benefit from these programs as well,” Giron said.

Speaking about changes to HCL policy, Giron noted that while the verbiage of the housing agreement has not changed, the ways in which it is upheld by RAs are different this year. Room searches are less intrusive, and intervention against policy violations is more about education than punishment.

“Room inspections is what we’re calling them, not searches, because [HCL] wants to get away from that word. It’s just inspecting the room to make sure things are safe,” Giron said.

The inspections now focus on a systematic approach to protecting residents’ privacy. Most notably, Campus Safety is no longer called to the scene if an RA has reason to believe that a resident is smoking marijuana.

“If I knock on a door and don’t get an answer for a minute and I hear shuffling and drawers closing, I would notify the residents that there is a strong smell of marijuana coming from the room and because I heard drawers closing and shuffling, I am going to ask them to open their drawers,” said Giron. “But the suspicion doesn’t give us rights to search everything in the room. So if I just hear drawers closing, there’s no reason I should look in your mini fridge or in your closet.”

Both Etherton and Giron are very excited about the recent HCL changes, and they share the feeling that this summer has provided the first of many improvements to residence life.

Speaking about his goal to create attractive, comfortable living spaces on campus that engage students and immerse them in a more complete Willamette experience, Etherton noted how valuable residence life is to students.

“[With the changes and renovations], I think students will want to be here. And I think for the students that are here, it’s going to feel better for them. You spend some money coming to this school, and I want folks to feel like they’re getting their money’s worth.”



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The new renovations are meant to beautify our school, improve accessibility and increase safety as the Bearcats begin to come back from summer break.

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# University Council to treat the issue of shared governance

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The issues of transparency and shared governance that troubled the University last year are being addressed in the form of the new University Council. The Council was created to be an advisory body with representatives from the student body, faculty and staff from all colleges. It is meant to prevent decisions being made without staff or student input, a complaint that became common during the 2015–2016 school year.

The repurposing of Willamette Academy and the decision to grow the administration while capping the size of the faculty were two of many happenings that added to the growing unease on campus. The common theme of all these issues was concern over decisions being made by the administration with limited input from

the community itself. This came to a head at the end of last semester, when over 71 members of the Willamette faculty and staff signed a letter that was published in the *Collegian* pushing for change in the University’s structure.

“We call for transparency in all governance, with full participation of faculty, staff and students,” the signees said in the letter. “Considered decisions must allow for the participation of all stakeholders, and emerging decisions must be made in alignment with a clear common vision.”

Prior to this, former ASWU President Shamir Cervantes published his own letter in the *Collegian* addressed to the Willamette community and resigned from his position in protest.

“I am done with being handed down decisions that affect students made without consultation, being told I am misinformed when I at-

tempt to address faults or inaccuracies, being lied to when promises are made to me in the plain view of others, and otherwise being treated as a minor nuisance to be dealt with as administrative plans move forward regardless of how clearly students — the people most affected by changes to our campus — object or ask to be engaged,” Cervantes said in his letter.

In response to this backlash, a workgroup was convened on June 7 consisting of President Thorsett, University students, CLA faculty members and members of the Board of Trustees. They came up with the Joint Agreement on Shared Governance, Consultative Decision-Making and Communication. The agreement focuses on the three guiding principles of consultative and transparent decision making: responsibility, accountability and equity.

“Recent conversations about collaboration, transparency and communication around decision-making processes challenged me both personally and professionally,” Thorsett said in a reflection letter to the Willamette community in the Bearcat Bulletin on June 21. “I feel confident that these conversations have expanded our horizons, deepened our relationships with one another and will ultimately help us become a stronger community.”

The hope is that the council will help to not only increase the number of voices heard, but to have these messages reach a wider audience.

“University Council will allow students’ voices to be heard at the highest level of administration,” said current ASWU President Liz Gill. “Additionally, it will allow the student representatives on University Council to disseminate the in-

formation discussed to the rest of the student body.”

It is intended that the council will allow for more discussion and a wider range of viewpoints across the campus on important issues within the community.

“The University Council will complement efforts being made by [the] Campus Life office to bring together student leaders each month,” Gill said. “This group will allow for information to reach a diverse group of students, as well as serving as an opportunity for the representatives serving on University Council to hear diverse perspectives from the student body.”

The University Council will meet on the second Friday of each month from 2–4 p.m., making for a total of eight planned meetings before the end of the school year.

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The notion of change is often accompanied with negative feelings, the idea of quitting even more so. If you entered your first year at Willamette with a label, drop it. If you have arrived to this campus thinking you already know what defines you, at least be open to the possibility that what was important to you in high school may entirely lose its significance these next four years. Often times, quitting opens up new doors and can be absolutely wonderful.

As I applied to universities in the Pacific Northwest during my senior year of high school in Southern California, I was told not to bother. I was told that the discontent I felt there would linger and haunt me wherever I went. I felt in my heart that I was unhappy with the environment I was in and that the majority of people I was surrounded by did not share the same ideals that I did and I was adamant that what I was looking for existed in another place. I also believed that this place was not a fantasy and that discovering it was within my reach. Still, I was told that I would stay miserable no matter where I ventured to.

I struggled to shake the voices of doubters throughout my first few weeks as a bearcat. What if I really had made a mistake? What if the problem really was me? I wanted to prove them wrong, but I was so worried that they would be right, that I shut myself off to new people and possibilities for weeks. I realized that history did not have to repeat itself and I was in full control.

Slowly, I developed friendships and opportunities that affirmed that those people were wrong. Everyone has a different experience, but my first two months at Willamette made up for the leagues of unhappiness I felt throughout my four years of high school. I was not alone in my struggle to express individuality.

A close friend entered Willamette as a softball player, believing that athleticism was her calling because family members ingrained it in her for so long that she believed it. She kept on with the sport even though she felt no passion behind it anymore. She was scared to quit, afraid of disappointing others, not even thinking of herself. It's OK to be selfish for your own personal well being and mental health. When she quit, she had more time to channel into schoolwork, art and relationships and didn't regret her decision.

Don't remain in any position because other people believe it's your place. Within your first year, it's likely you'll find yourself with more responsibility than you expected. The activities fair rolls around and suddenly you find yourself in mail-groups for 15 clubs, with leadership positions in at least three of those clubs. If something doesn't make you happy and you don't believe it's going to change, just quit.

Take what you need from your experience and when you take on a new role, don't let others tell you how much that position defines you. Pursue what fulfills you, even if it's something you've never tried before. I found a place where I was encouraged to go out of my comfort zone and people stopped telling me I needed to "be normal". You don't always have to play it safe and you deserve to be happy.

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# Words of advice from Willamette Ducks



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Let's take a moment to observe the ways of the Willamette campus ducks. They look like little bread loaves waddling around campus and they make magnificent splash landings in the millstream for our entertainment, but let's pause and think about the fact that these ducks know more about living at Willamette than any incoming first-year student. It's time to pay some respect and appreciate lessons from duck culture.

### Bathe Regularly

Campus ducks adhere to a strict bathing ritual that is as follows: 6-10 head dunks in the millstream, 4-6 flashy wing flaps while pushing up out of the water and finally 3-5 tail feather shakes. I would recommend following this routine to a tee, with a bar of soap in the stream on a sunny day in front of your peers. This is a great way to make friends as well as a necessary step in maintaining your personal hygiene.

### Establish Dominance

Discover the spots on campus that make your soul feel aligned and balanced, tuck your body into a classic duck bun position and go about establishing dominance in the area. Glare at any intruder trying to infringe upon your favorite spot with your beady little eyes. Don't forget to quack aggressively until they get so uncomfortable that they leave. It's important to realize that this campus exists for you, too, and you shouldn't let anyone intimidate you out of feeling safe in the space that you're in.

### Feed without Fear

In periods of transition, many of us struggle to maintain healthy eating habits. The ducks teach us a few things here. First of all, have you ever seen a pack of ducks being fed by groundskeeping staff or rooting around for worms in the grass in the morning? The point here is these creatures feed regularly and enthusiastically, and they are an important reminder that food is fuel—a fact that many of us disregard when we get anxious. Similarly, humans in today's so-

ciety have come to associate great amounts of guilt with feeding our bodies. Yes, eating healthily is a generally wonderful and beautiful thing, but if it's 2 a.m. and you want nachos at Muchas Gracias, please don't beat yourself up over that choice. You're in college; it's OK to act like a duck devouring a worm sometimes and still be a beacon of health when you're 32-years-old with a stable job in marketing and a dog named Rocco.

See consent as a necessity, not a suggestion

Perhaps this isn't a fact that normal people usually know, but ducks have corkscrew shaped genitalia that makes forcible sex between partners significantly more challenging. This makes it so that one duck cannot easily take advantage of another uninterested duck; instead, mating is a huge team effort that quite literally requires the two parties to each participate in screwing into position. Yes, I know we humans haven't developed this incredible trait, but let's act like we have. The only way you should be having sex is if the other person is

actively and enthusiastically consenting every step of the way. You do not get a free pass if they're passed out, not saying anything in protest or are so drunk they think they are a duck.

### Fly into a Wall

We've all seen ducks pull some truly cringe-worthy moves. Once I saw a duck who tried to make a graceful little hop out of the millstream and onto the bank and instead he severely under-shot, collided with the bank and fell back into the water. It was an incredible performance of sheer miscalculation and I laughed for five minutes straight. This duck is going to be you at some point this year. This duck is all of us, and that's OK. That's the whole point of why you're here. You're supposed to blunder your way through for a while and in the process, you will find the buddies who will dust you off when you fly into the library windows in front of 50 students.

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## ONLINE AND ON TOUR

### Album Releases

Date	Artist	Album Name
9/9	Bastille Grouplove Local Natives M.I.A. The Head and the Heart	"Wild World" "Big Mess" "Sunlit Youth" "A.I.M." "Signs of Light"
9/16	Die Antwoord  Against Me! Mac Miller AlunaGeorge Kishi Bashi Mykki Blanco PAPA	"Mount Ninja and Da Nice Time Kid" "Shape Shift With Me" "The Divine Feminine" "I remember" "Sonderlust" "Mykki" "Kick at the Dust"
9/30	Bon Iver Pixies	"22, A Million" "Head Carrier"

### Concerts

Date	Artist	Location
9/1	Father John Misty	Edgefield Amphitheater, Troutdale, OR
9/4	Wilco	Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland, OR
9/9	Mad Decent Block Party	Cuthbert Amphitheater, Eugene OR
9/9	Jake Bugg T.J. Miller	Oregon Zoo, Portland, OR Aladdin Theater, Portland, OR
9/15	Tall Heights	Valley Maker, Mississippi Studios, Portland, OR
9/14	Bloc Party	Roseland Theater, Portland, OR
9/19	Local Natives	Crystal Ballroom, Portland, OR
9/21	Sigur Rós	Keller Auditorium, Portland, OR
9/21	War Paint	Wonder Ballroom, Portland, OR

# Consent or bust: Gaining campus support



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Reality Check is an important part of the new class' acclimation to the Willamette community, which teaches important lessons regarding consent and other topics.

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It becomes easier to confidently express consent for yourself when you are aware of and comfortable with your own boundaries. Understanding and valuing your right to say "yes" and "no" leads to a respect of the wishes and boundaries of those around you.

What has your sexual and romantic history been prior to coming to college? Were those positive or negative experiences? Are there certain sex acts you are not comfortable with? Do you feel confident in your ability to ask awkward personal questions or broach the "how many partners do you have?" conversation? Are you aware of the behavioral tendencies you have when under the influence of drugs and alcohol? Do you know how to properly use a condom or what places you can go to for Plan B? These are a few of the very important questions each and every person should

spend some time reflecting on in the first overwhelming months of college life.

Your views on yourself, sex, relationships and your body will no doubt evolve throughout your four years here, but understanding the foundation that is informing your feelings and attitudes toward sex and how you view consent is essential.

All of this sounds like a real mood-killer, and that's understandable. Talking about sex and boundaries can be difficult, but holding ourselves and our peers accountable in our words and actions is essential for creating a culture of consent on our campus. Creating a culture of consent is not only an individual obligation, but a collective one. Willamette would be a better place if we applied the motto "Not unto ourselves alone are we born" to matters of consent and sexual assault. A large part of creating this culture is checking your friends when they slut shame, make rape jokes or engage

in predatory behavior or language, especially while under the influence. If someone tells you they are a survivor or are feeling unsure or violated after an experience, believe them and help them get access to help and support. Don't shun or abandon them out of discomfort.

Willamette is no different than any other university, and is facing challenges when it comes to doing enough work in prevention, investigation and providing resources to survivors. But there are many people who are here to help you. SARAs, the Title IX office, Bishop Health Center and the Chaplains' Office are resources to help you in any way you need. These complex issues can't be solved by reading a single article. But by bringing these issues out into the open, we end a tradition of fear and shame, and that is essential to dismantling rape culture.

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# Artist spotlight: Willamete musicians

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Willamette's music community boasts a wide variety of talent, ranging from free form guitar improvisationalist to conscious rappers, ukulele serenaders and producer-songwriters. The following students are some of Willamette's most dedicated music makers who took the time to discuss their music and their thoughts on the University's music scene.

## Brenden Ramirez

The Collegian: Who are you?

Brenden Ramirez: I'm a senior and I study music and play guitar. I'm currently in a funk band called Gunk Fuld, and a rock 'n' roll band called Percy Lounge.

TC: How are you involved with music at Willamette?

BR: Every year so far I've been playing with the jazz combos that are offered here. The combos are a great opportunity to jam with friends and also learn a lot because we have some awesome jazz professors. Whether you're a music major or not, and whether you think you're experienced enough or not, the professors are accommodating and make it a good time, so do it!

TC: Where are some of your favorite venues to play?

BR: House parties have always been my favorite because the band plays on the same level as the audience. Being that close to all the friends watching us play is so fun because that energy exchange with the band and the crowd is unmatched by any other setting.

TC: What do you think about the current state of Willamette's music community?

BR: I think it's been going on an upward trend as of late. Seeing as groups like Percy Lounge, Frontallobes and Rabid Habit only started last year, there's going to be a lot of student-made music here for a

while. It's nice because everyone loves playing together, so it's not like we have all these secluded music groups that want nothing to do with each other.

## Kel Mandigo-Stoba

The Collegian: Introduce yourself.

Kel Mandigo-Stoba: Kel Mandigo-Stoba [also known as] KZR, MC Kramis. I'm a member of The Frontallobes, D Street Crew, Rabid Habit, Twin Dragon Style, Superb Saiyans.

TC: How did you begin rapping on campus?

KMS: I started rapping with friends on WU Wire (Willamette radio) when I was a sophomore. After a couple of sessions, we realized that the group had solid chemistry and we formed what would become the Frontallobes. The concept of open cyphers has always been important to the process of rap music, especially to the 'Lobes, as that's where we all came together as a group.

TC: Tell us a bit about your new album.

KMS: My new album, "Enter the KZR," came about as I was looking into options of how to stay in Salem over the summer while also investing more time into my rapping. I spoke with the professors in my department, and was led down the path of getting a creative grant by Professor Susik. With the help of many different creative collaborators, trusted teachers and charismatic Salemites and hours of research, I was able to create an album that reflected this past summer.

TC: What do you think about our current music community?

KMS: I couldn't be more proud of Willamette's music scene, specifically of our growing hip-hop scene. I would advise incoming freshmen, as well as people coming back from summer, to keep an eye out for the 'Lobes this coming year, as we have quite a few tricks up our sleeves.

## Wil Bakula

TC: Who are you?

Wil Bakula: I'm a junior music and philosophy double major. I play keyboard in Rabid Habit, I produce for the Frontallobes and I have a solo project under the name of Chromatic Colors.

TC: How would you describe the kind of music each of these projects play?

WB: Rabid Habit is sort of a psychedelic rock group. The Frontallobes are a rap group I produce for (that's actually how I started producing) and I've also recorded a couple groups including Rabid Habit and Gunk Field, or Dildo Meth, or whatever they're calling themselves now.

Honestly, this project is sort of all over the place with a huge mix of influences and genres. There's rock and there's rap, some funk, just a huge hodgepodge of sounds.

TC: Finally, where can students catch you playing?

WB: Definitely house shows, maybe some open mics, Ike Box, Shotski's Woodfired Pizza, The Governor's Cup and basically anywhere we can get a show.

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Junior Wil Bakula is inspired by fellow talented musicians to produce for multiple student groups.



JONAH MILLER

Senior Brenden Ramirez hopes to continue the upward trend in music creation at Willamette



WITH PERMISSION FROM KEL MANDIGO-STOBA

Kel Mandigo-Stoba (middle) and the Frontallobes perform at Wullapalooza on April 23.

# The Legend of Blitz the Bearcat

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Who, or rather what, is “Blitz?” To some it is a defensive scheme in football, but to Willamette University, it is that and so much more.

The word “bearcat” is a translation of the Chinese word for panda - xiong mao. What a bearcat actually is, though, is a different conversation completely. In the world of animal biology, there is no such thing as an actual bearcat. The closest thing in the animal kingdom to a bearcat is the Binturong, which makes its home in the trees of the Asian forests. With long, coarse black fur and short stout legs to support its heavy body, the Binturong looks more like the Rodents of Unusual Size (R.O.U.S.) from “The Princess Bride” rather than a panda.

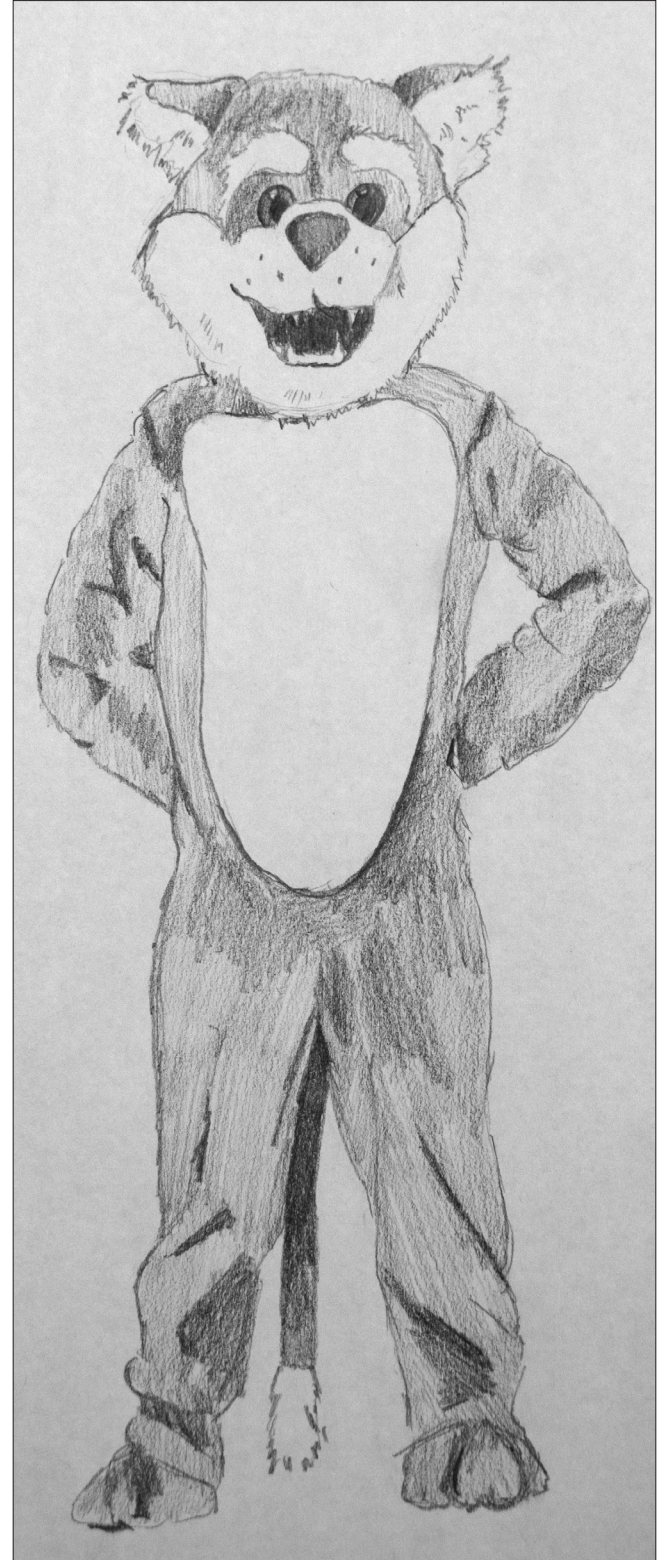
So our beloved Blitz the Bearcat is a Binturong, you think? Wrong again. Blitz looks more like the red panda, which makes its home eating the tasty bamboo of the Himalayan Forest. With reddish-brown fur and a long bushy tail, the red panda is only slightly larger than a domesticated cat and stars in many viral Youtube videos. The red panda has been classified as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It is estimated that fewer than 10,000 mature individuals exist in the wild population.

Well if Blitz isn’t really a Bearcat, then what is he and how long has he been a part of Willamette University, one might ask. Blitz’s predecessor, named Barney, was also a bearcat. He came into existence in the 1940s and lasted until the great decade most of us students were born in, the 90s. Barney was living a swell life until he went to the 1997 NAIA Football National Championship game. The Willamette University football team lost a heartbreaking game to Findlay University, 14-7. Word on the street is that Barney just couldn’t handle the defeat and did not return to the University because it would have been too traumatic.

This leads us to the creation of Blitz in 2001 when students voted on a name and a new, sleeker version of the mascot suit. According to the University website, “Blitz now appears over 100 times per academic year. He is seen around campus, in the Salem community, and even at the Portland Trailblazers, Winterhawks and Timbers games,” which is great for people who like looking into the soulless eyes of a terrifying stranger in a furry suit.

While Blitz may still be young in mascot years, he hasn’t seen the successes that Barney has. But the 2016-2017 Bearcats are looking to change that and bring Blitz to some national championships, and hopefully bring him home alive this time.

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If this is your only source for news about sports, then you missed a lot. However, I will not be recapping all that you missed because this is a piece about what has happened in sports the past week. Sorry.

RIO

The 31st Olympic games concluded in Rio this week. The United States led the way in the medal column with a total of 121 medals. The next closest country was Great Britain, with a total of 67 medals. Some of the notable performances from Rio came from Michael Phelps, who now has a total of 23 gold medals, winning five in Rio.

MLB

September baseball is pretty much here. That means it is the final push for October baseball. For you Bay Area kids, the San Francisco Giants are falling quickly, winning three of their last 10 games and the Oakland A’s have been long out of contention. The Giants now find themselves three game behind the Los Ange-

les Dodgers in the National League West.

The Seattle Mariners still find themselves in the playoff mix, being 1.5 games out of the second wild card position. With James Paxton and Tjuan Walker looking to come off of the disabled list within the next coming week, the Mariners will now have their pitching rotation reinforced for this last push toward October baseball.

NCAA

This year’s college football season starts in Sydney, Australia, with the University of California, Berkeley and the University of Hawaii. The Cal Bears are coming off of a 8-5 season, most notably losing their prized

quarterback Jared Goff, who went number one overall in this year’s NFL draft. The Rainbows are coming off of a season of disappointment, going 3-10. With new head coach Nick Rolovich, the Bows are looking to have a winning record and to make it back to a bowl game.

The college football playoffs is going into its third year, and some of the teams you should be on the lookout for are the University of Alabama, Texas Christian University, Ohio State University and my sleeper pick, Stanford University.

NFL

The St. Louis Rams have now become the Los Angeles Rams, moving 1,800 miles to the sun-

shine and palm trees of California. Los Angeles welcomed the Rams with a stadium filled with 89,140 fans, a preseason attendance record.

The Rams won the inaugural game 28-24 over the Dallas Cowboys. With highly touted quarterback Jared Goff coming down the road from the Cal Bears, the Rams are hopefully looking to be playoff contenders in the NFC West. The Seattle Seahawks, who once again will be contenders with the Rams in the NFC West, will be without prized running back Marshawn Lynch who retired after the last season. Till next week, K den!

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# Bearcat Spotlight



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Bearcat Spotlight interviews personalities, captains and talents from Willamette varsity and club sports. Learn about these athletes, and what they do when they're not at practice or playing for the Bearcats!

Up this week: Paimon Jaberi

Hailing from Bainbridge Island, Washington, Jaberi is a captain and linebacker for the Willamette football team. Jaberi is a senior in the CLA undergraduate program starting his first year at the Business School. He is also the Sigma Chi fraternity philanthropy chair.

Sydney: Who is your celebrity crush?  
Paimon: That's a bad one, uh... gotta be careful because what would Emma think... Just put Emma Sanders, actually, just put Emma. That would be good.

Andrea: What's your favorite type of cheese?

Paimon: I like white cheddar, for sure. Definitely white cheddar.

Sydney: Can you fit your whole fist in your mouth?

Paimon: No way, no chance.

Andrea: Have you ever tried?

Paimon: Yes. I'm sure. There is no chance. Big hands.

Andrea: Who would you let punch you in the face?

Paimon: My mom, if I deserved it.

Sydney: What would we find in your fridge right now?

Paimon: My fridge... ground beef, turkey, cottage cheese, yogurt. That's about it. Maybe orange juice, milk, that's about it.

Andrea: If you were a salad, what kind of dressing would you have?

Paimon: I'd be balsamic vinaigrette. It's like what I always get.

Sydney: What conspiracy theories do you believe in?

Paimon: Uh... The 2005 Super Bowl was rigged for the Steelers to win against the Seahawks. The refs were paid.

Sydney: Yes they were, that's a good one.

Sydney: If you were to get rid of one state in the United States, which would you choose?

Paimon: That's kind of mean. California because all the California guys on the team think they're so cool.

Sydney: Throwing some shade. What's your favorite song? Perform it for us now.

Paimon: Are you serious? How do

you write this stuff? I'm not performing, no way.

Andrea: Pick two celebrities to be your parents.

Paimon: I'd pick Russell Wilson and, uh, I got this. Who's a cool girl athlete that I like. Wait, no... Sandra Bullock, when she's like the mom in "The Blind Side."

Andrea: Specifically Sandra Bullock in "The Blind Side?" Not like Sandra Bullock as the human person?

Paimon: No, the mom in "The Blind Side." Just because she's like awesome as the mom in that movie.

Sydney: Would you rather sneeze fish or cry mayonnaise? Like significantly sized fish too.

Paimon: I would sneeze fish because then I could eat them.

Sydney: What if it had snot all over it?

Paimon: Just clean it off, gotta gut it anyways, so...

Sydney: \*grossed out noises\*

Sydney: What do you smell like?

Paimon: I smell like roses.

Sydney: Has someone told you that?

Paimon: No.

Andrea: Is that your natural scent or do you bathe with roses?

Paimon: It just comes naturally.

Andrea: If there was a sandwich named after you, what would be in it?

Paimon: Like a bunch of meat, like all kinds of meat, like six types of meat. Tomatoes and cheese. And that's it.

Andrea: Just like six of any kinds of meat, or?

Paimon: Just like beef, chicken, salmon, whatever other types of meat there are, throw them in there.

Sydney: What is the weirdest thing you've eaten?

Paimon: I haven't eaten that many weird things. Like oysters and pheasant. I've eaten pheasant.

Sydney: What's a pheasant?

Paimon: It's a little bird.

Sydney: Ew.

Andrea: How's that different from any other bird?

Sydney: I don't know if I've ever eaten a bird.

Andrea: Chicken.

Sydney: Oh right, sorry that was a moment.

Andrea: What is an overrated liquid?

Paimon: Wine, probably.

Sydney: That's so sad! What is your ideal first date?

Paimon: I don't know, going to breakfast in Salem. Just put it in there, yeah.

Sydney: Any specific breakfast place in Salem?

Paimon: Just a good breakfast place. Oh, put Busick Court. It's my favorite breakfast place.

Sydney: What is the question for next week?

Paimon: What is your favorite sports team at Willamette, like the nicest people?

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## Bearcats retake the field behind strong senior class

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The 2016-2017 school year is underway and that means fall sports are in full swing! Who's ready for soccer, volleyball and football? The countdown to the first home game for each fall sport team begins now.

Men's soccer ended their 2015 season with a 6-11-2 record with 10 seniors graduated. The future looks bright as upcoming seniors Jack Elton, Fabian Hildalgo Guerrero, Austin Arnold, Josh Fuentes and Julian Hanlon-Austin step into the team's leading roles for the 2016 season. The first home game for men's soccer is Thursday, Sept. 1, against Warner Pacific at 7 p.m. We hope the bleachers are filled for our guys!

As for women's soccer, they ended their 2015 season with a 9-9-2 record. Seniors who graduated were Jill Phillips, Karin Hokanson, Veronica Ewers and McKenzie Andringa. Women's soccer will host their first home game against Evergreen State on Saturday, Aug. 27, at 4 p.m. and Warner Pacific on Sunday, Sept. 4, at 4 p.m. Upcoming seniors Emma Sanders and Kinsey Keene, among others, are expected to lead this 2016 team into a great season.

Willamette volleyball was successful during the 2015 season, placing third in the Northwest Conference with a 15-9 record. Seniors graduated who contributed to this winning record were Macy Hayashi, Alexa Becker, Lindsey Compton and 2015 Volleyball Conference Player of the Year Sarah Fincher. The 2016 roster is expected to do just as well, or even better, with seniors Taylor Lum, Riley Fawcett and Alexa Dowdell leading the way. The first home game for volleyball is Wednesday, Sept. 14, against Linfield College. Let's fill the stands all the way to the top for our ladies this year!

Lastly, Willamette's 2015 football team ended their season with a 2-7 record. Seniors who will be missed this season are Henry Adelman, Donny Torres, Ryan Foote, Hans Lehndorff, Dusty Crabtree and others. Even though some key contributors to the football team have graduated, it is time for upcoming seniors Austin Jones, Paimon Jaberi, Rayvon Owens, Jack Valencia and Nick Brickous to show what they're made of. It's also key to note that upcoming senior Daniel Abdie will be back after having ACL surgery. The guys will have their first home game against College of Idaho on Saturday, Sept. 10, at 7 p.m. This is the only night game the football team will have this season, so let's try and fill the stands for the night lights!

Best of luck to all the fall sports teams. Go get em!

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# Oregon basks in the torchlight

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Eaton was born in Portland, Oregon, but later moved to Bend, Oregon where he attended Mountain View High School. He took his track talents to Eugene, where he won five NCAA Championships with the Ducks. His time at Oregon was just a preview for his successes in his Olympic career.

Another prominent Oregon-based athlete is Oregon Ducks' wide receiver and Olympic hurdler Devon Allen. Allen, who had a successful football season, also won the NCAA championship for 110 meter hurdles and finished fifth overall in the Olympic standings.

Distance runner Galen Rupp is another mentionable Oregon athlete. Rupp reached the podium with a bronze medal in the men's marathon, running it in 2:10.05. In the prior Olympic games in London, Rupp competed in both the 5,000 meter and 10,000 meter. He finished with one silver medal.

Oregonian Olympian thrower Ryan Crouser was born in the small town of Boring, Oregon. Crouser, who comes from a long line of throwers, was able to separate himself in the shot put. He



threw an outstanding Olympic record of 22.52 meters, which allowed him to edge out his fellow countryman, Joe Kovacs.

The United States' dominance in these games was staggering, finishing with a total of 121 medals, 46 of which were gold. Great

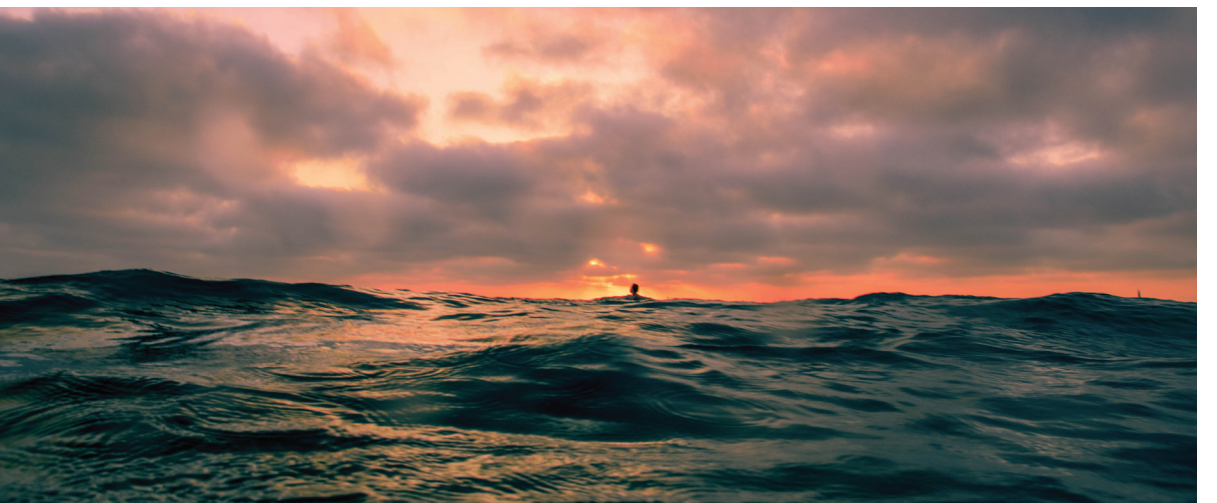
Britain came in a distant second place finishing with 67 medals, 27 of which were gold medals.

The state of Oregon's impact may be headlined by the success of the University of Oregon's track and field program. The Ducks program has put together

multiple national championships in the past few years and in doing so has put out some of the world's top athletes.

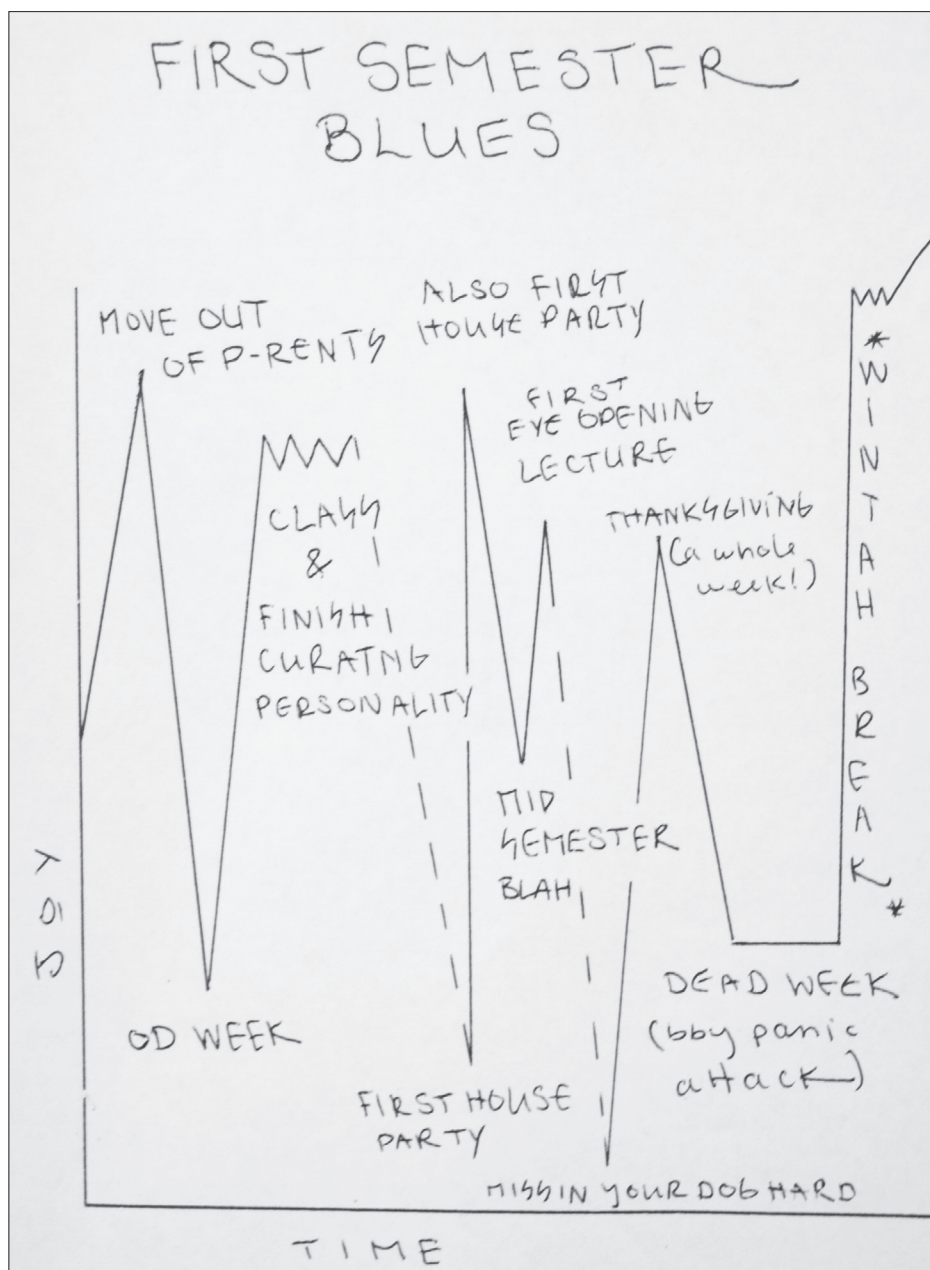
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# Photographer Spotlight: Sanjay Kapila



These are a few gorgeous photographs that sophomore Sanjay took over the summer. If you'd like to be featured in the Photographer Spotlight, contact Conner Wickland at [cwickland@willamette.edu](mailto:cwickland@willamette.edu).

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