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Celebration of influential scientific mind

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On March 14, the world wept with the news that renowned scientist, Stephen Hawking, passed at the age of 76. With those years devoted to science and discovery, he asked big questions about the universe and took a lead role in important research.

There were two sides of him that were influential and respected in their own right: him as an academic and as a public personality.

In his lifetime, he wrote and co-authored numerous books that took on many difficult, complex and existential topics, including “A Brief History of Time,” “The Grand Design” and “The Universe in a Nutshell.” He also was a major part in ground-breaking research on singularities and black holes, among other subjects. He was one of the biggest names in science, even a household name, and this glimpse of his career shows why.

With his passing, the scientific community grieved the loss of a brilliant mind. Colleague Neil deGrasse Tyson took to Twitter to commemorate Hawking, saying, “His passing has left an intellectual vacuum in his wake. But it’s not empty. Think of it as a kind of vacuum energy permeating the fabric of spacetime that defies measure.”

However, the feeling of loss has not only permeated the scientific community, but members of every generation, regardless of academic interest. Many people of different backgrounds and ages have also been expressing their sorrow on social media. A couple of his quotes have been circulating, including, “It would not be much of a universe if it wasn’t home to the people you love.”

Figures like Barack Obama have also tweeted to celebrate him, saying, “Have fun out there among the stars,” along with a picture of the two of them.

It is rare for a modern academic to be so widely known and respected. He was not only into a scholar, but a public personality. This could be why sadness over his death has been so pervasive. He is not seen as an untouchable scholar, but someone who has endearing and funny quotes, advice on life and has taken youth seriously.

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WU community and nation say #Enough!



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Students marched for 17 minutes in memoriam for the 17 students murdered at Parkland.

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In a gun control debate often dominated by defeatism, words spoken at Willamette’s Walkout: #Enough! last Wednesday offered a welcome message of hope. “There’s good news out there,” said Reverend Dr. Deb Patterson, a clergywoman and Willamette mother who spoke before the walkout. “Young people like you are standing up, speaking up and not giving up, and things are starting to change.” NRA membership is dwindling, gun control legislation is finally being passed in some states and firearm manufacturers are filing for bankruptcy. “Gun sales are down, my friends,” Dr. Patterson said, evoking cheers from the audience in Jackson Plaza.

Willamette’s walkout was in accordance with a national movement. Protesters marched to the Oregon State Capital for 17 minutes — in memoriam of the 17 students murdered in last month’s Parkland shooting.

“We mourn the 17 people violently gunned down by a teen who had come back to his high school in Parkland, Florida on Valentine’s Day,” said Dr. Patterson. “How was it possible? It was possible because he had access to an AR-15, a rapid fire military-style weapon that’s capable of killing and massively

wounding scores of people in seconds.”

At its core, this movement is intent upon making noise and inspiring change. She continued, “It is time for the killings to stop, as you have said. I’m a clergywoman, as [Chaplain Karen Wood] said — a professional thinker and prayer, and I’m here to tell you thoughts and prayers are not enough.”

The success of this wave of activism is largely due to those spearheading it. The students of Stoneman Douglas High School have appeared on national television, debated politicians and NRA representatives and regularly tweet to their millions of followers. Their perseverance and energy is motivating students across the country.

On the Willamette campus, sophomore Daniel Koenig organized the walkout via Facebook.

“I want to make it clear to Congress we are through with this inaction. They did nothing after Columbine, they did nothing after Sandy Hook, they did nothing after the nightclub shooting. This will not be a shooting after which they do nothing. That’s why this is so important to me,” said Koenig.

While social media activism has been on the rise, its influence is prevalent in the Parkland Shooting. “We are able to take control of the conversation, we can frame it in a positive way and actually make progress happen,” said Koenig. “As

opposed to what has happened in past shootings where mass media, especially on the more conservative side, has framed these issues in where progress does not happen.”

Members of the Willamette community agree this movement is particularly powerful because it is student-led. Jack Wellman, President of Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU), said gun violence “affects all schools, whether that be universities, high schools or elementary schools. As college students it is important we are leaders on this issue.”

First-year and ASWU Senator Claire Matthews-Lingen, first year, said, “It’s that self-advocacy piece of actually knowing what your community needs and wants, as opposed to somebody coming from the outside and dictating that.” She added that the walkout “shows that we think this is valued almost over our education, at this point it’s gotten to.”

Professors and students alike attended the walkout. Gaetano DeLeonibus, a Willamette French professor who walked out with his class, thinks student activists can show lawmakers how to affect positive change, without being tied to interests groups like the NRA. “It’s a very good thing that they’re showing the politicians how they should be independent,” he said. “The momentum needs to be kept up.”

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The important message of Clínica de Migrantes

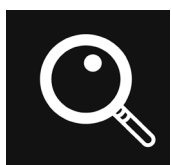
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For many of us, access to healthcare is a given. Sure, the Willamette community has faced its battles over student healthcare with the removal of physical health services from Bishop this year, and there’s no doubt that students have given the topic lots of thought and consideration. At the same time, though, we know that there are still people looking out for us. As citizens of the United States, most Willamette students are protected under healthcare legislation, and while trips to the doctor or the emergency room can be expensive, we don’t live in fear that it will lead to deportation or detainment. For 11 million people living in the United States, however, this is the reality.

A couple of weeks ago, I went to a screening of the documentary “Clínica de Migrantes,” an event put on by WU Causa and the Willamette Events Board. I’d seen the film before, in my Spanish class last semester, but it’s one of those movies that you can watch over and over and be impacted in a new way every time. The story follows a free clinic set up in Philadelphia for undocumented immigrants and their families, people who might not be able to find affordable healthcare anywhere else. The clinic is staffed with doctors and medical students, all of whom work pro bono, and provides medical care to patients who otherwise would end up in the incredibly expensive emergency room, where they could get charged hundreds of dollars for being given an aspirin.

It’s a heart wrenching film; several of the patients shown have dealt with domestic violence, some have been kicked out of hospitals and refused more care, while the majority have left their families behind in their home countries and haven’t seen their children in years. They work long hours for little pay, and when they’re struck with an injury or illness, often times they continue to work through the pain. The clinic showed in the film, Puentes de Salud, sees at least 10,000 patients every year in a small space, and has received little outside funding and support.

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Walkout calls for congressional action

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On the protest as a whole, Professor DeLeonibus said, "Having been a student, and having been active as a student when I was your age, I definitely value the demonstrating and voicing your opinion in general. I think that's a very positive thing."

Junior Kyla Clay touched on the WU faculty involvement.

"You saw the professors who are supporting students who are missing class right now to do this, because I think that really shows their commitment to our safety and supporting us in this really tough conversation."

For many students, the issue of gun violence is personal. "There was an instance where I was a sophomore in high school where a student brought a gun to school and committed suicide in one of our bathrooms," said first year-Shelby Weisberg. "This is very personal to me. It's not something far away, it is something that was a very scary reality."

Other students have family members in public schools who have been affected by gun violence, or were disillusioned by the federal government's lack of action.

"I'm walking out in protest to the normalcy of gun violence. Our government needs to be a more active voice in that discussion, and set aside allegiance to the NRA and protect the people who live here," said Weisberg.

Natalie Lyell, sophomore, also walked at the front of the march.

"I'm really proud seeing everyone flood in," she said, "because taking action now and choosing to get that absence, choosing to leave class and have it be awkward, that prevents us from having to have a funeral for people that we go to class with."

As the Willamette Community continues to engage politically, students are encouraged by Chaplain Karen Wood's words. "Do not give up." She continued to promote the value of student activism, saying "I remember, after Sandy Hook, giving into despair and cynicism. So you all give me hope. You all give me hope. Do not give up. Do not give up."

In reflection of the protest, Koenig added, "I hope this means they [students] will take what Paul [Professor at WU's School of Law Dr. Diller] and Deb [Reverend Dr. Deb Patterson] said to heart, and get active in the political process. Whether that means voting for things up and down the ballot, or lobbying at the capital or organizing their own events like this."

This Saturday, March 24, a second student-led march will be held in Salem. The Willamette community is encouraged to participate in March For Our Lives Salem, which will meet at 11am on the Capitol steps.

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Members of the WU community march to the Capitol to stand in protest on its steps.

ASWU REPORT

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CLA Dean Ruth Feingold joined the Associated Students of Willamette University on Thursday March 16 as a guest and spoke on a variety of topics ranging from her position as Dean to the revising of general education.

Dean Feingold mentioned there is a big push to add new academic programs to the undergraduate college. She spoke on the importance of integrating the undergraduate school with the law and business school to take advantage of the many resources available there to gain a better well rounded education. Dean Feingold also discussed the faculty's work on revising the general education program, including looking at the language requirement, getting rid of MOIs, and focusing on high impact courses.

Questions arose later in the meeting regarding the future of adding Claremont School of Theology as a third Willamette graduate school, they are currently in a position of trying to legally sell their campus. And more questions arose regarding the shrinking number of admitted students each year and the impact that has on Willamette's budget and the courses offered.

ASWU meetings take place every Thursday at 7 p.m. on the first floor of Ford; all students are welcome.

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Trump Administration sues California over sanctuary laws

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On March 6, the Trump Administration escalated its fight against sanctuary cities by filing a lawsuit against California's sanctuary laws.

The United States Justice Department sued Governor Jerry Brown, attorney general Xavier Becerra and the state of California. Stating that California's recent sanctuary city laws make it impossible for federal immigration employees to deport individuals who are undocumented. The Justice Department is asking for a judge to block these laws as unconstitutional.

From travel bans against Muslim-majority countries to attacks upon the DREAM act, this lawsuit is the latest in the Trump administration's attempts to fight immigration within the United States. And California has been one of the most outspoken and strongest adversaries to Trump's immigration stance.

The sanctuary laws passed in California last year attempt to protect undocumented immigrants from deportation, restricting the means and times when federal immigration agents can work with local officers. In condemnation of these laws, Jeff Sessions and Donald Trump have threatened to reduce funding that cities and states receive if they act as sanctuary cities. The Justice Department

has also required proof that local governments are not keeping immigration information from federal agents, and have threatened politicians with criminal charges if they implement sanctuary city laws and regulations.

This lawsuit is the first lawsuit between the federal government and local government over immigration policy.

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"The administration is just angry that a state has stood up to them — one that embraces diversity and inclusivity and is the sixth-largest economy in the world thanks to the hard-working immigrants who want to become American citizens," stated Kevin De León, leader of the California State Senate, to the New York Times.

The Justice Department is suing over three specific laws. One, the California Values Act, limits local law enforcement from sharing immigration information with federal officers unless the individual in question has been convicted of serious crimes. The Immigrant Worker Protection Act makes it illegal for businesses to share

employee immigration information to federal agents unless the requestor has a court order or subpoena. Additionally, California has prohibited the establishment of any new detention centers within the state, and has brought all current centers under state, rather than federal, control. Several local governments have also taken measures

to protect immigrants without documentation.

California's attorney general Becerra states that he is entirely confident that they will win the suit, especially as the state has won others against the Trump administration previously.

"In California, our state laws work in concert with federal law," he reported to the NY Times. "Our teams work together to go after drug dealers and go after gang violence. What we won't do is change from being focused on public safety. We're in the business of public safety, not deportation."

Oregon has also faced threat from the Department of Justice due its immigration laws. As the oldest and one of the most ardent proponents of sanctuary laws, for over three decades Oregon has had a state law prohibiting local law enforcement from cooperating with federal immigration officials. In a statement to the Statesman Journal, Salem's Chief of Police Jerry Moore confirmed that "there is a state law that says we don't enforce immigration laws and that's how we've done business for as long as we can remember."

As the proceedings of this lawsuit continue, both those in favor and against sanctuary laws in California, Oregon and beyond wait to see the future of sanctuary cities revealed.

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City of Salem cracks down on homeless camps

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Residents of a local homeless camp were forced to move last week after the Oregon State Department of Transportation posted signs warning

individuals residing in the area to remove personal belongings ahead of a planned sweep later in the month.

The camp, which was located in downtown Salem, consisted of approximately 25 tents and was home to dozens.

“We’ve got about 50 – 50 people,” said one man living there said in an interview with KPTV. “Right now everyone is kind of sad and quiet. Nobody knows what’s going to happen.”

The notices appeared on March 6, and were accompanied by warnings

by city and state officials who went tent to tent, notifying residents that they had ten days to leave the camp with all of their personal belongings.

This most recent removal came just one month after a similar sweep cleared another homeless camp under a Highway 22 bridge. That removal, which occurred just ahead of an annual nationwide count of homeless populations, caused significant frustration amongst advocates. The count provides the federal government with information which is used to address the issue of homelessness.

Local officials refuted the notion that the Jan. 26 sweep had anything to do with the count, stating instead that they have primarily been prompted by complaints by local residents and businesses, who consider the camps to be both a health and safety hazard and a nuisance.

“You have to walk through this gauntlet that would be rather intimidating, and there’s garbage and horrible smells,” said local resident JP Jones in an interview with KPTV. “It’s certainly not a family environment on that bridge. I have a great heart for the people there and their needs, but they need to be somewhere else.” Jones reportedly used to frequent the waterfront path that the camp sat near, but stopped when it appeared.

These efforts are part of a larger push in cities across the region to eliminate homeless camps. Cities such as Seattle and Portland have come under intense criticism for

their policies regarding homeless populations, with some claiming the cities are too lenient and others contending that the policies are excessively harsh.

One major issue aside from comfortability that proponents of clearing the camps have cited is the health safety risks that the camps pose. In Seattle, a series of infectious disease outbreaks have prompted more calls for both clearing the camps and increasing the capacity of city homeless shelters.

Simultaneously, many of the methods used by cities to clear the camps and prevent new ones from appearing elsewhere have come under fire recently, with some contending these cities essentially criminalizing homelessness.

“The solution to homelessness is not going to be achieved through making life more miserable for people that are struggling,” said Seattle City Council Member Mike O’Brien, referencing the city’s use of fences and bike racks to discourage camping.

As the homelessness crisis continues to spread and garner attention nationwide, the need for a humane and viable solution will only increase. How cities respond under this pressure will have widespread and long lasting impacts.



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A homeless camp under a Salem bridge, one of many to be cleared out in the nation recently.

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Myanmar Government Rejects UN Findings of Rohingya Genocide

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“There is no ethnic cleansing or genocide in our country,” said U Aung Tun Thet, a Myanmar government official, to the U.N. body just one day after a United Nations expert suggested the government was implicated in “the crime of genocide” against Rohingya Muslims.

This would not be the first time the Myanmar government has rejected allegations of involvement in the atrocities committed against the Rohingya people. The U.N. has cited the Rohingya situation as the “world’s fastest growing refugee crisis.” Before August of last year there were already

over 300,000 Rohingya refugees living in camps, makeshift settlements, and in host communities. That number has more than doubled since then.

Rohingya people are denied the right to free movement, the right to citizenship, have been barred from accessing higher education, and are often subjected to forced labor. Most recently, The Associated Press has found and confirmed at least five mass grave sites.

More than half a million minority Rohingya Muslims have fled an army campaign in just a few weeks, finding refuge in Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand. Rohingyas have often been called the most per-

secuted minority in the world, unable to claim citizenship in Myanmar where about 1.1 million of them live.

Not only has the Myanmar government claimed that the Rohingya have burned down their own villages, but they’ve gone as far as to deny vast stories of executions, sexual violence and mass killings by the military.

U Aung Hla Tun, Myanmar’s deputy minister of information, said recently that the mass fleeing of Rohingya to Bangladesh was caused by “panic just after the military operations following the [Rohingya] terrorist attacks, for fear of being arrested for their involvement or on suspicion,” claiming it is the fault of

Rohingya people that other Rohingya are fleeing.

The situation surrounding the Rohingya genocide has been reported on international news platforms such as BBC, The Economist, The Guardian, and the New York Times, over the past 4 years. However, little action globally has come from this.

Widespread condemnation of the Myanmar government’s action is present, but little in terms of aid or plans to intervene has been seen. The U.N. Security Council appealed to Myanmar to stop the violence but no sanctions have been imposed. The U.S. urged Myanmar’s troops to “respect the rule of law, stop the violence, and end the displacement of

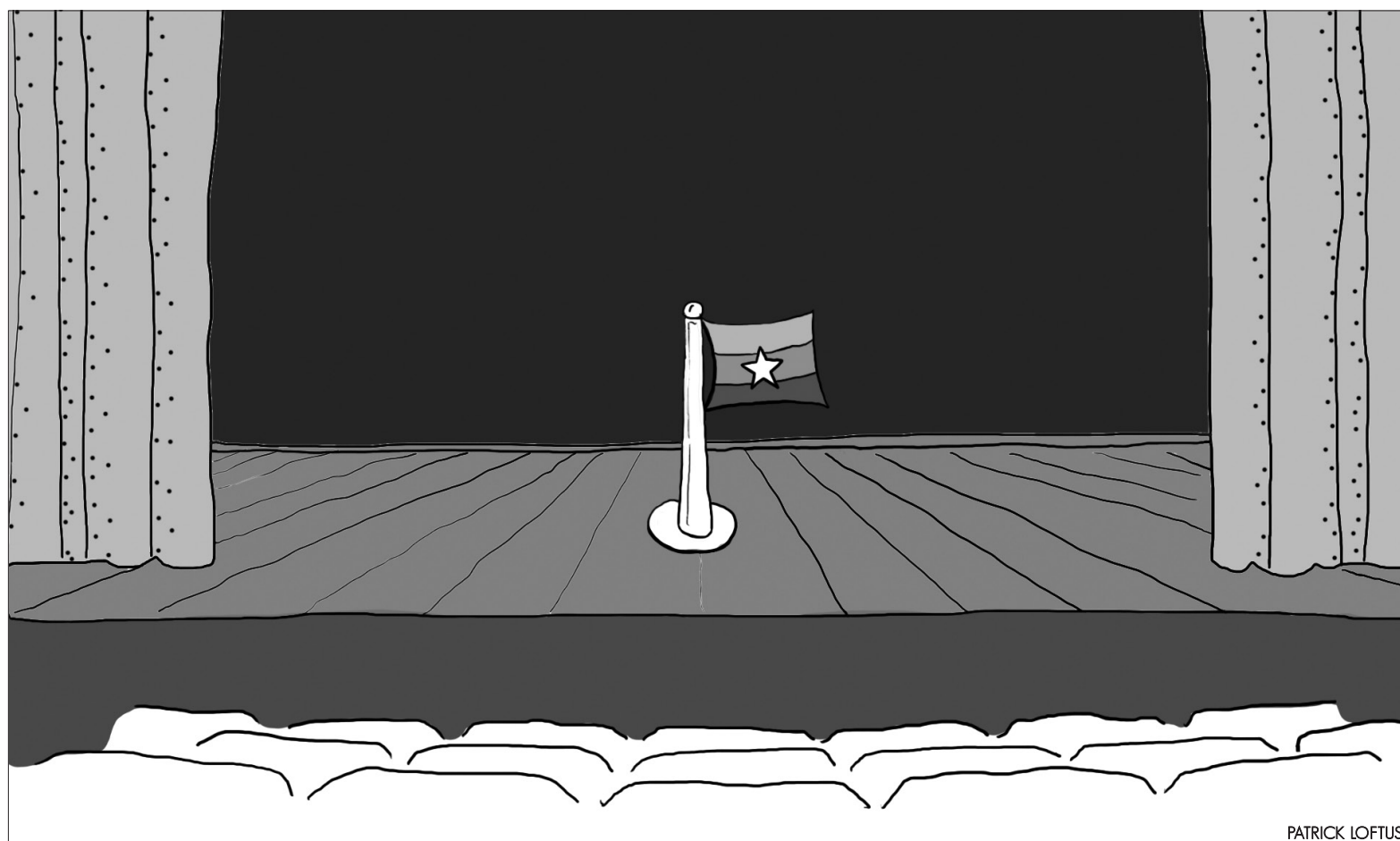
civilians from all communities.” China says the international community “should support the efforts of Myanmar in safeguarding the stability of its national development.” The only aid that has been pledged is Bangladesh pledging build more shelters for refugees and the U.K. has pledged £59 million to support those fleeing to Bangladesh.

Using satellite imagery, Amnesty International has documented new security bases being built on the land that was once home to Rohingya communities, accusing the Myanmar government of “erasing evidence of crimes against humanity.”

The language of genocide is fairly recent in this conflict. Zeid Ra’ad al-Husseini, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, had previously described these systematic attacks on the Rohingya by Myanmar’s military and civilian militias as ethnic cleansing, and just recently referenced “genocide.”

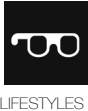
Adama Dieng, the United Nations Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, spoke on the stories he had heard from Rohingya survivors now taking refuge in Bangladesh. Mr Dieng said that “the intent of the perpetrators was the cleanse northern Rakhine State (where most Rohingya live) of their existence... possibly even to destroy the Rohingya as such, which, if proven, would constitute the crime of genocide.”

Myanmar’s government and officials are standing strong in the idea that “accusations are very easy to make, but [they] are not involved in anything at all,” as said by U Aung Tun Thet. With the U.N. and international community moving more towards narratives of genocide, it will become increasingly difficult for Myanmar to not take responsibility.



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Combat smart phones armed with addiction

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Our smartphones are designed to be addicting. Companies turn a profit when we spend more time on our devices, so it's not a coincidence that those annoying bright red notification bubbles have to be clicked to make them disappear. Bright red is the most eye-catching color to many of us, and the pull-down feature you use to refresh your Facebook feed? That's a trick pulled right from slot machines: pull the lever for a shot of dopamine.

Smartphones are irresistible at times. They give us access to 24/7, seemingly free entertainment which is personally curated for us. Facebook, Instagram and YouTube are working hard to develop algorithms which point you to recommended content you are likely to click on, keeping you on their site longer. This is why you find yourself awake in bed at 3 a.m. watching your twentieth consecutive BuzzFeed video, not quite knowing how you got here.

You can make your smartphone less enticing by taking a note from Tristan Harris, a former design ethicist at Google. Harris recommends visiting your phone's accessibility settings and changing your display's color filter to grayscale. This makes everything on your homescreen look equally important. Suddenly, that bright red Netflix bubble isn't more enticing than your dictionary app.

Try this experiment out: next time you look at a bookshelf, iden-

tify which color spines jump out at you the most. Chances are, you'll find that red spines command your attention. It is known that bright, warm colors are particularly attractive to the human eye, so it's no wonder that the alert bubbles in the corner of your home screen apps, like the number that announces how many texts you have, are always bright red.

It's easy to get trapped in a cycle of being reactive to stimuli from our phone. Incoming texts, calls and app notifications light up are screens and chime at us, calling to be attended to. If your phone is interrupting your day, head to your phone's notifications center and re-evaluate which ones you allow. With money on the line, every app wants you to spend time on it. If you download the game Tetris, it will ask to send you notifications. As a general rule, consider only allowing notifications for when human beings are trying to interact with you and let your entertainment apps stay silent until you choose to open them.

You don't get to control how apps are designed, but you do get to control when you are connected to those apps and when you are not. Use the Do Not Disturb feature when it's time to concentrate. If it makes you jittery to think about leaving your phone at home or stashing it in your backpack, take this first step. When you meet up with a friend at the Bistro, switch your phone to Do Not Disturb mode. You can still keep it out on the table or in your pocket if you need to, but incom-

ing notifications will be paused so you can focus on connecting with the friend you're excited to share a Bistro cookie with.

It's now possible to get so many of our social needs met through a screen rather than the people around us. These days, you can

feel social validation when someone likes your newest Instagram photo, you can feel connected to those you miss by scrolling through their Facebook timeline and you can feel entertained by watching your favorite YouTubers. But, if tapping your screen all day

is leaving you unsatisfied, know that you can curb your attachment to your phone using these three strategies.

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Taproot provides a plethora of options for all

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No matter the time of day, if you're looking to go out, take a trip down State Street. As you head towards Riverfront Park, you'll soon find Taproot Cafe and Lounge to your left. You'll know it by the flashing lights and the outdoor seating that sometimes loops around into the alley around the corner. They're open from 7 a.m.

until 1 a.m. or later seven days a week, closing to minors at 9 p.m. so they can operate as a bar.

Located in a historic 1860s building, Taproot opened in 2015. It's a place whose specialty seems to evolve with each time I return. My first time there, not yet of drinking age, my friends and I came for some tea and a couple appetizers to share. We marveled at their looseleaf menu, which featured 32 varieties. We also

tried their lentil samosas and fried brussel sprouts, which came paired with a creamy and spicy sauce and somehow manage to be an iconic menu item, even among staunch brussel sprout skeptics.

Taproot features an extensive menu, and they somehow manage to put care into every corner of it. Their specialties include fresh juices and smoothies, breakfast, espresso from local beans, tapas, dinners, desserts, craft beers

and cocktails ranging from the classics to bold new concoctions. They also showcase live music nearly every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night, and turn the stage over for an Open Mic on Tuesdays.

As stated on their website, "Our goals include supporting local farms and businesses, while providing an additional outlet for musicians and artists to perform in and display their talents."

As you walk in, the atmosphere is immediately vibrant and inviting, much more so than might be suggested by the building's exterior. The main cafe manages to feel spacious even when it's packed, illuminated by natural light streaming in through tall windows. It has a laid back energy, with an eccentric ambiance that is artsy and playful without being alienating or overbearing.

On the website they sum up the environment with, "This historical landmark has been transformed into a 'vibe' that emanates Salem's unique culture."

The espresso bar is fun to look at, with potted plants perched at top shelves, their vines sprawling out below. The highest shelves are devoted to a book collection. The cafe bar itself is decked out with kombucha on tap, a pastry case, colorful tealight candles, an old fashioned coffee grinder and much more, all on an expansive wooden bar made from the cross-section of a tree, complete with a craggy edge where the bark had been.

The brick walls and wooden floors and tables create a warm mahogany glow that sets the tone

for more colorful details, like the local art. Each booth in the main dining area has a unique, colorful painting on its back.

If you're coming in the morning, Taproot's full espresso bar features hot drinks, cold brew and four choices of alternative milk. The morning menu includes several inventive egg scrambles, smoothie bowls with generous options for toppings, huevos rancheros, breakfast tacos and burritos and banana bread pain perdu.

Later in the day, there's a wide array of appetizers, tapas and main dishes. Their innovations incorporate the comforting, whether your version of comfort food is a burger or a brown rice and quinoa bowl, and the adventurous. For example, you can either go for classic fries, or dress them up with chili lime salt, cajun seasoning, cheddar/jack cheese or their garlic vegan parmesan. My personal favorite dish is the spaghetti squash, which comes with crispy, flavorful housemade vegan "meatballs." Make sure to get it with the pesto, which is rich and lemony.

Most importantly in my mind, though, the Taproot staff never get so caught up in their craft that it overshadows connecting with people. Every experience I've had has suggested that creating a joyful space and focusing on interaction is their primary interest.



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The front entrance of Taproot Lounge & Cafe.

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Scott Nadelson returns to campus for reading

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The harsh, white lights suddenly dim, and a soft incandescence rose from behind the beveled shades that circle the Hatfield Room. Professor Danielle Deulen stepped up and introduced Scott Nadelson: discussing his awards (Oregon Book Award, Great Lakes Colleges New Writers Award and Reform Judaism Fiction Prize), praising his “original, vividly imagined characters” and their “complex inner lives” and reading a haiku she composed for the missing Nadelson while he was on sabbatical: “Your door is closed still /windy March blows through the hall /I wait for autumn.”

Then Nadelson takes the podium and introduces his “odd hybrid of a book.” In “The Fourth Corner of the World,” published on Feb 27 this year, he said that “half the stories are historical...[and] sev-

eral of the stories are deeply autobiographical, just sort of embellished personal essays.”

At first he could not find a link between the stories, even as he planned to put them in the same book, but Nadelson said he eventually realized, “what was connecting them...[was that they] were about exile.”

He begins to elaborate on this by reading the title story, a fictional account of the Jewish colony of New Odessa. The utopian colony, located in Southern Oregon in the 1880s, was part of “pre-Zionist attempts to find a Jewish homeland and escape the pogroms,” and while it was poorly managed and filed for bankruptcy after seven years, it was an important precursor to both Zionism and the “back-to-the-land movement colonies” that grew up in Oregon in the 1960s. The story excerpt that Nadelson read was short and followed the nighttime journey of

a young man named Jankel who discovers what Nadelson calls a “nineteenth-century threesome” in the woods.

After “The Fourth Corner of the World,” Nadelson read from a second, more autobiographical story. “A Warm Breath” began with the author grieving the death of his friend, whom he called R., whose death coincided with the birth of Nadelson’s young daughter and left him unable to enjoy the pleasures of home life.

From there, Nadelson went on tangents about a Russian cab driver, an aggressive lawyer friend, a synopsis of the Chekhov story “Grief,” his junior-year English professor and the terrible hilarious sex scenes that he and his classmates wrote into their creative-writing pieces. Ultimately, it returned to the original subjects, grief and his baby daughter: “But before long I’d hear in her barks the cadence of the Russian cab

driver in Soho, and then, within in moments without any conscious decision, but also without resistance, my thoughts would have left my daughter altogether and found their way to Chekhov, and to grief.”

Nadelson described his methods in the Q&A period. “I’ll write into something as far as I can...I sprint till I run out of breath, then I go back and I give myself a running start again.”

He also advised writers in the audience to “think of yourself as a badger, you’re sniffing along and [looking for] what’s out there, just like what’s right here...in front of yourself: the next detail, the next thought, the next action and let that lead you to where it’s gonna go.”

Nadelson’s working style is unconventional, but he is optimistic about the potential of the unplanned story, and notes that even the book’s unifying theme, exile, did not come to him until it was almost finished.

I walked away from Professor Nadelson’s reading certain that he possesses a strong work ethic and has a lot to teach his students. He explains us that his next planned book, “One of Us,” will be about tribes and the rupturing of communities.

His young daughter, who sat patiently in the front row throughout the whole performance, finally spoke up at the end: “The one about the people in the old house when they find an opossum skeleton.” The professor smiles. “She was reading over my shoulder the other day.”

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Stephen Hawking: science icon now among the stars



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Therefore, not only is his brilliant and scientific mind being mourned, but his character and insight. A moment that exemplifies this was his response to a teenage girl who was in attendance at one of his talks at the Sydney Opera House. She asked, “What do you think is the cosmological effect of Zayn leaving One Direction and consequently breaking the hearts of millions of teenage girls across the world?” as BuzzFeed Australia reported.

“Finally, a question about something important. My advice to any heartbroken young girl is to pay close attention to the study of theoretical physics. Because one day there may well be proof of multiple universes. It would not be beyond the realms of possibility that somewhere outside of our own universe lies another different universe. And in that universe, Zayn is still

in One Direction. This girl may like to know that in another possible universe, she and Zayn are happily married,” he responded.

He did not brush aside this questions like others may have, but responded to it thoughtfully and with care to the asker. It may be responses and actions like this that has made this man who studies such complex topics feel relatable and like a role model for people outside of the sciences as well.

It was potentially Lockheed Martin’s tweet that encompassed both sides of Hawking as a public figure the best. They celebrated both his breakthrough research and beloved personality: “Thank you, Stephen Hawking, for helping us understand the universe and for your indomitable spirit. You’ve left us in awe of your accomplishments and with great hope for humanity. We’ll always remember to look up at the stars and not down at our feet.”

Hawking will stand as an important figure and his research will continue to be studied and revered for a very long time. The impact of his work is proven not for the first time, by the outpour of emotion at his loss.

If you want to carry on his legacy, or hear some words of advice from this widely successful man, I leave you with this quote: “One, remember to look up at the stars and now down at your feet. Two, never give up work. Work gives you meaning and purpose and life is empty without it. Three, if you are lucky enough to find love, remember it is there and don’t throw it away.” Stay curious, keep pursuing your goals and hold the love in your life dearly to commemorate this ever inspiring man.

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What qualifies a good cover song?

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Cover songs are a contentious topic. Some feel they’re uncanny rip-offs of songs that don’t need changing. Some, like myself, are in favour of them. Others have opinions outside of a love/hate binary. Covers are not all alike in quality, though; not all songs take equally well to being covered.

Despite the huge array of eventual covers, “Golden Brown” by The Stranglers was actually popular in the UK at first. I doubt you’ve heard it, but it is wonderful. It’s also about heroin.

Through the song, the constant piano melody grants the reader passage to the feelings of the song’s persona. The lyrics combine with the melody to spin outward in a hypnotic spiral. Eventually the lilting guitar slides into your ear like a needle into a vein and delivers musical ecstasy.

In other words, “Golden Brown” is very much about heroin. It commands such an impact through its use of sound that many have tried to cover it. Cage the Elephant put out a cover in 2017 that, in my opinion, lacked the fire and passion the original had. This is because the lyrics to “Golden Brown” are so personal and specific.

This isn’t to say Cage the Elephant or anyone else is wrong to cover “Golden Brown,” or that others shouldn’t enjoy it. Covers are about participating in a song, changing it and letting it change you. The most common form of covering a song is singing along, an act we all do to join in with the songs we love and the emotions we feel.

Some songs, then, lend themselves more to being covered, like those that are universal, that ask their listener to participate. Songs like “Girls Just Want to Have Fun” will always invite being covered by different people. “Everybody Wants to Rule the World” is a very different song, but expresses a similar universal truth.

In his essay, “The Literature of Knowledge and the Literature

of Power,” Thomas De Quincey argued that literature was that which spoke the truth:

“Tragedy, romance, fairy tale, all alike restore to man’s mind the ideals of justice, of hope, of truth, of mercy, or retribution, which else would languish for want of sufficient illustration.”

In other words, the art we hold up and perpetuate is that which speaks to our core truths. Songs that do this and aren’t too rooted in specifics are better suited to reappropriation by others and, thus, covers.

Cover songs take the familiar and not only copy it, but manipulate it. On the website OverClocked Remix, aspiring musicians and video game enthusiasts post covers and reinterpretations of music from video games. From the classic chiptune themes, to modern scores, these artists take songs across key, genre and instrument.

A catchy beat from a SNES RPG, — “Longing of the Wind,” becomes an aching piano ballad, “Yearning of the Wind.” It initially sounds nothing like the original piece, until you notice that it’s constructed something new out of the same musical parts. This act of creation pushes against our definitions, as it isn’t wholly original, nor really a cover.

In the end, creating and participating in music is fun. Whether you’re in the shower, in the car with friends or even on a stage, music is about expression and enjoyment. Through reinterpretation, we use what we see in ourselves in something else to express ourselves.

“It’s the only way I have learned, to express myself / Through other people’s descriptions of life,” wrote Justin Pierre in the song “L.G. FUAD.”

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Sustainability starts

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Every morning by the Mill stream, Dean Wentworth can be seen feeding the ducks their breakfast. Dean is the Botanical Curator for the University, and has worked here for the past 18 years. About five years ago, he began feeding the ducks.

“The way I started [feeding the ducks] was I was working in the garden one year, and I was pulling weeds and a mother duck came up to me with 13 little ducklings and just stared at me like ‘could you help us out?’ She might as well had been holding a sign on the side of the road.”

Dean left his master’s program and research project at Oregon State University to work for Willamette and it is clear that his passion for this work is still very much present today. “I’m just glad I’ve gotten that opportunity, to enjoy the wildlife here, and to plant for them. It brings people in. I know when they give the tours people stop at the bridges and look over and see the ducks, and I think it attracts people to campus. It’s kind of a sanctuary for ducks. And they do very little harm to anything. They’re just harmless.”

Dean not only feeds the ducks every morning, but also purchases a special feed for the ducklings, as they cannot eat the usual feed he buys. He often keeps watch for any ducklings around Willamette in the spring, and will personally toss them feed to make sure they are able to survive into adulthood. In addition, Dean plants specific plant species around campus for different types of wildlife, such as butterflies and hummingbirds, to make sure they are able to thrive at Willamette.

What’s most astonishing is that Dean pays for all of this feed out of his own pocket. This has resulted in him spending around \$30 a week to feed the animals, including the ducks, squirrels and nutria. “I feed the other wildlife too. Some of that may be controversial because the nutria are listed as an invasive species, but they didn’t ask to come here.” His contribution to Willamette’s animal species has resulted in the school’s campus becoming a safe and nurturing place for them. The biological ecosystem at Willamette greatly benefits students and science classes, presenting the community with learning opportunities right outside of their classrooms.

Dean is retiring after this school year. This means that there will no longer be anyone buying feed for the ducks. “I can’t do much about it because I’ll be on a limited retirement income. I’ve been doing that now for five years, and the ducks actually know, when they see me they come running. They know who feeds them. [Funding for duck feed] probably would have to come through the University somehow, they’d have to budget for some of that.” If funding for duck feed was not somehow supported by the university in the near future, he stated, “I think eventu-

ally what you would see is a dwindling of the population, and they would look for other places to go.” Although the ducks play a prominent role in the culture of Willamette, their feed is not the only environmental initiative on campus that has been affected by a lack of institutional budget.

What makes sustainability at Willamette difficult to navigate is the fact that it is not run by a single group or person. It is a connected effort between students, staff, faculty, the Sustainability Institute, Green Fund, La Chispa and multiple other groups on campus. These groups to work separately toward one communal goal: a more sustainable, equitable and well-rounded Willamette community and world.

Sustainability is heavily marketed to prospective students and potentially one of the main persuasions for convincing prospective students to choose Willamette as their school. Sustainability is listed under the “Why Willamette” page on the Willamette website. The first image website visitors see when they click on this page is of the Zena Forest. Zena is also greatly prevalent in packets received by prospective students and one of the main talking points about sustainability at Willamette.

This is understandable. Zena is a wonderful property that holds high amounts of potential and opportunity for research and conservation. Everything stated by Willamette about Zena Forest in their materials for prospective and current students is true. As one pamphlet states, Zena is “305 acres at Willamette’s sustainable managed research and education outdoor landscape.” Although Willamette’s ownership of Zena offers significant opportunity to students, it becomes an issue is when students feel their actual involvement at Zena during their time at Willamette does not match the level it is marketed. Sophomore Claire Pockell-Wilson expressed, “Sustainability on campus is something that you can market really well to prospective students. You see that with the Zena forest, and the marketing they have on the website. Based on a lot of conversations I’ve had with students who are first years this year, they came here thinking that they were going to be spending a lot of time out at Zena Forest, and that’s unfortunately not really the case.” Aside from Farm Club, few Willamette community members have regular access to the property.

This disconnect between how sustainability is marketed and how it is experienced by students is present in more areas than Zena. In the past, sustainability groups on campus have lacked proper communication, resulting in lost student and faculty efforts to bring increasingly sustainable practices to Willamette. Pockell-Wilson, recently premiered a newsletter entitled “Roots Of Change” to connect environmental, social justice and wellness centered groups on campus

after identifying this disconnect, and the need for a more unifying voice between these groups. Separate efforts between sustainability minded groups on campus has also caused students, especially underclassmen, to feel utterly confused about where to begin with sustainability when they arrive at Willamette. “I was really shocked that there wasn’t an easy way to get involved. The longer I’ve been here the more I’ve realized there are some super great things going on, they’re just really hard to find, especially as a first year student,” commented first-year Olive Murdoch Meyer. So what are these groups? How are they intertwined, and how has Willamette’s sustainability budget been affecting them?

The Sustainability Institute works to promote and connect students to sustainability initiatives across the Willamette University campus. Joe Abraham is the Institute Director, Claire Pockell-Wilson the Communications Coordinator, Olive Murdoch Meyer the Project Coordinator, and I, Natalie Roadarmel, hold the role of the Communications Intern.

Next school year, the Sustainability Institute, along with many other departments on campus, will be faced with significant budget cuts. This means that the Sustainability Institute’s usual \$15,000 budget will be reduced to \$3,000 dollars for the 2018-2019 school year.

When asked what the Sustainability Institute budget typically funds, Joe Abraham stated, “A lot of it is special projects. The student wages component has always been significant, you know 30-40 percent of the budget goes to paying students because I think it’s important to provide student opportunities to lead and learn and those kinds of things. Events, communications, I mean, it’s kind of emerging and now it’s gone. Now [the budget] going to things like paper.”

This budget cut will not only inhibit the ability for the Sustainability Institute to host events it self-funds, but also increases pressure on other University financial outlets such as the Green Fund.

Students for Sustainability, a program I have been heavily involved with creating, is set to be introduced to Willamette next year as an organization aimed at increasing sustainability across campus, as well as student involvement in these initiatives. It will hopefully be funded by a Green Fund annual grant which was submitted this spring. “It’s very clear to me that if it wasn’t for student leadership, paying into the Green Fund, and having a student-led Green Fund, we wouldn’t have much to work with,” stated Abraham.

Other departments have also been faced with restricted budgets, whether through University budget cuts or other causes. Next school year, Community Service Learning (CSL) will be switching to semesterly leadership awards, or student stipends, in-

stead of hourly wages. This will aid in giving a set budget for student pay, as with hourly pay students can easily work more or less hours than they are allotted weekly, but will likely also help with increased budget issues. Although stipends can be beneficial, accessibility to jobs and hourly wages are extremely important in issues of sustainability. Sustainability is often an issue that is primarily accessible to the upper-class white population, and changing this by creating ways for people of every background to be able to be involved should be a top priority.

The Green Fund is a superb resource that Willamette offers to its students. Every semester, students have the option of “opting-in” and paying a \$25 sustainability fee which is then used to fund projects focused on support environmental justice, equity and general campus-wide wellness. The Green Fund committee is formed of seven students who are in charge of deciding how these funds are allocated to projects proposed by students, faculty and staff. Emma Sharpe, Committee Chair of the Green Fund, explained, “The Green Fund was initially very specific to environmental sustainability, but now we definitely are open to projects related to environmental justice, social justice, and generally campus wellness.” In the 2017-2018 school year, the opt-in rate for the Green Fund fee was around 80 percent.

With Willamette’s tight budget, the Green Fund has become an outlet for environmental justice funding throughout campus. This year was the first time that the money requested through annual Green Fund grants exceeded the amount of student fees the Green Fund collected this school year. Although the Green Fund is a great source for environmental justice funding, it does not hold the amount of money that is being demanded by students for piloting projects. Sharpe commented, “I think that burden falls a little bit hard, especially this year, on the Green Fund.”

Sharpe added, “I think that we try to make it clear that we are here for the students, and especially hopefully this year we’ve tried to reach out to many communities of students on campus as much as we could to basically empower them and we are the body of money that can produce their ideas.” The Green Fund is a place that anybody at Willamette can submit a grant to. “Students want equity and diversity and the Green Fund can deliver that,” Sharpe explained. By providing an accessible and free place for Willamette community members to request grants, the Green Fund has created an equitable place for people to come to with their project ideas. “We really are here to empower students and give them a chance to make their ideas actually happen.”

La Chispa, also known as the Salem Spark, is a group on campus that “... seeks to increase environmental justice awareness and conversations at

with your voice



Willamette University, while collaborating with diverse partners in Salem and in the larger Willamette Valley.” This group is a student-led group that works to address environmental racism and the inequalities of environmental privilege. As accessibility is one of the foundations of their work, Catalina de Onís, Willamette communications professor and founder of La Chispa, commented on how Willamette can work to make environmental justice more accessible to the whole of the Willamette population. “An environmental justice commitment can be advanced at Willamette by supporting those students, faculty and staff, and other community members beyond Willamette, who have direct knowledge of what it means to live in places that have been targeted for polluting practices. An environmental justice focus urges people who care to consider the long-time call by environmental justice actors and activists to understand “the environment” in the plural, not as a place apart but as places where we live, work, recreate and much more.”

By under-funding sustainability, Willamette is creating an environment

in which students may not be fully compensated for their work, which risks accessibility in working for environmental issues on campus. de Onís adds, “Furthermore, environmental justice seeks to resist the ways that environmental degradation and toxic practices disproportionately impact people of color and low-income communities—and it is these perspectives and experiences that are vital for dismantling extractivist logics and practices. With creativity, coalition building and caring, environmental justice teachings urge us that another world is possible and worth struggling for.” Student leadership and action is one of the main bringers of sustainability and environmental justice to Willamette. We must make it accessible for students to put the time and energy they want into these initiatives and create an attainable way for everybody in the Willamette community to become involved.

A prime example of student leadership in sustainability on campus is composting. This semester, a group of six students came together after realizing they were all working towards a common goal: bringing composting

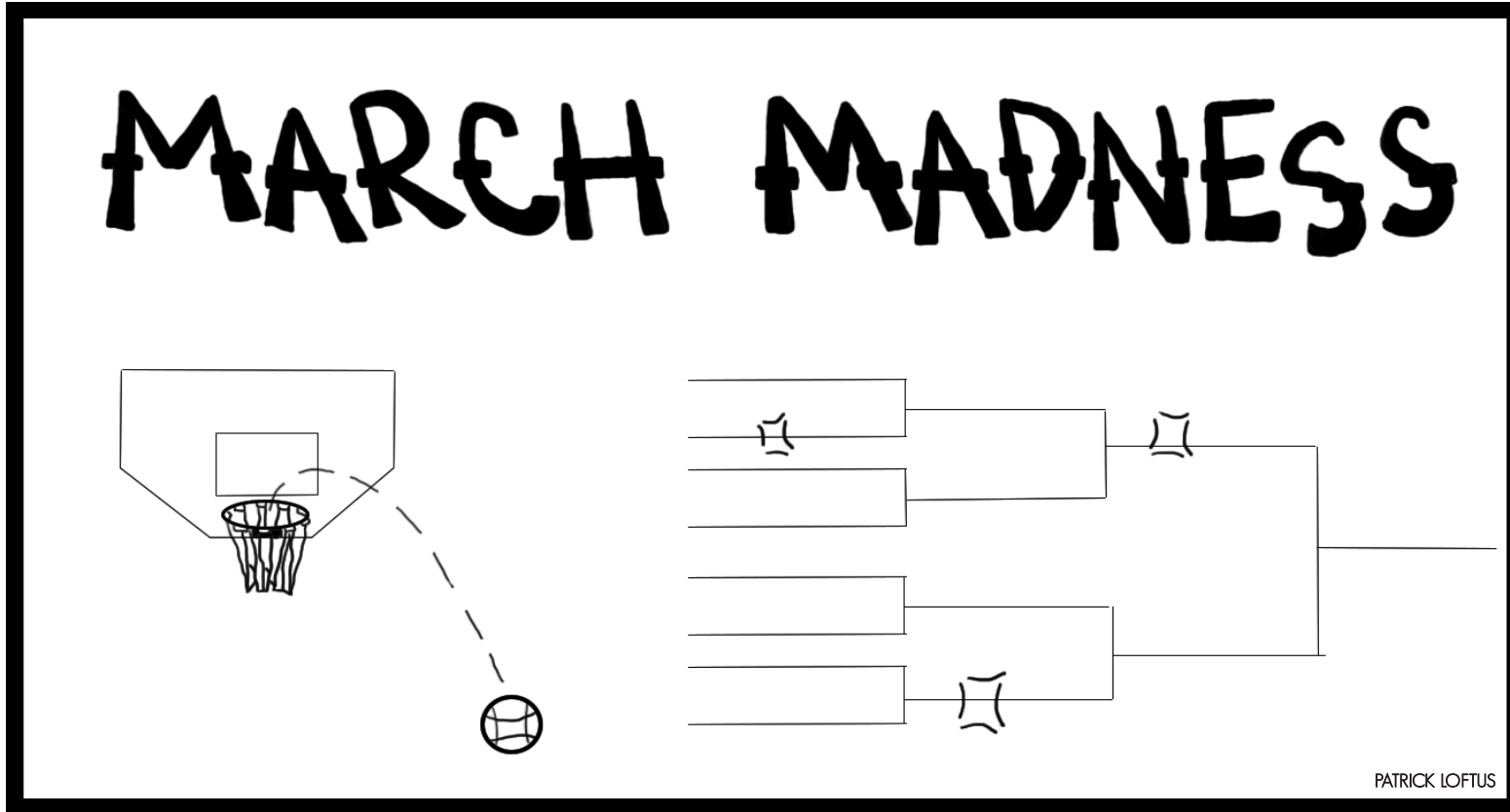
to Willamette residence halls. These students spent hours upon hours of unpaid time working through roadblocks and past composting attempts to accomplish their goals. Their work was mainly funded through an old Green Fund grant, which was submitted by Abigail Bernhard. Although all students involved with this effort were happy to work as volunteers, they have a right to be compensated for the prominent amount of time they put into this project. Willamette sadly does not have a budget for wages such as this, other than the Green Fund which has already been faced with higher amounts of requested grant money than they are able to fund.

Many Willamette students are putting everything they have into creating a more sustainable campus. And the good news is, it is paying off. The University is currently in the process of drafting a Climate Action Plan, which should be approved by next fall. This plan will work to reduce the university’s overall carbon emissions by promoting behavioral change campaigns, which will be accessible to the whole Willamette community. These campaigns will be student-interest led

and this spring semester there will be multiple forums as an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to be apart of the conversation that reviews this plan. Senior Sarah Brush (‘18) who serves on the Sustainability Advisory Board explained, “All of this change requires that we have constant pressure to make the change. So it’s hard when we don’t see that change immediately, especially as students when our time here is fleeting. As long as people keep applying that pressure, it’ll happen.” This student pressure is not only what will drive future sustainability at Willamette, but is what currently propels it. I have never met more driven, passionate, and inspiring students who are willing to do anything it takes to accomplish their goals than I have in my time being involved with sustainability at Willamette. “It’s hard. Change is hard,” stated Murdoch Meyer. And it is. Change is hard, but the student voice holds the potential for it to come in the most beneficial way to Willamette’s campus and community.



UMBC makes history with defeat of Virginia



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It's that time of year again: the time of college basketball heartbreak. All over the nation, fans are watching one of the most unpredictable playoff seasons in history unfold. There have been major upsets and serious heartbreak. Not a single perfect bracket made it past the first round of the tournament. Perhaps one of the biggest bracket busters was the UMBC Retrievers' extremely unlikely victory over Virginia.

In an article published on FiveThirtyEight, it was explained that Virginia had a 98 percent probability of winning. UMBC's upset was nothing short of spectacular. However, Virginia played their worst game all season. Their offense, considered one of the best in the country, shot just 41 percent from the floor, while arguably the best defense in the nation was completely helpless against the UMBC offensive attack. The Retrievers shot 50 percent from downtown, an incredible accomplishment.

Here's a statistic that will drive college basketball fans nuts: Virginia's defense held opponents to an average of 53.4 points per game during the regular season. UMBC torched them for 53 points in the second half alone.

While that game resulted in a devastated Cavaliers team, another big story to come out of the opening weekend was the Nevada Wolfpack's insane comeback against the Cincinnati Bearcats. In what Henry Bushnell from Yahoo Sports described as a "comeback

more miraculous than Patriots over Falcons," the Wolfpack rallied from a 22 point deficit in the second half to upend Cincinnati in one of the greatest comebacks in college basketball history.

The Bearcats dominated most of the game, until someone lit a fire in the Wolves' belly. Nevada went on to score 16 unanswered points in the second half. After a brief period of getting dominated, the Bearcats appeared to get back on track to victory for a brief moment. But then the wheels fell

off as Cincinnati failed to make a single field goal in the final 5:48 in the game.

Cody Martin led the comeback for Nevada, as he scored 25 points, dished out 7 assists and hauled in 6 rebounds. However, unlikely hero Josh Hall came off the bench for Nevada, and after grabbing Martin's miss, he floated one in to give his team the lead for the first time in the game with nine seconds left. The Wolfpack held on for the remaining nine seconds, and chaos broke loose on the court as the Nevada players celebrated one of the best comebacks in college basketball history.

Moving forward, it seems impossible to predict nearly anything at this point. However, preliminary Regional winner predictions from Bleacher Report have Nevada winning the South, Gonzaga winning the West, Villanova securing the East and Kansas taking the Midwest. Villanova can never be discounted, as the defending national champions are an incredible team that many people believe have the potential to pull it off a second year in a row. However, the odds are stacked high against the Wildcats, as there have only been six back-to-back champions since the tournament started in 1939.

Here's to hoping more history is made in the second half of the tournament!

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Bearcat Baseball sweeps the Swarthmore Garnet

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The Bearcat baseball team played this last Friday and Saturday, taking on the Garnet from Swarthmore College. It was a successful weekend, with the Bearcats coming out on top with a three-game sweep, advancing their record to 12-11 on the season.

On Friday, March 16, the first game of the series started out with a bang as the Bearcats secured a four-run lead over Swarthmore. Seniors Cameron Igarashi and Troy Conway lit up the first inning as Igarashi knocked out a base-hit and Conway followed up with a walk. Both players advanced on a pass ball and then scored on two ground-out RBIs, one

from junior Connor Bailey and the other from senior Eric Del Prado.

The Bearcats scored one more run in the bottom of the second inning with help from seniors Perry Van Eckhardt (who walked and stole a base) and Del Prado (who hit a single), allowing Van Eckhardt to score. There was little to no action from the Bearcats offensively until the seventh inning when Van Eckhardt hit a single to get on base and Igarashi bunted to advance Van Eckhardt to second. Conway hit a single, allowing Van Eckhardt to score, and then Bailey came up to bat and blasted a two-run homerun. Senior Jack Brett scored the final run of the game for the Bearcats in the bottom of the eighth with a solo homerun. The final score of the game on Friday was 8-3 with a Willamette victory.

On Saturday, the 17th, the first game of the doubleheader began with a two-run lead from Swarthmore in the first three innings. The bottom of the third inning saw action as Igarashi hit a single and advanced on a bunt from Conway. Bailey came up to the plate and hit another two-run home run to tie up the game 2-2. The Garnet scored again in the top of the sixth inning, but then the Bearcat offense scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth, making the score 7-3. Hits by Van Eckhardt, junior Tyler Janitz, Igarashi, and Bailey contributed to the advance. Swarthmore tacked on one more run and that was it, leaving the score 7-4 with the Bearcats on top with a second game win of the series.

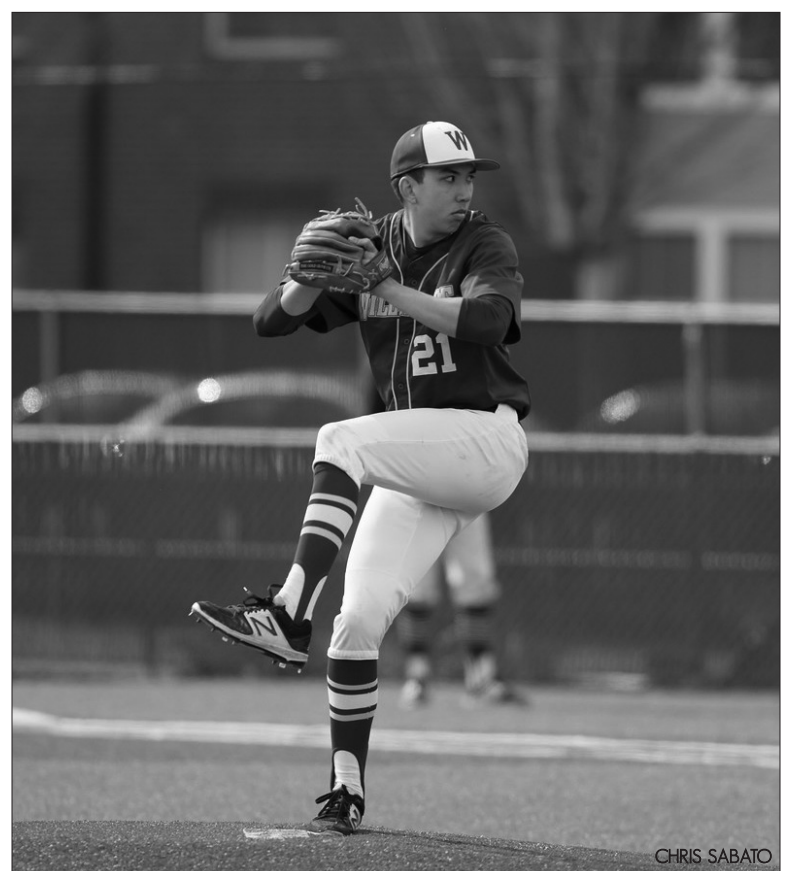
The second game on Saturday lit up during the bottom of the second inning when Del Prado shot a double to right field. Sophomore Brendan Natuzzi sacrifice bunted to advance Del Prado, and then Brett hit an RBI double to score Del Prado. Janitz hit a single to advance Brett to third and himself onto first, and then Van Eckhardt blasted another single, scoring another run for the Bearcats. Senior Mason Fessler walked

after this to load up the bases. Six runs were scored in the second inning. The Garnet attempted to answer back, but they did not come close as the Bearcats came back in the bottom of the fourth inning to tack on three more runs, making the score 9-2. One last run was scored in the fifth inning by Van Eckhardt.

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A tarp covers the field during a rain delay (left). Junior pitcher Brandon Nelson delivers a pitch (right).

Willamette Track and Field has a strong showing

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Willamette Track and Field competed in a dual meet against Corban University at Charles Bowles Track in McCullough Stadium on Tuesday, March 13 through Thursday March 15.

On Tuesday, sophomore Melissa Scott and first year Keaton Beckman held leads in both the heptathlon and decathlon. After four events in the heptathlon Scott had 2,109 points. She came in first place in the 100-meter hurdles as well as the high jump. She came in third place in the shot put and fourth place in the 200-meter sprint. The winner of the 200-meter sprint in the heptathlon was Willamette first year Grace Crookham-Guy. After the heptathlon was completed on Wednesday, Scott came in second place with 3,185 points and Crookham-Guy came in fourth place with 2,954 points. Graham-Guy won three events in the heptathlon.

In the men's decathlon, first year Keaton Beckmann won with 6,184 points. Beckmann won four events and sophomore Brian Peck came in third place with 5,675 points.

Also on Wednesday, Sophomore Josh Martin won the men's hammer throw on Wednesday with a throw of 142'9.25." Sophomore Hope Duenas won the women's hammer throw with a throw of 147'4.50."

On Thursday senior Hannah Swanson won the 3,000 meter steeplechase. She completed the race in 10:49.91, and she beat the second place finisher by 54.90 seconds. This time was the fifth

fasted in Willamette history. Duenas also took first place in the discus throw. The throw of 140'7.75 moved her into fifth all time. Senior Jewell Sparks set a personal best with a time of 26.58 seconds in the 200-meter run. This was good for a second place finish in the event. Junior Hazel Carr won the 1500-meter run while sophomore Kyla Shade came in second. Carr also won the 800-meter race. Junior Alex Stacy won the triple jump with a personal record of 33'7.75."

The Willamette men's 4x100-meter relay team won with a time of 43.42 seconds. The team was made up of seniors Jack Wellman and D'Angelo Guiton, junior Orion Ewell and sophomore Connor Giannini. Sophomore Elijah Hall-Crockett won the men's triple jump and came in second in the high jump. Wellman won the 200-meter, while sophomore Riley Burton came in second. Sophomore Saige Swan came in first place in the shot put while Martin came in second place. The 10,000 meter race was dominated by the Bearcats. Senior Ricardo Flores-Castillo won the event, sophomore Kellen Bulger came in second and junior Keith Carlson came in third place.

As a team, the Willamette Men's team beat Corban by a score of 65-48. The Willamette Women's team lost a close one to Corban, as the final score was 60-53. The Bearcats will run again on Saturday March 24 at the Willamette Invitational at Charles Bowles Track.



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A Willamette runner leads in the steeplechase (top). Runners from Willamette Womens track (bottom).

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NBA

The top story in the NBA is once again that of our Portland Trail Blazers. They are still on a winning streak, which has now been extended to 13 games due to Sunday's win against the Los Angeles Clippers by a score of 122-109. This streak means that the team has not lost since the all-star break, which was about four weeks ago.

Dame Dollah took center stage as he provided the team 26.2 points and 7.4 assists in the last five games. The Blazers have also been able to play some stout defense allowing the fifth best points per game mark at 103

points and ranking third in rebound with 45.4 per game. With stats like these on both ends of the floor we should continue to see success from the Blazers. In the last five games they have played top tier competition, including the likes of the Golden State Warriors winning 125-108, the Cleveland Cavaliers winning 113-105, and the Miami Heat winning 115-99.

MLB

We are officially less than two weeks from opening day, 10 to be exact. This baseball season will be exciting to watch because, just like basketball, there was a lot of movement with star players to already good teams. The most obvious move that fits this cri-

teria is Giancarlo Stanton, who is now a New York Yankee standing with his buddy Aaron Judge. These two bashers will not want to be a pair to be messed with this season, especially at home. Some have boldly predicted that both guys could achieve the 60 home run mark and maybe even push beyond that, which would rank them inside the top five of all time.

Another mover is Andrew McCutchen, who is headed to McCovey cove. This 2013 National League MVP is going to add an experienced and productive bat to an already dangerous lineup with Buster Posey, Brandon Belt and Hunter Pence. Another bold prediction is that the 2018 World Series is brought back to the bay because it is an even year and the

Giants will return to glory after skipping 2016 in what has been a dominant decade for them.

NCAAB

This years tournament has earned the title of March Madness. Right off the bat, we saw a 16 seeded team beat a first seeded team for the first time ever. The UMBC retrievers beat the top overall seed Virginia by a score of 74-54. The South region that UMBC found itself in was setting records on its own, as it is the first one ever to not have a seed 1-4 advance to the sweet 16 round. The four teams that are left are ninth seed Kansas State, fifth seeded Kentucky, 11th seeded Loyola Chicago, and seventh seeded Nevada.

The Loyola Chicago team has also been making headlines in the tournament because of the 98 year old Sister Jean, who is the team's champlin has been leading the team in prayer before games. How can a story be any more endearing than having a 98 year old lady help a team navigate the rough and tumble season.

Ohh brah have you ever noticed quote of the week:

"Credit cards are what people use after they discover that money can't buy everything." -Joe Moore

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Fighting ignorance

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As everyone on TV will tell you, we live in a post-facts world. Politicians can say whatever they want, and it's frustrating to see how little you'd have to dig to disprove some of the claims being made by the people in charge. It feels like if only people did a little research instead of repeating everything they hear on the television, then maybe our society wouldn't feel so backwards.

The problem at the center of this is that, in this world of "fake news," so many people in this country are happy to believe the first thing they hear and regurgitate it to as many people as they can. The range in vocabulary you're likely to see scrolling through FaceBook gets smaller and smaller as more and more people become content to say the exact same things.

As liberal arts students the hope is that the people we are surrounded with don't fall prey to the same ignorance that seems to define this country. However, I can't say that as a community we always make an effort to stay educated and to really understand the issues we engage in.

Willamette's community is one that encourages its students to challenge systems that we find unjust. Whether it be at the level of how we are graded in class or how we stand up oppressive social structures, the Willamette student is expected to be somewhat less defined by the apathy that generally defines the people of this country.

Where some people fall short is that they learn to go along with whatever the campus majority believes (reactions to larger political issues are rarely polarized here) and they don't feel the need to educate themselves further. And while I commend anyone who works to hold up those whom our society has ignored, we can't just stop being advocates at the easiest possible point. It's easy to hold up a sign, but that's just a surface level way to actually engage in these issues.

At the end of the day, a lot of the conversations you're likely to have on this campus regarding social issues tend to go the same way. We have the same words and phrases we pass around before making an attempt to form our own opinions.

A word I hear thrown around a lot is 'problematic.' I feel privileged to live in a culture that doesn't stand by and let backwards discourse slide. However, I find it concerning how often the word 'problematic' comes from the mouths of people who are only tenuously connected to the issue and wouldn't be able to hold their ground in a debate if confronted.

People have learned to identify problematic behaviors and paradigms, but at the end of the day their understanding is just that — surface level identification. And if we just repeat the same rhetoric we hear passed on from our peers and the internet, how different are we from the those on the television who think the government wants to ban handguns?

No matter what you fight for, your cause will crumble if you don't educate yourself enough to stand up for it.

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The Salem clinic that deceives women

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There is a picketer outside Salem's Planned Parenthood. Bundled in winter clothes on a blustery day, in one hand he grasps a tattered umbrella and in the other, a sign demanding passersby pray for aborted fetuses. Against my better judgement, I approach the man.

The protester, who is associated with several local pro-life groups, tells me about St. Germaine's, a Catholic women's health center next door, and its mobile clinic (sonograms on wheels!), and then he hands me

and breast cancer, and the American Journal of Public Health estimates fewer than 0.05 percent of women obtaining abortions experience complications.

But the worst thing in the bag is a list of dozens of alternative clinics and resources in the area. The list reveals the pro-life movement in Salem to be much greater than one rogue Catholic in an empty parking lot.

At the top of the list is the Hope Pregnancy Clinic, a nondenominational Christian organization near Planned Parenthood. On its website, Hope clinic advertises its "options counseling," a free service that allows pregnant

but whose real mission is to deter women from pursuing abortions. Patients receive counseling sessions, in which staff members warn women of the health risks associated with abortions, whether factual or not, and talk about the religious and moral implications of the operation. As of 2014, Crisis Pregnancy Centers outnumbered legitimate abortion clinics five to one.

It may seem harsh to classify Hope Pregnancy Clinic as a Crisis Pregnancy Center. The clinic does good work for the community, providing low-income women free maternity and baby clothes, as well as strollers and car seats. I do not even have proof their "options counseling" sessions actively try to dissuade women from seeking abortions.

But I still hold the firm belief that Hope Pregnancy Clinic is not a place for women dealing with unplanned pregnancies. My evidence: lining the front desk are brochures identical to the ones the protester outside Planned Parenthood gave me. An organization spreading medical falsities and religious dogma is not the type to support a woman set on obtaining an abortion.

Hope Pregnancy Center has asserted itself as the primary provider of pregnancy care in the Salem area — it seems all roads lead to Hope. I called several numbers on the list of resources the protester gave me, and nearly everyone I spoke to suggested I give Hope clinic a visit. I live-chatted with an operator from a pregnancy center in Woodburn, Oregon, who, when asked where one could receive an abortion in the area, gave me the address to Hope clinic. When I responded, "To be clear, Hope Pregnancy Clinic does not perform abortions," she suggested I go anyway, just to take things "step by step." A chat on Option Line, a similar organization, ended the same way. After

the operator told me to visit Hope clinic and I told her they do not provide abortions, she disconnected the chat. When I messaged her again, she disconnected the chat a second time.

Hope Pregnancy Clinic is at the center of a massive and deceptive web of pro-life advocates in the Salem area. The clinic pretends to be unbiased, but its very affiliation with bodies like Option Line, Salem Right to Life and the protester outside Planned Parenthood proves it prioritizes its religious beliefs over the well-being of vulnerable women.

The power of Hope clinic and the pervasiveness of anti-abortion sentiments in Salem is disheartening, but there is still hope for pregnant women in town. Salem's Planned Parenthood, despite being one of the city's few secular women's health clinics, still stands tall, and the access to healthcare for Oregon women is secure for now. In July 2017 Governor Kate Brown signed into law the Reproductive Health Equity Act, a law that provides reproductive care to all women, regardless of insurance coverage or citizenship status. No longer should the zero-cost services of religious women's healthcare centers be incentive enough to draw women to them.

More people need to be aware of the prevalence of Crisis Pregnancy Centers — their anonymity makes it far too easy for unwitting women to fall into their dangerous hands. Spreading awareness of the centers' deception, as well as continuing to support essential organizations like Planned Parenthood, is at the core of the fight to protect the sexuality, health and freedom of women across the country.

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a "Blessings Bag" filled with brochures and Snickers bars. I say goodbye with a smile on my face. It isn't until I round the corner and open the bag that I realize I just validated the crusade of an extremist.

The brochures in the bag are filled with misconceptions about abortions — they say abortions are riskier than childbirth, and that every abortion a woman has increases her likelihood of getting breast cancer. This unapologetic negligence of scientific fact makes my skin crawl; there is no correlation between abortions

women to discuss with an expert their three choices: parenting, adoption and abortion. Yet closer inspection of the site reveals the only medical procedures the clinic offers are pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. No abortions.

From my perspective as an outsider, the Hope Pregnancy Clinic shows all signs of being a Crisis Pregnancy Center. In 2014, VICE news produced a fantastic piece called "Fake Abortion Clinics of America: Misconception." It describes Crisis Pregnancy Centers, facilities that advertise themselves as abortion providers

The interconnected nature of healthcare

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The United States' healthcare system leaves a lot to be desired, but somehow the millions of undocumented workers living among us still get swept under the rug no matter what. The Affordable Care Act makes no mention of coverage for such immigrants, and while many Americans defend the idea that immigrants are unwelcome threats, the fact still remains that they were, in a sense, invited here.

Restaurants, fields and factories all benefit from the cheap labor that undocumented immigrants give, free of employer obligations that come with documented citizens. Yet when it comes time to give their workers the access to basic human needs, employers balk. "It's just too much," complained one manager in a scene

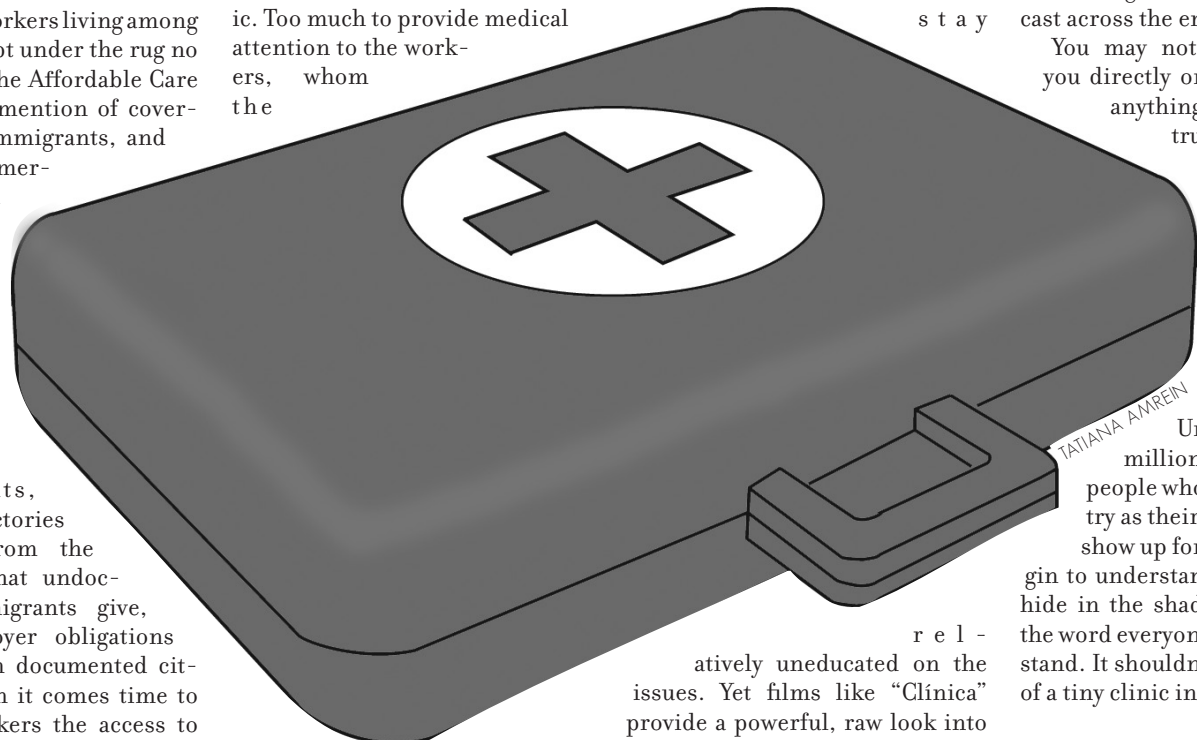
of "Clínica de Migrantes," as the founder of the clinic met with local restaurant owners to discuss a day in which a third of the restaurants' total sales went to the clinic. Too much to provide medical attention to the workers, whom the

The struggles of undocumented workers in the United States often stay quiet, as the threat of deportation looms and documented Americans

is, especially on a campus like Willamette's, is to show up. The screening I went to was attended by relatively few students, while the message deserves to be broadcast across the entire school.

You may not think it affects you directly or that you can do anything to help, but the truth is that it may be a reality for one of your classmates or friends. It affects the community in which you live, the industries that support the United States and millions of hardworking people who share this country as their home. So please, show up for such events. Begin to understand the issues that hide in the shadows, and spread the word everyone starts to understand. It shouldn't just be the duty of a tiny clinic in Pennsylvania.

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business depends on to stay open and functioning.

actively uneducated on the issues. Yet films like "Clínica" provide a powerful, raw look into the truth of the system and call viewers to take action towards reform. The best way to do this

Lack of options for boyhood

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In the wake of another school shooting, the same cyclical gun debate begins. With two sides in constant disagreement, there is a general acceptance that there will always be people intent on harming others. The gun control debate is an argument over how to mitigate harms caused by these people.

Because of this acceptance, the public does not dwell on social influences behind school shooters and labels the issue under the umbrella term of mental health. Whether it be bullying, a broken home or a violent personality, an individual explanation is enough to appear conclusive. Personal issues are certainly a factor behind shooters, but they have always existed among everyone.

The explosion of school shootings is a modern and overwhelmingly male phenomena that goes beyond simple mental health. Society is placing an unfair burden on boys to adapt to wildly different expectations. Boys today are stuck in no man's land between the masculine tropes in popular culture and the non-aggressive mandates in education. For young men who center their identities around masculine tropes, they are finding themselves increasingly alienated.

Whether true or not, millions of parents believe masculine traits are inherent. They raise their boys in an environments where playing war, wrestling and hunting is acceptable behavior, even encouraged. Central figures these boys' lives typically include military figures from Alexander

the Great to George Washington. The urge to follow masculine tropes is overwhelming. In my own childhood a stick that looked like a sword or gun was the most valuable possession in the world.

From the first day of school, boys quickly learn that any aggressive behavior, no matter how trivial, is unacceptable. The teachers throw the coveted sticks over the playground fence, wrestling matches are broken up and a boy's last solace, a finger gun, is met with detention.

What kind of strange world are we making for boys? A world where they can watch movies and play games glorifying war, but cannot even so much as mention a gun in class.

For many boys school becomes a prison, and if they have no outlets for rowdiness at home, it be-

comes a prison they cannot escape. The result is fertile grounds for deep seated animosity.

Modern education classifies traditional masculinity as violent and antisocial but offers few examples of alternatives. Every year there are less and less male role models in the classroom. According to the organization, MenTeach, 16 to 18 percent of elementary and middle school teachers are men. The Association of American Educators has reported men have declined from the majority to 42 percent of high school teachers over a few decades.

A teacher serves as an educator and an example of adult behavior. Because of the deficit in male teachers, boys are less likely to receive mentoring in healthy masculinity and identify roles for themselves in society. How are

boys expected to fundamentally change their nature, if they cannot turn to teachers who can relate?

In world where boys feel they do not belong, they disengage. They drop out, ignore college and look for alternatives to pursue their masculinity. This antisocial behavior takes many forms. The dozens of school shooters are a small fragment of the young men resentful with the modern world.

No matter how many guns are taken or how many teachers are armed, the conditions that create school shooters will continue to intensify. If we want to avoid further tragedies, we need address the role of masculinity in modern society.

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When progress isn't progressing

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This past week the Oregon Legislature passed a bill renewing "limited term" drivers' licenses for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA), and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients for two years.

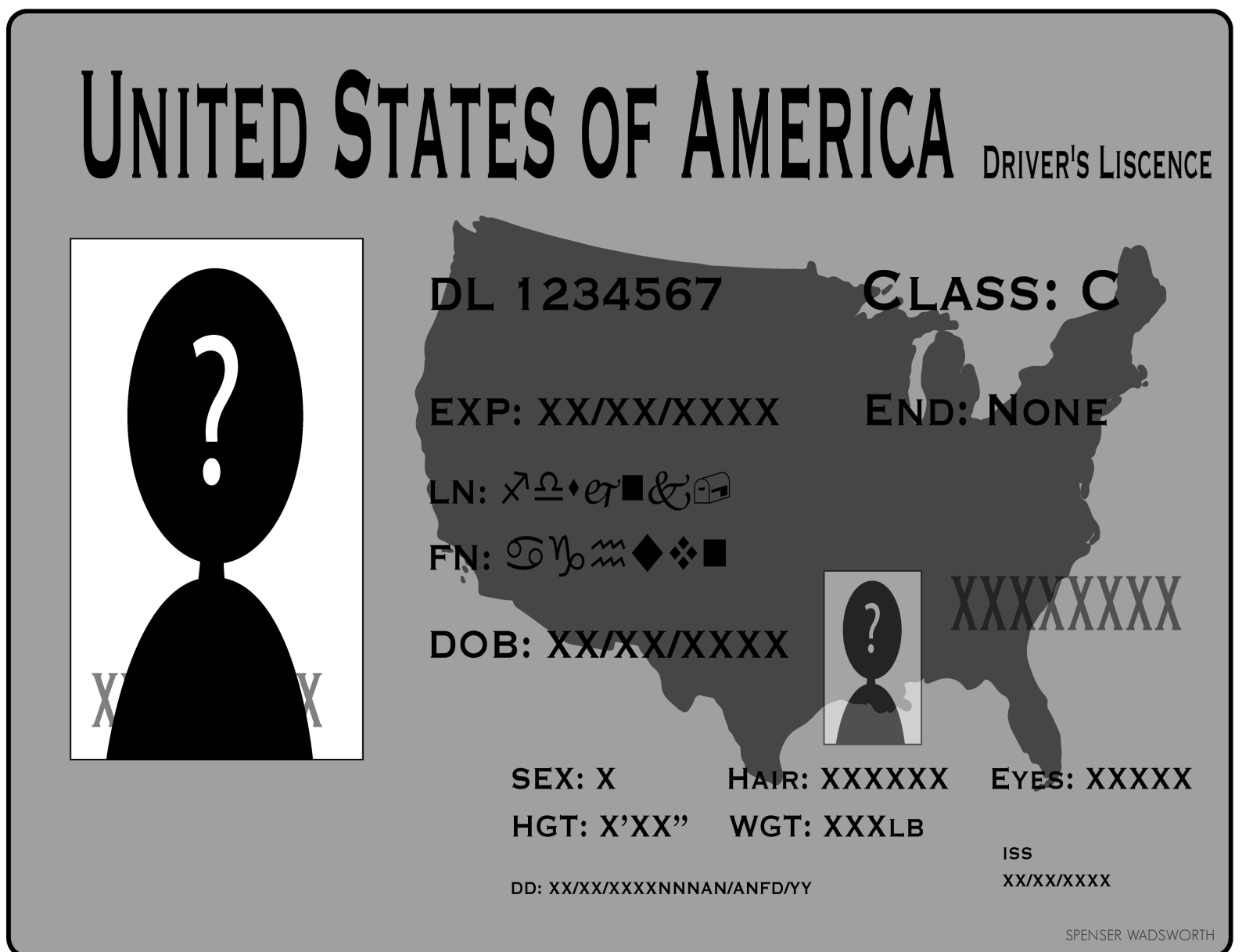
House Bill 4111 is currently sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting signature, but can be expected to be signed into law soon. This small gain in rights for immigrants in Oregon can be seen as a victory in a world where loss is all too expected. The United States has been stripping immigrants of rights, creating increasingly violent spaces for them across the country.

This did not start with Trump. The dehumanization and exclusion of immigrants is what led to policy that crafts an "exceptional" immigrant - i.e. DACA. 2010 saw the highest number of deportations ever, thanks to changes in policy by President Obama. Through shifting deportation to a less visible sphere, Obama was able to paint himself as pro-immigrant, garnering the support of immigrant populations across the country while still mechanizing the state as a violent tool.

HB 4111 allows DACA and TPS recipients to apply for licenses without needing "to provide proof of legal presence in the United States" if the state transportation department previously issued them a drivers' license, permit or ID card, if the applicant has an employment authorization document and if that document expired on or after Aug. 1, 2014.

This is a success. Immigrant rights groups have fought hard to ensure access to a driver's license, which gives the ability to drive your kids to school, get to work, and pick up groceries. Those in opposition to this amendment on HB 4111 spoke in terms of protection and security, continuing the rhetoric that immigrants are a threat to our security.

Framing immigration as a security issue has always been a guise to further criminalize immigrants.



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Increasing ICE agents, further militarizing their forces, bolstering border control and increasing deportations have all been discussed as security concerns above all else - regardless of evidence that proves immigrants by and large do not commit violent crimes.

Narratives of security are the same as narratives of violence. DACA and DREAMer rhetoric propped up these notions as well. Through crafting an "outstanding" immigrant, you buy into the idea that the average immigrant is not outstanding, you say that people must be outstanding to be American - which is just not true.

Expecting immigrants to be exceptional among a population that

is mediocre at best is absurd to say the least, and oppressive at its worst. Human beings are demonized based on arbitrary standards crafted in order to exclude. We see this everyday with the stories of DACA recipients filling our news feeds. I am in awe of the amazing work being done by DACA recipients, but I do not think immigrants must be great in order to be considered worthy.

What is the basis of citizenship in the United States? Exceptionality? Whiteness? Ability to contribute to a labor force? All and none of the above?

This "success" is more of a basic life necessity. We have come a long way from fighting for direct

pathways to citizenship, and not in the right direction. Rights that were already meek have been continually chipped away at, movements towards increased rights have failed or been put on hold by direct action by the Obama and Trump administrations.

Activism is draining, especially when it involves violence perpetrated against your body. It is difficult and exhausting to put your body on the line, to speak out and to take up space where you are not wanted, all while dealing with the inherent pain of merely existing as an act of resistance. When your body is inherently political, politicizing it more through direct activism is an added strain. Add

consistent loss and a lack of hope for the future on top of that, and it becomes existentially fatiguing.

Revolutionary fatigue is hard to overcome. It is amazing to see a success, but what happens when affording an extension of temporary drivers' licenses for only a handful of immigrants who have no current pathway to citizenship becomes the big win? Goals have been pushed down to become things that used to be a given, things that 10 years ago wouldn't feel like a victory at all.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

March 12, 8:45 a.m. (Rogers Music Center): Campus Safety received a call reporting two individuals who have been having loud conversations on the phone in the hallway. Officers responded and advised the individuals to leave campus.

March 12, 1:05 p.m. (Mill Street): A student called to report a woman under the influence and acting strange. An officer responded and attempted to make contact with the individual, however she ran away. The officer followed the individual and kept an eye on them until they left campus.

March 12, 2:08 p.m. (Campus): Campus Safety received a call regarding a suspicious individual who walked in the building and started looking at posters and loitering. An officer responded and ensured the individual made it off campus.

March 12, 9:47 p.m. (Sparks Field): A student

called to report a suspicious person who was loitering and inquired about where the Skybridge led. An officer responded and searched the surrounding areas, but was unable to locate the individual.

March 13, 12:04 p.m. (Skybridge): A student called Campus Safety to report that she was startled by masked individual hiding underneath the Skybridge. An officer responded and searched the area, but was unable to locate the individual. The student later called back and reported the same individual near the Sparks entrance of the Skybridge. An officer responded and found the individual smoking underneath the bridge. The individual was told to leave campus.

March 13, 11:25 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): A student called Campus Safety to report that she and a friend had been followed across campus to Lausanne. The students noticed they were being followed and turned around and headed the opposite direction and the in-

dividual left. The student was reminded that they can contact Campus Safety and an officer will escort them to their destination.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

March 12, 9:57 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a call requesting an officer pick up confiscated paraphernalia. An officer responded and picked up the items. A report was filed.

March 17, 9:46 p.m. (Belknap Hall): Campus Safety received a call asking for an officer to come and confiscate alcohol from a room with under aged occupants. An officer responded and confiscated the items. A report was filed.

March 17, 9:55 p.m. (Belknap Hall): After responding to a call to pick up alcohol, an officer noticed the smell of burnt marijuana coming from the room next door. The officer and RA made contact with the occupants of the room and confiscated the paraphernalia. A report was filed.

March 18, 12:35 a.m. (Baxter Hall): Campus Safety received a call requesting an officer pick up found paraphernalia. An officer responded and picked up the items. A report was filed.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 15, 3:10 p.m. (Smith Fine Arts): An employee called Campus Safety to report a locked cabinet door had been pried open. An officer responded and a report was filed.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

March 16, 7:27 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): A student requested to be transported to the ER due to a leg injury. An officer responded and escorted the student to the ER.

March 18, 12:45 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who has been drinking alcohol and needed medical assistance. An officer and WEMS responded and assessed the

individual. They determined that the individual did not need further medical attention.

THEFT

March 10, 10:29 a.m. (Ford Hall): A student called Campus Safety to report that their bike had been stolen. An officer took a report and reviewed camera footage, but was unable to identify the suspects. The student was advised to contact the Salem Police Department to report the bike stolen.

March 13, 10:00 a.m. (Grounds Building): The Grounds Department called Campus Safety to report that someone had stolen their one of their mower batteries. A report was filed.

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

What are we listening to this week?

“She Bangs the Drums” by Stone Roses
— James Hoodecheck, Web Editor

“Toy” by Netta
— Alana Mockler, Opinions Layout Editor

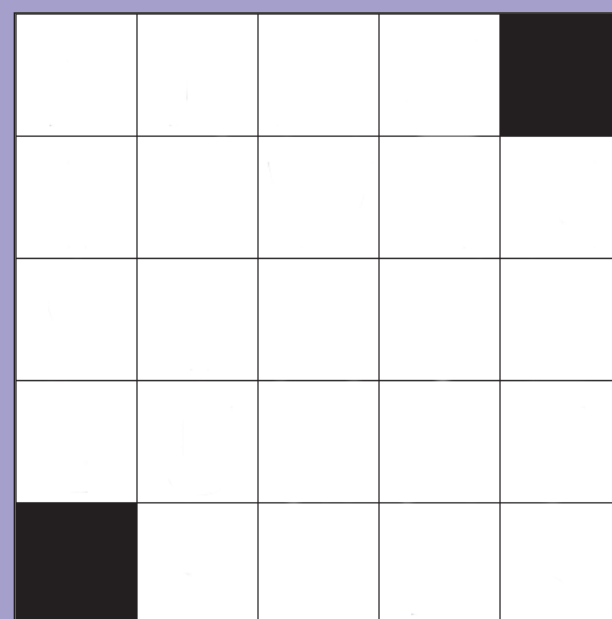
“Deep in a Dream” by Artie Shaw
— Ryleigh Norgrove, Feature Editor

“Ultralight Beam” by Kanye West
— Kellen Bulger, News Editor

“Literally anything in the Bistro” by The Bistro
— Tatiana Amrein, Lifestyles Layout Editor

“How to Train Your Dragon” by John Powell
— Sarah Peery, Sports Layout Editor

Crossword Puzzle



- Down**
1. A clasped hand
 2. The national flower of India
 3. A less pretentious word for “cognizant”
 4. Where Exercise Science classes take place
 6. An allegedly occupied loch

- Across**
1. A red one is a bad sign
 5. Early presidential caucus voter
 7. Street next to Willamette’s rose garden
 8. Residents of Recap Tyyip Erdogan’s country
 9. Chocolate company with a location in downtown Salem

See the next issue for the solutions to this crossword puzzle.