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Bearcats take on Kingsmen



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Willamette Bearcats took on Cal Lutheran Kingsmen last Saturday on Sept. 16.

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WU hires VP of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

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As of July 1, Sociology Professor Jade Aguilar now serves as Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for Willamette.

This position came about after almost a decade of agitation. Students and staff have suggested the hiring of a chief diversity officer multiple times in recent years, and in the Spring of 2016 President Thorsett created a task force to reconsider this option.

The creation of this task force was due to "a surge in student activism amid escalating tensions over racial climates" nationally as well as on-campus. The task force consisted of professors from a range of disciplines, six student and ten stake-holding staff members. After collecting data for a year, the task force released the Equity and Inclusion Task Force Report in March of 2017.

This report recommended that President Thorsett hire a VP of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The task force stated that the person hired should work with Multicultural Affairs, Native American Programs, Community Service Learning and the Chaplains to coordinate equity and inclusion initiatives. Their duties should include "conducting institutional research,... creat[ing] a shared campus diversity vision based on research,... highlight[ing] diversity as a key value on campus,...and creat[ing] educational opportunities for all members of campus to increase awareness on diversity and equity issues."

In June of 2017, Thorsett reported to the Willamette community that Professor Jade Aguilar had been hired to fill the recommended position. She will hold this position until 2019, at which point a new candidate will be hired from a nationwide search. Aguilar was chosen to fill this position for the two-year interim due to her position as a Willamette community member: she knows Willamette's campus and history, and has built valuable connections with students and staff.

New iPhones met with disapproval

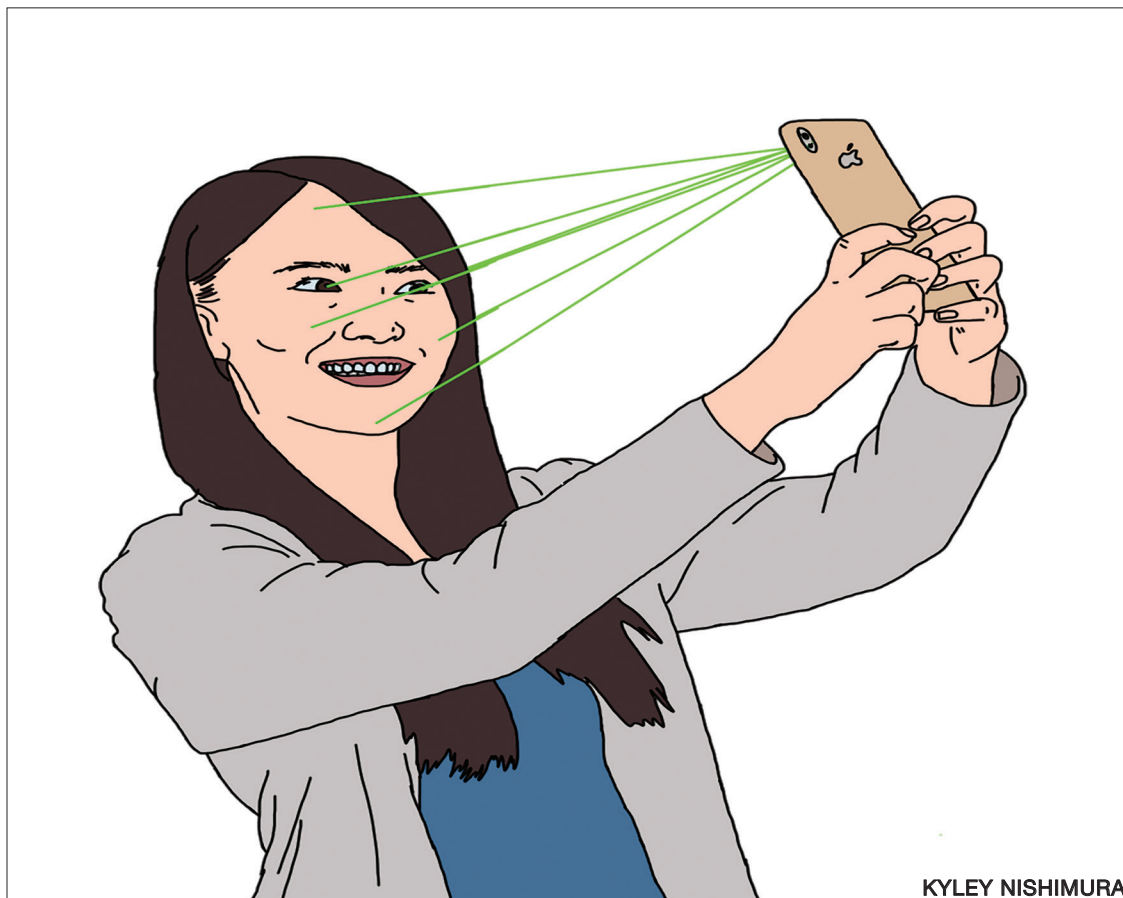
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Instead of a quake, the world received an inconveniencing rumble on Sept. 13, when Apple officially announced the release of the iPhone 8 and X. When getting a consensus of the Willamette student population's reception of Apple's newest additions, it was revealed that approximately half of the twenty-two students interviewed weren't aware of the release in advance to the date and- if they were-it still didn't leave too big of an impression.

Siena Ginsburg stated that "They're making too many models" and it wouldn't be incorrect to assume that many other people agree. Students had the same general declaration: the frequent iPhone releases were starting to get old.

"I would definitely be rocking my iPhone 3G if I could," said First year, James Hoodecheck. A lot of people stated that the induction of another iPhone wasn't necessary, and at this point there wasn't much else- besides the restoration of the headphone jack- that could be done to create the universally ideal smartphone that Apple has been attempting to produce for years.

The leading characteristic to dominate the promotion was



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facial recognition and its capability to act as a password. When students were asked about their feelings toward this supposedly monumental enhancement, I was met with a mixture of exasperation and underwhelmed sighs. This development was

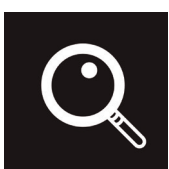
perceived to be more of a gimmick than an improvement to be taken seriously.

When I approached first-year student Takota Pelch about the topic and his knowledge regarding it, he said that he'd heard about the event the day before

the release. He specified, "a YouTuber that I watch was making fun of Apple's marketing. He made a second video after the release too."

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Jade Aguilar and WU's attempt to put an emphasis on 'creating a safe campus and community for all'

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As an Associate Professor of Sociology, Aguilar's academic focus is gender, sexuality and family. She has previously led trainings, workshops and discussions about race, gender, sexual orientation and ability, and has worked on equity and inclusion projects on-campus. She also co-chaired the Equity and Inclusion Task Force.

In the first months on the job, Aguilar has hit the ground running. Coordinating with others, she has created the First in Family program for first-generation students. In this new program, first-generation students attended a reception during Opening Days to receive information, community, and support. Throughout the school year, they will continue to be sent emails containing information specific to their needs, such as how-to's about registration, finals and other details that students often learn word-of-mouth from college-educated family members. The programming is still in the planning stages, but students will likely also be given one-on-one and in-person assistance throughout the year.

"These students are receiving ongoing support," Aguilar reports, stating that the program has already had powerful effects. "First-generation faculty and staff feel more valuable on campus now, too. They have an opportunity to share their stories," a possibility that has never existed before.

Beyond First in Family, she's working on campus hiring practices, and has been reviewing WU structure and policies. Recently she updated a faculty handbook to remove gendered language and replace it with language inclusive of non-binary and trans folks.

Her job is "both structural and programming," she explains. She works with Willamette Academy, the Chemawa Program and the Center for Equity and Empower-

ment, as well as with ASWU and various other on-campus groups and initiatives. In light of recent hate-motivated attacks in Charlottesville and nationwide, she has also handled communications with students and staff to assure that Willamette will hold to "values that clearly affirm the dignity and worth of all individuals and [a] commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion."

Chaplain Karen Wood praises the decision to hire VP Aguilar.

"This position has long been needed on campus; now VP Aguilar gets to provide resources, accountability, and programming to underrepresented students" she says, stressing the importance of this to creating a safe campus community for all.

Aguilar noted both the importance and the difficulty of her new job.

"In the past, we have worked to help students survive a campus not built for them," she states, recognizing Willamette's history as an institution built for able, straight, white men. The question now, she asks, is how do we make sure it is a system fundamentally inclusive for all?

"We want to go beyond helping students get through a system not designed for them, and instead make the system support them."

She noted that she is just building momentum. The creation of her position doesn't mark the end of student and staff agitation for proper care for underrepresented individuals on-campus, but rather the beginning of new conversations that will lead to campus-wide initiatives and changes.

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Edie Windsor's life and impact



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It is hard to overstate the impact Edie Windsor made on the lives of LGBTQ people across the United States in her 88 years of life.

Among the many pioneers of the LGBTQ rights movement over the past few decades, she stands out. Her tenacity, grace, unbridled love and humor has attained an almost legendary status amongst the communities she fought for. In her personal life, she was known to

place of the traditional ring in an effort to conceal their relationship.

When IBM left New York City in 1975, she retired from her position with the company, choosing instead to focus on LGBTQ activism. Both she and Spyer marched openly in many of the early LGBT marches and events, and volunteered at organizations such as the Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the LGBT Community Center and Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders.

nize their marriage, denying Edie the benefits guaranteed to heterosexual couples. It was her resilience and strength of spirit led her to file the lawsuit that brought down the infamous Defense of Marriage Act in 2013, an action that was instrumental in laying the foundation for the historic 2015 Supreme Court ruling affirming the right of all people to marry.

Since that historic ruling, she continued her work in activism, touching the lives of LGBTQ folk wherever she went.

When Spyer died in 2009, the US government refused to recognize their marriage, denying Edie the benefits guaranteed to heterosexual couples.

be loving and kind, while her persistence and resilience in legal and professional situations was famed.

Edie was born in Philadelphia in 1929. She worked for much of her career in high ranking technical and managerial positions at International Business Machines in New York City, rare for a woman at that time. It was there, in 1963, that she met her longtime partner and eventual wife, Thea Spyer. They quickly fell in love, and got engaged in 1968, using a diamond brooch in

In 1977, Spyer was diagnosed with progressive multiple sclerosis, and in 2002, she suffered a heart attack. When doctors told Spyer in 2007 that she had less than a year to live, the couple decided they could no longer wait for same sex marriage to become legal in the state of New York. On May 22, 2007, they traveled to Toronto, Canada, where they were married by Canada's first openly gay judge, Justice Harvey Brownstone.

When Spyer died in 2009, the US government refused to recog-

"She genuinely cared about people on a personal, human level," said Conner Mertens '17, a friend of Edie's. "Regardless of politics, Edie was the one to light up a room."

Though she is gone, she left the world with an important legacy. The LGBTQ community and the world as a whole is better off because of her existence.

In Edie's own immortal words, "Don't postpone joy."

Edie Windsor died on Tuesday, September 12th. She was 88.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

Emergency Medical Aid

September 13, 1:30 a.m. (On Campus): Campus Safety received a call from an individual stating that they had fallen and hit their head. An officer responded and spoke with the individual. It was determined that further medical attention should be sought. The officer transported the individual to the Hospital.

September 16, 1:55 a.m. (On Campus): Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who was had been drinking alcohol and was passed out. Officers responded and made contact with the

individual. They determined that the individual was in need of further medical attention. Paramedics were contacted and they transported the individual to the Hospital.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

September 12, 8:30 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Campus Safety received a call from an RA asking officers to come and confiscate marijuana paraphernalia they had found. An officer responded and collected the items.

September 15, 9:58 p.m. (Doney Hall): Campus Safety received

a call asking for them to respond and confiscate marijuana paraphernalia. An officer responded and collected the items.

September 15, 10:30 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a call asking them to confiscate marijuana paraphernalia. Officers responded and confiscated the items.

September 15, 11:25 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received a call requesting that an officer be sent over to collect marijuana paraphernalia. An officer responded and confiscated the items.

September 16, 11:39 (Doney Hall): Campus Safety received a call asking for them to confiscate some alcohol containers. An officer responded and confiscated the items.

Recovered Property

September 11, 3:45 a.m. (Atkinson Annex): While on patrol an officer noticed an individual hiding in some shrubs with two bikes. When the officer approached the subject he jumped on one of the bikes and rode off campus leaving the other bike behind. A report was filed.

Trespass

September 17, 3:10 p.m. (University Center): Campus Safety received a call regarding a suspicious individual in the Bistro who was suspected of stealing money from the tip jar. Officers responded and located the individual who had previously been trespassed from campus. The individual was placed under arrest and Salem Police was called. Salem police transported the suspect to jail.

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

Senator Sanders' 'Medicare for All' bill builds steam

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In the mess of all the latest news from possible nuclear proliferation to the next deadly hurricane, notable Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders announced a 'Medicare for All' bill last Wednesday along with an op-ed penned in the New York Times, that detailed the same message he relayed on the campaign trail of America moving to a single-payer healthcare system.

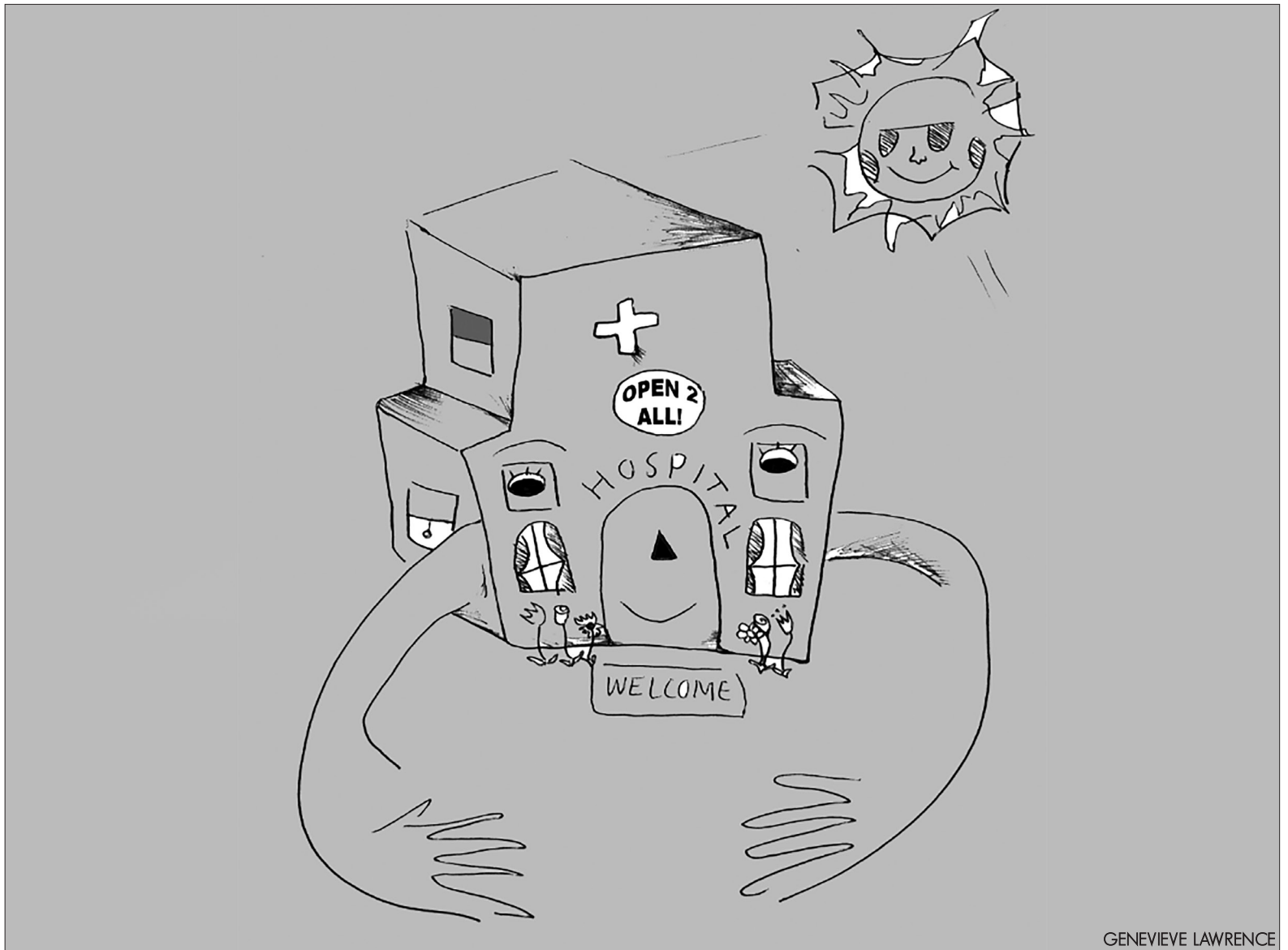
The bill comes in a time in which one could only deem as ironic, when Republican leaders this week have been making a last ditch attempt to push through their latest Obamacare repeal in the form of the Graham-Cassidy Bill. While the timing for opportune, idealistic policy certainly seems questionable, here's what the bill would do.

First off, it would not be a direct, swift implementation of single-payer. The transition process would extend the transition of insurance process to one that is over the course of the next four years. Along with this, the age for Medicare eligibility would be lowered from the current age in increments of ten each-year until everyone is covered by the end of the four years.

What exactly will this bill cover? Nearly everything. The main difference between this single-payer bill and ones like it around other countries with universal health-care is that there would be barely any aspects of healthcare that aren't covered under Sander's bill. Everything from medical devices, to dental care and vision care.

Not only is this bill comprehensive in its coverage, but it has 16 different co-sponsors at the moment, including the likes of progressive celebrities like Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Al Franken, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Cory Booker and more.

What do nearly all of these co-sponsors have in common? Near-



ly every single co-sponsor has been rumored to be a possible 2020 Presidential candidate. This is important to remember when putting this seemingly uplifting bill into context.

This bill will not pass. In spite of its backing by a number of popular, progressive political figures, it is clear that this was an attempt to aim high from Senator Sanders and show his supporters what he and the progressive left is determined to accomplish in the future. Currently Congress is playing politics in an attempt

to go in the opposite direction of this bill that has a much higher likelihood of passing.

The goal of this bill is to act as a referendum on which Democratic party members are truly committed to the progressive agenda going forward to 2020.

With all of the arguments within the Democratic party of its direction going forward and whether it should keep with its new bold, leftist agenda or strengthen its own economic message and move the dial back to the

center, this is a message as to where the big figures within the party aim to go towards.

If there were ever any more proof needed that this is the Democrats attempt to push the party to the left moving towards 2020, need look no further than Senator Sander's plan to financially compensate for the bill. While certainly instituting a 'wealth tax' on the .01 percent and taking steps like imposing a one-time tax on offshore held accounts would certainly get us closer to paying for this

bill, this would certainly not come without strong Republican opposition to say the least.

Moving forward, one has to wonder whether the Democrats continued effort to show their commitment to their populist agenda in mind when proposing legislation, will at all distract from the ever-growing possibility of an Obamacare repeal and much more potentially impactful conservative legislation coming down the pipe.

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Just the Equi-facts on the Equifax security breach

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Earlier this month, credit report company Equifax reported a security breach that has the potential to compromise the personal information of over 143 million individuals in the United States alone, around 44 percent of the country. The information at risk includes social security numbers, credit card numbers and personal information. The hack also affected individuals in the United Kingdom in Canada.

Equifax is the oldest of the "big three" credit agencies in the United States, with the other two being Experian and TransUnion. It collects information from more than 90 million businesses around the globe and over 800 million individual customers for the purpose of credit monitoring.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, Equifax released a statement saying, "Criminals exploited a US website application vulnerability to gain access to certain files."

According to a CNBC article published soon after, the breach was actually discovered on July 29, over a month before any information regarding the hack had become public.

"Equifax Security first discovered the intrusion on July 29. Understandably, many people are questioning why it took six weeks to report the incident to the public. Shortly after discovering the intrusion, we engaged a leading cybersecurity firm to conduct an investigation," Equifax CEO Richard Smith said in an Op-Ed published

ported that signs of intrusion dated back to mid-May.

According to the CNBC article, SEC reports showed three company executives selling \$1.8 million in stock in the days following the discovery. A statement made by Equifax claimed that the executives had no knowledge of the breach at the time.

In the Op-Ed, Smith directed everyone to check whether or not they are at risk using Equifax's website.

"We strongly recommend that every consumer visit our website (www.equifaxsecurity2017.com) to determine if their data is at risk. As of Tuesday, more than 15 million people have visited the

affected or not, has the option of signing up for the services."

The security of Equifax's website has been called into question, with OpenDNS actually blocking the site as a phishing threat for its users. However, everyone with a credit score is being encouraged to check their credit reports in some way to monitor their accounts for signs of identity theft.

In an article published by Bloomberg on Sept. 18, it was revealed that Equifax had actually dealt with another security breach in March of this year as well. It is not known the extent to which the two breaches may have been linked. In both cases, the cybersecurity firm Mandiant was hired to help deal with the issue.

The F.B.I. is currently investigating the hack, and a number of lawsuits have been filed against Equifax over the past few weeks. As more information comes out, everyone is encouraged to carefully monitor their credit and ensure that their personal information hasn't been compromised.

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in USA today. "At the time, we thought the intrusion was limited. The team, working with Equifax Security personnel, devoted thousands of hours during the following weeks to investigate."

While the intrusion was discovered late in July, Equifax re-

In the week following the announcement of the hack, Equifax's stock dropped 12 percent. The Chief Security Officer and the Chief Information Officer resigned soon after as well, although the CEO is remaining in charge.

website and 11.5 million are enrolling in credit file monitoring and identity theft protection," Smith said. "We took the unprecedented step of offering credit file monitoring and identity theft protection to every U.S. consumer. Every consumer, whether af-



The recent plague of plagiarism on social media

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Plagiarism has forever been considered a morally reprehensible choice that calls integrity, intelligence and creativity into question. Willamette University's plagiarism and cheating policy defines the terms as "intentionally or unintentionally representing someone else's work as one's own," and "any form of intellectual dishonesty or misrepresentation of one's knowledge." In the most severe cases, it could result in permanent dismissal from the college.

These guidelines mirror those of educational institutions everywhere, though they are the same policies constantly breached in today's political climate; especially on social media. The questionable or neglected origins of digital content might force one to ask — what exactly does intellectual property mean in the 21st century?

The most popular content sharing websites, Twitter and Facebook, have perhaps unintentionally supported a public complicity and desensitization to concerns of plagiarism online by providing large demographics of people with their news updates, memes and quippy topical humor that some cannot help but pass as their own.

As social media has increased in credibility and dominance throughout the 2010's, it can no longer be dismissed as something in our lives that can't be taken too seriously. Twitter, specifically, has seen a boost in credibility over the years.

For example, in June, then White House press secretary Sean Spicer confirmed that all of Donald Trump's tweets were to be considered "official statements." Pop culture fans recently caught the attention of international superstar, Rihanna, and Academy Award Winning actress, Lupita Nyong'o to co-star in a buddy heist film, in talks for production in 2018. Undiscovered visual artists too, looking to spread their work can be seen plugging for retweets in the hopes of earning life changing promotion.

Popular Twitter accounts like @Dory and @CommonWhiteGirl posting similar, if not the same material is not unseen. Plagiarism Today, a website that focuses its attention on the issue, conducted a study tracking the journey of a single tweet from its source onward. In the first few days, the source material was the most popular, but after that it was the misattributed and unattributed tweets gaining the majority of the popularity.

Potentially the most common grounds for plagiarism in the digital age is comedy. Humorous viral tweets attract the attention of many, and after being retweeted, shared or screencapped enough times, the source is commonly lost — the damage is already done.

Users who support and promote plagiarized material will probably never think to question its integrity, and unknowingly perpetuate the problem. Even those most guilty of posting unoriginal material might not un-



derstand the weight of their actions.

In 2013, Twitter user Sammy Rhodes was called out by various peers for plagiarizing his comedic tweets, to which he shamelessly replied, "for years now I have been doing tweets that are pretty clearly inspired by my twitter heroes," according to Salon Magazine.

The rise of plagiarism has not gone ignored in academia. A recent study by Pew Research Center showed that 55 percent of all college presidents believe that the frequency of plagiarism has

increased over the last decade, 89 percent of which say that computers and the Internet have played a major role.

While universities and colleges take appropriate preventative precautions in educating students about plagiarism, its consequences and holding those who are caught accountable, the same cannot be said for social media platforms. Cases of plagiarism online are often ignored unless they reach the level of copyright infringement, and even those consequences are as harmless as a post removal.

How do we find balance in a world of moral inconsistency? As technology continues to evolve, the only real answer we have to the ever-changing question of plagiarism might be as simple as effort, and treating the words, phrases and information at our fingertips, and those who created it, with respect.

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Questions about campus grass answered

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This summer, as you've probably noticed from the signs around campus, or in that special way the grass jabs at you when you're lounging between classes, Willamette has adopted a "brown is the new green" gardening policy. But does watering the lawns really have a significant impact on Willamette's overall water usage? Are we in an environmental situation that warrants the new tactics? Are Willamette officials actually just trying to make budget cuts? I don't have all the answers, but these are the questions that guided my exploration.

Over 40 percent of Oregon is currently in what the National Drought Mitigation Center classifies as moderate drought, Salem included. Meanwhile, almost half of household water use in America is accounted for by outdoor consumption. When I consider how regularly we hear about reducing showering time and loads of laundry to lessen our environmental impact, it seems to follow that we should be critically examining our outdoor water use as well.

Intuitively, expanses of dead grass seem like a gardening failure. However, western Oregon's climate allows grass to lie dormant for a season and regrow without issue once the rain returns. Tom Cook, a lawn expert from Oregon State University, explains that in the spring, when grass growth is prolific, many new shoots and roots are produced. Not only does dormant grass diminish water use, but it also eliminates the energy that would be consumed by lawn mowing.

There is understandably some confusion about the current watering



Anonymous graffiti on a sign placed by administration.

policy, since dead grass might seem to imply zero maintenance. To clarify, the grounds crew didn't stop watering altogether. As explained on the Willamette website under "Water schedule for campus grounds," they are experimenting with "minimal watering," meaning they use only as much as is necessary to "keep trees and shrubs healthy." The grounds crew says that they've been experimenting with watering certain zones at reduced frequency, and are learning through this process how much is needed to sustain the beautiful plant life on campus. Watering during nights not only avoids disrupting events, but greatly reduces the amount of water lost to evaporation. A certain amount of experimentation is necessary in this process, and it must be

phased in gradually so that trees and shrubs have a chance to adapt to new watering schedules.

Willamette's grounds crew are making other efforts to cut down on water use too. A sizable rain garden that catches rainwater stretches along campus near the tennis courts, and near Ford, there's an extensive natural filtration system for rainwater runoff from the building.

It's worth mentioning, too, that Willamette has identified their most significant factor for profit loss as the shrinking incoming freshmen class sizes. Since campus beautification is a big part of drawing in new students, electing to allow dormant grass is not necessarily in the institution's best interest from a sheer profit perspective.

Conserve Energy Future (CEF) advises that the first step to sustainable practices in gardens is selecting native crops. Willamette's grounds crew seems to make this a priority. Over the past 10 years, they've gone from using 58 pesticides to none. Willamette is now accredited through Oregon Tilth, a nonprofit certifier for organic practices. In order to make the drastic shift from chemical dependency, the grounds crew had to reimagine their plant species. As cited on the Willamette website's page, "Ground: sustainable and accredited organic," the change also came in response to the fact that "Members of the grounds crew recognized while our lawns and flower beds were beautiful, they were comprised of mostly non native plants, inhibiting the Uni-

versity from becoming the safe haven for the wildlife and insects that our students learn are so critical to the success of Oregon's ecosystems." Native plants to an area naturally require much less water once established. They are more resilient and hardy since they evolved to thrive here.

"Brown is the new green" and similar movements have existed for a couple years now in response to drought and climate change, so critical questions regarding Willamette's choice to join these efforts now are constructive and worth considering. Still, it seems clear that Willamette's new watering policies are in line with its value in sustainability.

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Introversions: the continuous spectrum

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It's officially the fourth week of school, the summer daze has lifted and the work environment has taken over. First-years are finally past the syllabus week, and first papers and tests have been or are being completed. Seniors are contemplating thesis topics and post-graduate options. No matter what year you are in school, the mental hamster wheel is continuously turning.

There are many struggles people face at college, and methods for coping often depend on personality traits and communication preferences. Sometimes those who are more confident and able to voice their struggles are heard more quickly than those who stand back, observe and take time to process things. Preferences in communication style often place people into the categories of being an extrovert or introvert.

Many have seen or may have taken the personality quizzes online to

determine if they are an extrovert or introvert. According to BuzzFeed one can even "know if you're an introvert or extrovert based on your pizza order." What these quizzes often lack in analysis is that introversion and extroversion is a continuum that can fluctuate over a person's lifetime. Sally Konzem, a recently hired counselor at Bishop defines introverts as "people who recharge their batteries through spending time alone." This time is often used for self-reflection and introspective focus. However, personalities are complex and people can have tendencies of extroversion and introversion that evolve throughout their life.

So if we are all unique and complex in our own ways, why do these labels even matter? Konzem says a primary benefit of using labels allows for a "quick way to communicate a set of characteristic that are often associated with one another." Being able to discuss and describe feelings and emotions is an important part of processing and connecting with

others. There are consequences to these labels, just as there are with any other labels. Generality makes it "easy to stereotype", and a person's in-depth characteristics may be overlooked. There are specific characteristics that introverts often identify with. Konzem sheds some light on the strengths someone who identifies as an introvert may have as well as the challenges that may arise.

Strengths: There are many benefits of being an introvert, including: being introspective, taking time to reflect before acting, being self-motivated and being observant. Introverts tend to like their own space when thinking about and creating new ideas, but tend to be very cooperative when working to implement those ideas. Introverts are able to meet their own needs for "recharging," unlike extroverts who rely on others to meet that need.

Challenges: Someone who identifies as an introvert may find it more difficult to spend great lengths of time with others without having

the opportunity to take breaks for solitude, may find it difficult to work in environments with frequent interruptions or other things going on around them and may struggle to jump in and communicate a well thought-out idea when rapid conversation is going on between others who are more vocal.

In college, finding time to be alone can be a significant challenge, particularly when much of a student's time is spent in classes and other activities, and returning home often means going back to a shared room or apartment with other students. It can also be challenging for an introvert to spend time around large groups of people, which is often an aspect of being involved on a college campus.

Advice: Focus energy on getting to know one specific group of people well (e.g., invest in one student organization rather than being involved in as many as possible). When approaching discussion topics in class an introvert can take the opportunity

to think through and form the ideas that they want to contribute to the discussion and jot down those ideas prior to the class period.

When participating in a group assignment or discussion, an introvert may do well at playing the role of the scribe (writing group responses or ideas), while more extroverted individuals may excel at presenting that information to the class. For oral presentations, an introvert may benefit from organizing and creating a display, PowerPoint, or script to utilize during the presentation. Another general tip is to take advantage of opportunities to participate when they feel confident about the material being discussed.

To find out more, Konzem recommends: "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain.

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How did Apple get to 10? Because 7, 8, 9.

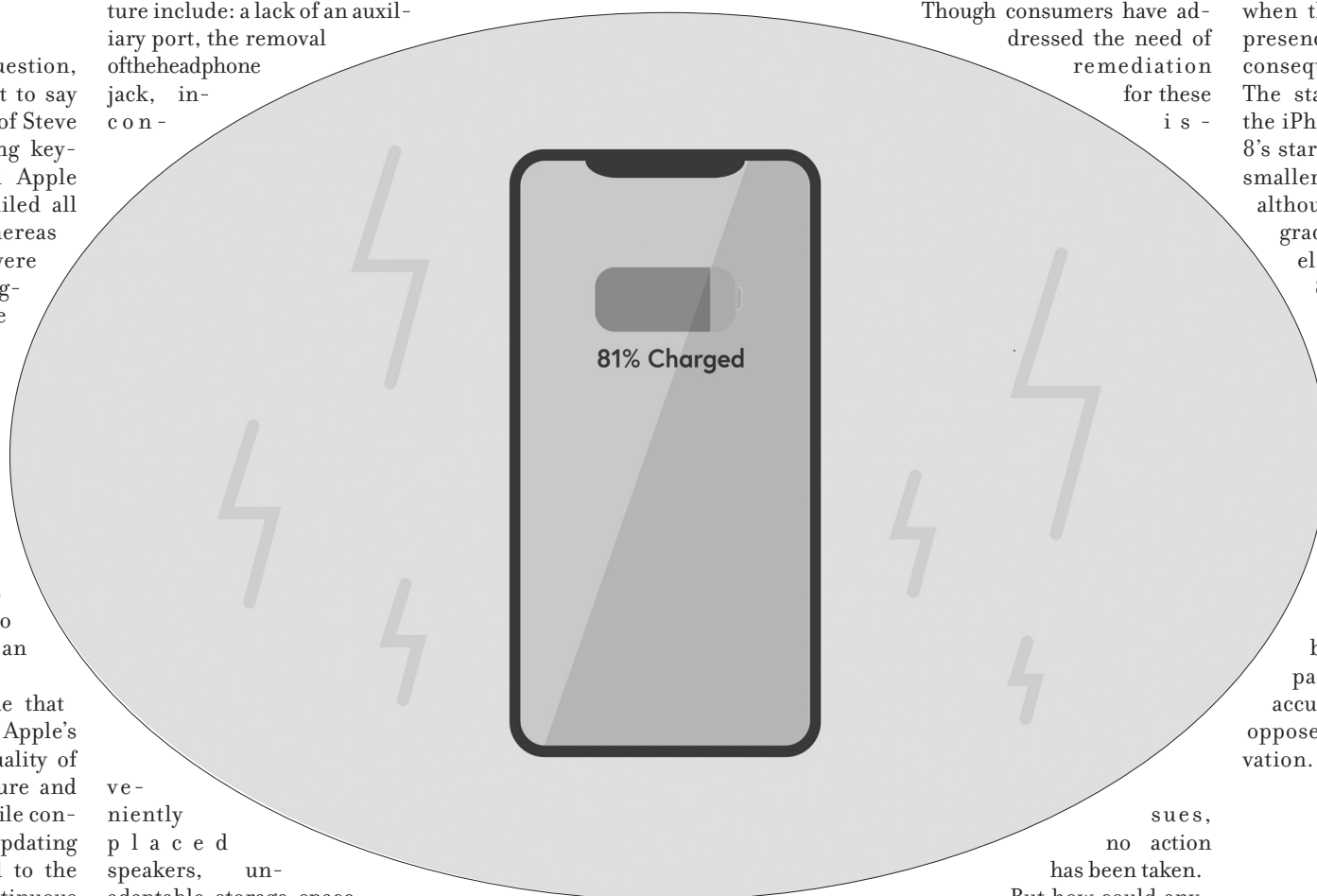
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The YouTuber in question, Jacksfilms, had quite a lot to say on the topic in his parody of Steve Jobs' nearly two-hour long keynote video. The original Apple produced promotion detailed all the new enhancements, whereas in the parody, the flaws were brought to attention in significantly less time. These flaws included the removal of the home button, which could potentially make the phone harder to operate, along with the useless additions of emoji capabilities. This change coincides with the facial recognition feature to allow one to digitally alter their face to appear and function like an emoji.

Another prevalent issue that has gone unaddressed is Apple's negligence towards the quality of the phone's overall structure and therefore functionality, while continuing to only focus on updating aspects that aren't crucial to the phone's operation. Continuous problems with the iPhone's struc-

ture include: a lack of an auxiliary port, the removal of the headphone jack, incon-

veniently placed speakers, unadaptable storage space and difficult to replace batteries.



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Though consumers have addressed the need of remediation for these is-

sues, no action has been taken. But how could anyone focus on these qualities

when there is one ever-looming presence that makes them inconsequential in comparison. The starting price to pre-order the iPhone X is \$999. The iPhone 8's starting price is \$699 (for the smaller of the two provided sizes) although there aren't many upgrades from the seventh model apart from the fact that the 8's screen and backing are now both made of glass. This change was made to improve wireless charging, but could increase the chances of your phone shattering beyond repair. After hearing Willamette students' responses to yet another Apple product release, it's clear that people are beginning to see the company's tactics as attempts to accumulate excessive sums, as opposed to striving toward innovation.

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Cheat sheet: WU study location atmospheres

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Studying isn't just about what you're studying, but also where. If you've ever tried to study in your common room on a Saturday night, you know that the context of your study location makes a huge difference in what you actually get done. If you haven't decided to only use your desk for studying, as I suggested last week, you're probably in the market for a convenient on-campus study space. There are quite a few choices, so let's run through the pros and cons of some.

The Bistro is one of the most popular study locations on campus. With access to caffeine, snacks and music, The Bistro is an attractive option for long study sessions. The atmosphere

can vary wildly, however, since the majority are either there to study or socialize. In case of the the former, The Bistro is a great place to get yourself working. If the latter, though, you're exposing yourself to just as many distractions as that weekend common room. If you're looking for a study location with coffee and a bustling atmosphere that's open late though, The Bistro is a fantastic choice.

If you're looking for a more work-focused study location, you would be hard pressed to find a place better than the main tables on the first floor of the library where there will almost always be people around that will help you feel like you should be working. Additionally, you have easy access to research and reference materials. However, whenever I work

there, I feel strangely exposed. The second floor is about the same environment, only deathly quiet. Instead, I prefer to do my work in the individual study rooms. While they are kind of cramped, they are a fantastic place to get in a long study session. You have to be mindful of the noise you make because of the thin walls, but you can still play study music if that helps you. Those rooms really bring out the study mood in me.

The final two locations are both open to students 24 hours a day, and are ideal for an all-nighter, should that be necessary. The first is the Fishbowl, which—although it's attached to the library—feels distinct from it. The Fishbowl has everything you might need: coffee, snacks, water, WiFi, computers and printing. While the Fishbowl is rarely com-

pletely empty, it tends to be populated by only a couple of other people who are also silently working. This environment makes it easier to not mess around and to actually get your work done. Additionally, the on-hand printing makes it an ideal location for finalizing any sort of writing if you prefer to edit by hand.

Montag will be the last study location we talk about today. While it's a popular place to study, I've found little success in actually getting work done there. Montag isn't used for studying by most, instead, it's a hangout spot with pool, snacks, and couches. If you're able to claim the loft with studying in mind, you may be able to avoid being distracted by others there, but generally you aren't going to be the most focused on your work. The Montag store, however, can be

very helpful for late night studying, with its coffee, water, sandwiches, salads and fruit cups. However, just be careful to avoid the ice cream, candy bars and chips that will crush your energy and concentration. While it's not the best place to study, it will do in a pinch, especially if you need to get laundry done at the same time.

That's it on the list of major on-campus study locations! I know I missed things like the department hearths, specific common rooms, and taking over classrooms at night. If you have any other study locations that have helped you, feel free to email me and let me know. Good luck getting your work done!

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Title IX in a tight spot: WU

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On Sept. 14, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos unveiled her plans to revise the Title Nine law, specifically looking at its application to college campuses. To an invitation-only audience at George Mason University, she declared that the Obama administration had overstepped their boundaries by protecting student survivors to the detriment of the accused.

DeVos promised to continue enforcing Title IX saying, that “campus sexual misconduct must continue to be confronted head-on.” Her solution is the launch of “a transparent notice-and-comment” process wherein the Education Department will receive comments from the public “to incorporate the insights of all parties.” This new program will use “public feedback and combine institutional knowledge, professional expertise and the experiences of students to replace the current approach with a workable, effective and fair system.”

She primarily referred to the previous administration’s 2011 “Dear Colleague Let-

ter” official Willamette University statement of non-discrimination reads, “Willamette is firmly committed to adhering to the letter and spirit of all federal and state equal opportunity and civil rights laws.” Unlawful discrimination is defined as discrimination based on “race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, veteran status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or status with regard to pregnancy, disability or age or otherwise defined by law.”

Willamette enforces a strict institution-wide, non-discriminatory policy. It is important to differentiate however, that while Title IX is generally associated with sexual assault, it covers all kinds of gender based discrimination.

Willamette employs a Title IX committee that provides the affected party with confidential resources and ample information. The committee is comprised of many members in different leadership positions throughout the university to provide different perspectives on the reports submitted.

Last week, Jackie Balzer, Willamette’s Title IX Coordinator, released a statement in

cause I don’t believe something’s happened, but when you say someone’s a victim, it sounds like you’ve already made a decision.”

Moving forward, Title IX Team will continue to work under “best-practices.” “We are doing what we hope is good practice the best we can discern at this time. Right now we will continue to do what we can to ensure our community is safe, those who might be involved in the processes are treated with dignity and respect and that we do the best we can to have outcomes that seem appropriate considering the circumstances,” said Johnson.

Since DeVos’ statement holds no real implications, Title IX’s influence on campus will remain unaltered. “Right now, in this snapshot of time the only thing we would be looking at to change is getting feedback from folks, promising in best practices from national and international experts. It’s the kind of thing where there has been information thrown out that has gotten people interested but there isn’t a new guidance at all,” said Johnson.

The statement was framed as a “guideline” of procedures to be applied on col-

lege campuses. Brooke Stinogel responded to DeVos’s comments saying, “The main focus of any legal requirements like these should always be finding justice for victims and survivors, and helping them heal and feel safe again should be a main priority. Her language, using words like ‘accusers’ and ‘accused’ is very aggressive towards victims and survivors, and to me seems to suggest that she believes that most people are wrongly accused.”

Since Title IX doesn’t explicitly address sexual assault, proposed changes could affect how colleges and universities handle cases. “The processes and requirements that Title IX outlines are not the problem; the problem is schools and how they are choosing to enforce or ignore the guidelines and requirements. It makes me feel that now, schools will feel even less obligation to fulfill their duties and ignore students’ rights in favor of keeping a good name,” said Stinogel.

There are also many initiatives within Willamette’s greek life to reduce the negative connotations surrounding greek life as well as interpersonal violence. Scott Richter, President of Kappa Sigma said, “With men being the most significant actor in events



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ter.” The letter provided instructions on how schools must investigate accusations of sexual violence, and ensure survivors remain in a safe learning environment. The letter, which held no real legal implications, became a vessel for the duality of sexual misconduct. On one hand, it supported the survivors of sexual assault, but on the other highlighted the failure of campus due process. “Rather than engage the public on controversial issues, the Department’s Office for Civil Rights has issued letters from the desks of unelected and unaccountable political appointees,” DeVos said.

Schools under Title IX, that thereby receive federal funds, cannot by law discriminate on the basis of sex or gender. The law itself doesn’t speak to sexual violence, and over time it has been interpreted that Title IX’s ban on sexual discrimination requires schools to address sexual violence among students. “Any school that refuses to take seriously a student who reports sexual misconduct is one that discriminates. And any school that uses a system biased toward finding a student responsible for sexual misconduct also commits discrimination,” said DeVos.

In compliance with Title IX and other equal opportunity legislation, the of-

response to DeVos’s speech on behalf of the Title IX team. “Our community’s well-being is our highest priority, and Willamette uses best-practices for prevention and response. Our Title IX Coordinating Committee and others will continue to be engaged in and monitor potential changes at the federal level in order to maintain our commitment to safety and fairness in university processes.”

Lorie Johnson, Assistant Dean of Students, and a member of the Title IX team, is influential in the conduct process at Willamette. “Generally speaking how I interface with gender discrimination or harassment is when someone has filed a report and made the decision to have the university move forward with an accountability process.”

A central theme of DeVos’s statement was the lack of universities’ due process. In her speech, DeVos stated, “The notion that a school must diminish due process rights to better serve the ‘victim’ only creates more victims.”

Willamette on principle has been dedicated to a fundamentally fair process, as reiterated by Johnson. “I hope our policies and our process treat people with fundamental human dignity. You will hardly hear me use the language an advocate would use, and should use, like ‘survivor’ or ‘victim’, not be-

lege campuses. “I don’t know what’s going to happen currently with the office of civil rights or Betsy DeVos. But I can tell you, as a person who’s been working in conduct for years, very little has changed for processes based on best-practices,” said Johnson.

Carli Rohner, the Advocacy and Prevention Coordinator, Green-dot coordinator and member of the Title IX team works provides confidential services through Bishop Wellness Center. “We do a lot of training with staff and faculty to mitigate bias, to mitigate things in our procedures that might make it unfair to either party. We really do believe if you keep things fundamentally fair for folks, you will get the best outcome for everyone involved.”

Rohner is the first confidential source that students come in contact with after filing at Title IX report. “We get reports about everything because our community is really good about paying attention to those things. Folks are really good about saying, I noticed this and I know in a continuum that it’s not a good thing, and I want to talk to someone about it,” said Rohner.

Student advocacy is not new to Willamette, as Title IX influences many student organizations on campus, including the “Students for Feminism” Club. President

of violence, it is critical that we combat unhealthy masculinity and attitudes that contribute to assault. Being in a fraternity gives us a platform to unite and act, both in understanding the nature and preventing the actuality of violence.”

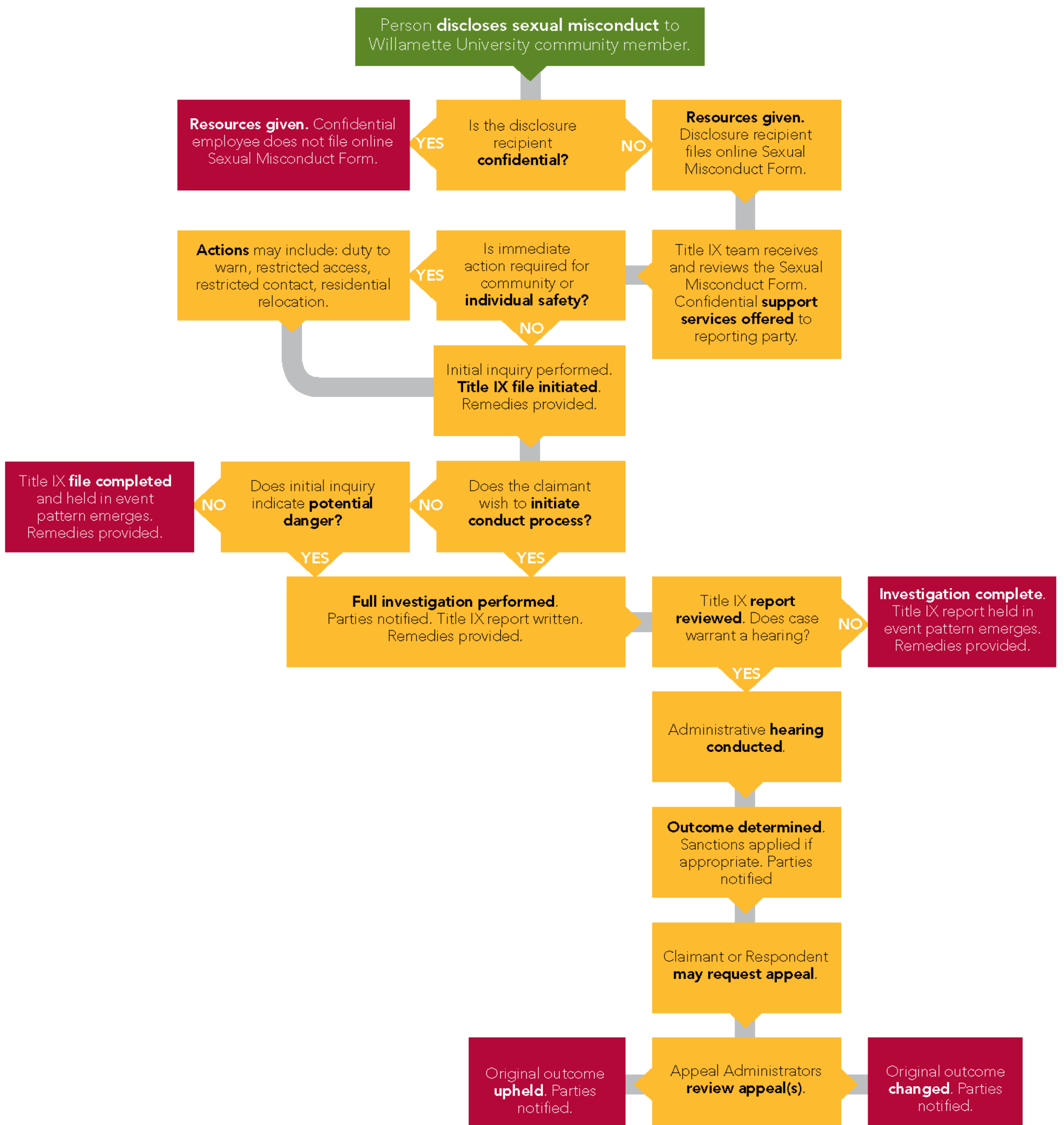
Despite the statements made by DeVos, both Willamette’s administration and student body will continue to advocate for a healthy campus environment. “As an institution we have to comply with federal guidelines, we receive federal funding and from our-folks there is such a commitment to best-practice that there can be guidelines. We can follow the law and do what we are supposed to do in a trauma-informed way,” said Rohner.

The Title IX team is staffed with passionate and qualified individuals. As Johnson said, “regardless of what happens in the government and regardless of what things change at Willamette, Willamette is committed to doing this the best that we can. And I don’t think that’s going to change. There are a lot of people who really care. I know that that makes me really proud of Willamette.”

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Sexual Misconduct Reporting Flow

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How Willamette University uses Title IX, and the Sexual Misconduct Reporting Procedure.

Correction: In the previous issue, a graph was included in the feature that was titled “Number of Willamette students seeking counseling appointments at BWS.” It should have been titled “Number of Willamette students admitted for crisis appointments.”



Men's Golf comes out swinging to win Collegiate Open

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This past weekend, the Willamette University men's and women's golf team went to Washington. The women's team competed in the Pacific Lutheran Invitational at Lake Spanaway Golf Course, and the men's team competed at the Collegiate Open, also hosted by Pacific Lutheran University, at The Home Course. The women's team had a strong showing from their players, while the men's team was able to come away with the tournament championship.

Leading the way for the women's teams was Senior Madi Barnett. Barnett shot 164 to finish in twelfth place. On Saturday, Barnett

shot an 84, which had her sitting in twenty-second place. However, on Sunday she shot a 79, the seventh best score on the day. In an interview with Robert McKinney after the match, Willamette Assistant coach Ryan Melnychuk said, "Maddi played a great round of golf today, consistent as usual, but her short game and course management were what led her to a sub-80 round."

Sophomore Lexi Towner played well for the Bearcats as well, as she shot a 179. Towner shot a ninety-three on the first day of the tournament and an 86 on Sunday.

Also playing for the Bearcats was first year Camy Pickworth. Pickworth also improved on over the course of the tournament as she shot a 99 and 98. The Bearcats did

not enter a team in the tournament, but had a strong showing nonetheless. Each of the golfers improved over the course of the tournament and continue to get better.

For the men's team, junior Kenneth Sheldon led the way. Sheldon shot a team low 142, good for fourth place. Sheldon got off to an extremely strong start as he shot a sixty-nine on Sunday, to put him in second place of the tournament. The team did not seem to have any rust from the summer, as the other golfers got off to strong starts as well. First year Ben Graham started his collegiate career with a great first round as he was tied with junior Trent Jones in 9th place after shooting a 72. Junior Sam Hinton added a 76, and first year Mason

Phalen also started his college career strongly with a 78. After the first round the team was in second place, with a team score of 289, two behind the leader, North Idaho College. According to Hinton, "We were very happy with how we played on Sunday. Being in second place after the first day allows the team to get aggressive on the final day and play without fear of losing anything."

On Monday, Sheldon continued to shoot well as he shot a seventy-three. Graham and Jones showed tremendous consistency as they both shot a 72 on the second day to finish in a tie for fifth place. Hinton shot the best round of the day as he shot a 71 to finish in sixteenth place. Phalen helped the team with a score

of 78 on Monday. The team ended the tournament with a score 577, eight strokes ahead of the second place team, conference rival Pacific Lutheran. Hinton was thrilled to get the first team win of the season, saying "We were pretty fired up to win the tournament on PLU's course. Walking out of there with a trophy was a motivating feeling. We are not satisfied and want to continue to win."

On Oct 1, the women's team will compete in the Whitman Invitational while the men will compete at the Whitworth Invitational. Both teams look to continue to improve and do well at their respective tournaments.

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Can Kyrie Irving and the Celtics get past the Cavs?

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The NBA offseason this year delivered enough big name players switching teams to warrant discussion into what has always conventionally been the dead period for professional basketball coverage. Only now, as the dust has finally settled around the Boston Cleveland trade, has the radio chatter turned to static. Keep in mind we saw Jimmy Butler, Paul George, Chris Paul, Gordon Hayward and of course Irving and Thomas, go to new cities. Moves that should entirely reorder the 2-8 seeds in both conferences. All joking aside, the George, Butler and Paul moves are going to bolster an already loaded Western Conference, but in yet another testament to the Warriors almost unprecedented level of talent, it will still most likely take an injury to one of their stars in order for one of these newly assembled squads to have a legitimate shot of knocking them off in the playoffs.

The trade between last year's Eastern Conference Finals oppo-

nents might actually change things however, if only by way of interrupting the looming Warriors Cavs tetralogy. The Cavaliers received another (non-disgruntled) top ten point guard in Isaiah Thomas. Jae Crowder, a player that seems to have been the sticking point in every non-deal that the Celtics have had on the table over the past few years. Ante Zizic, a winner if only by name. And, what many experts are calling the gem of this deal, the 2020 second round pick that the Cavs squeezed out of the Celtics as time wound down on termination day. No, the 2018 Nets pick could be the number one overall pick in the coming draft. Whether they end up using it to take a young stud, or turning it into a package for some other star player, it greatly increase Cleveland's chances of competing in the future. If only because it means LeBron Raymone James is now more likely to finish out his prime in Navy and Wine.

The Celtics on the other hand finally got the annoyed super star that they've been stockpiling picks and players for since the day they made

those horribly one sided Brooklyn trades. Kyrie Irving is only 25, but has performed dazzlingly on the biggest stage that the game has to offer, and wants this challenge. A lot has been made about how they will only be bringing back one starter from last year, but there were rumblings about Thomas before the season even ended last year. Not to belittle anything that he did for that city and team, but Ainge and the front office we're pointedly aware of how close Isaiah is to 30 and weren't willing to be the team that rolled out the super max for a 5'10" guard whose only option for getting inside is otherworldly quickness which is unfortunately bound to fade.

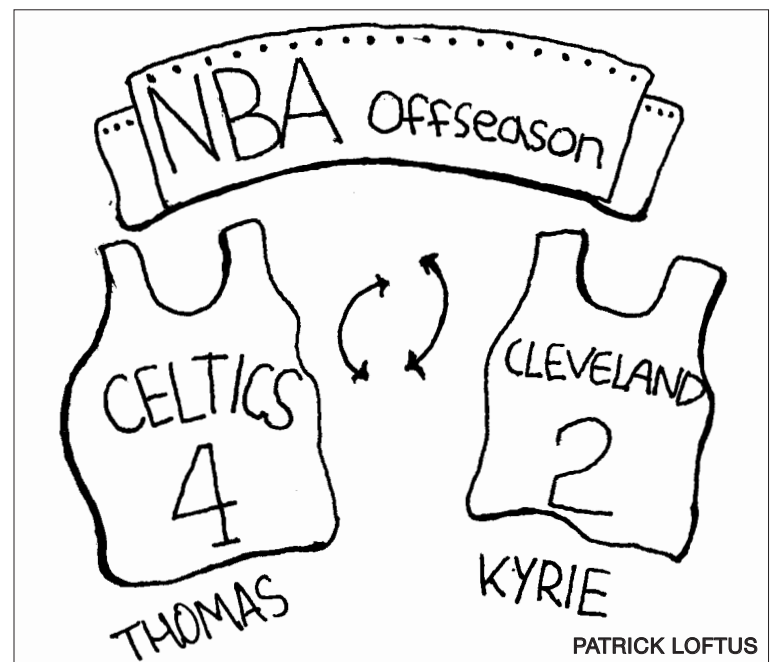
Irving, Hayward, Jaylen Brown, Marcus Morris and Al Horford looks very good on paper. Morris is an underrated acquisition who will hopefully bring some extra toughness up front along with his ability to space the floor. Both Kyrie and Hayward have proved themselves as offensive fulcrums on their previous respective teams, and should be more than capable of lifting that

burden together. What this trade doesn't resolve, however, has been the Celtics glaring weakness over the last few years, their rebounding and shot blocking.

Behind Horford and Morris, unproven interior presences.

We could just be in for a repeat of Cavs Warriors again, but this trade makes it so that outcome will be far more of a battle than it has been the past few seasons.

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Soccer teams off to hot starts in Northwest Conference

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The women's soccer team traveled to Spokane, Washington this weekend to take on the Whitworth University Pirates for their Northwest Conference opener. Sophomore Yume Matsuyama scored her first goal as a Willamette University women's soccer player which gave the Bearcats a 1-0 lead in the first half.

Whitworth responded just three minutes later to tie the game up 1-1 before halftime. Just over 10 minutes into the second half, the winning goal for Whitworth was scored.

Willamette outshot Whitworth 4-2 over the remainder of the game with sophomore Shanna Keil taking a shot at 67:09 that was saved by Whitworth's goalkeeper and senior Emmy Manset taking a shot at 80:02 which was blocked by a defender.

Sophomore goalkeeper Kristen Barclay earned seven saves in goal for Willamette and Manset led all players with five total shots.

The girl's team then traveled to Walla Walla, Washington to take on the Whitman College Blues. The Bearcats defeated the Blues 3-1.

After Willamette scored on an own goal, freshman Lacey Jones gave WU a 2-0 lead a little later on in the first half. The goal by Jones was unassisted. Whitman pulled within 2-1 when they made a penalty kick just before the second half.

Keil scored yet another goal for the Bearcats at 69:23 after receiving a cross from Freshman Caroline Adams.

Manset and Matsuyama tied for the Willamette lead with three total shots and two shots on goal, with Keil also providing two shots on goal.

"The start of conference always brings new and more challenging competition, and we reacted to that well and brought a lot of intensity. There were huge improvements in our play just from the first to the second game, so I think we'll continue to improve as conference continues and make this a really good year for our team." Keil said

Barclay started the game and earned one save, while freshman Kahiau Freitas played the final 45 minutes and had two saves.

Willamette is scheduled to take on rival Linfield College on Saturday, Sept. 23 in McMinnville, Oregon at 12 p.m.

With two wins in two days, the men's soccer team kicked off their first weekend of conference games strong.

Freshman Mack van der Velde scored the game's only goal, as Willamette University pulling out a 1-0 win against the Puget Sound Loggers, the sixth ranked team in the West Region of NCAA Division III.

WU goalkeeper, Jjnior Marco Gonzalez-Yanez earned seven saves on his way to recording the shutout.

Sophomore Nick Ballenger set up van der Velde's goal by drawing out PLU goalkeeper Robert Jorgensen before passing the ball. After receiving the pass, van der Velde scored into the upper middle of the net.

"This weekend was a great start for us," van der Velde said.

"These first two games were a real test for our guys, both UPS and PLU are top teams that always bring a fight."

Willamette University men's soccer team went on to defeat Pacific Lutheran 2-1. Freshman Max Berner-Hays and Ballenger scored the two goals for the Bearcats just 4 minutes apart in the second half.

The best chance of the first half went to Willamette on a counter-attack less than two minutes into the game. Senior Alan Hernandez took the ball into the PLU penalty area and crossed the ball to Liam Main who shot the ball into the net. Main however, was ruled offside and the goal did not count.

Gonzalez-Yanez made six saves for Willamette in the first half. A foul in the Willamette box led to the penalty kick by PLU in the second half with the teams still tied at 0-0. Na shot low toward the left post, but Gonzalez-Yanez snagged the ball.

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Bearcats cannot conquer the Kingsmen

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This past Saturday, Willamette Football squared off against the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen in a non-conference matchup. Coming off a hard loss in their last game against Rhodes College, Willamette looked to bounce back.

Unfortunately, the Kingsmen were able to put together extended drives that resulted in four touchdowns that took time off of the clock. Leading the way on offense for the Bearcats was sophomore Matthew Castaneda, senior Joey Thurman and senior Alex Israel. Castaneda put up 147 passing yards, Thurman racked up 49 rushing yards and Israel netted 60 receiving yards on the day. Close behind Israel was senior Jeremiah James, who recorded 58 receiving yards and a touchdown.

The Bearcats fell short in total offense against the Kingsmen, gaining a total of 251 yards compared to Cal Lutheran's 385. While Willamette avoided throwing any interceptions or committing any turnovers, the Kingsmen fumbled twice, with Willamette recovering the ball. Unfortunately, Kingsmen quarterback Friederichsen had an outstanding game. He was 23 of 30 passing for 286 yards and four touchdowns.

However, Willamette defended much better against the run than the previous game, allowing 81 rushing yards throughout the game. Junior Linebacker Jackson Lewis led the way on defense, registering an impressive 14 tackles, nine solo stops, two sacks for 13

yards, and three tackles for loss. He also recovered a fumble on a botched fair catch call by the Kingsmen in the 2nd quarter.

At halftime, the Bearcats faced a 21-7 deficit. After a scoreless 3rd quarter, the Bearcats were able to put together one last scoring drive. With a minute and a half on the clock, sophomore Tommy MacDevitt forced a fumble on the 36 and recovered the ball on the 28. Castaneda then led an 11 play drive that resulted in one last score for the Bearcats before the game ended 28-13.

When asked about key takeaways from this game and how it has helped prepare the team for conference play, James said, "In terms of preparation we've been able to analyze specific needs in terms of game-like scenarios that we need to be prepared for. As a receiver/returner I have much I can still improve and learn."

"The greatest takeaway from Saturday's game is improvement. Going from the game against Rhodes college to the Cal Lutheran game, our defense knew we needed to make adjustments to improve. I think as a whole

the defense was able to do a lot of things well. This speaks to the game plan and play calling our coaches prepped us with all week. Overall I was proud with the way the guys played and I am very excited about this team moving forward." Senior Defensive Back Ikaika Hall added,

Football has another bye week coming up this Saturday, but will open conference play against Lewis & Clark on Saturday, Sept. 30.

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Senior Joey Thurman breaks away from Kingsmen defenders.

Intramurals Weekly

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This last week we kicked off the first week of intramurals with 6v6 outdoor soccer and 4v4 grass volleyball! With historically rainy conditions last year, we moved our grass volleyball league from spring to fall this year, so that we can actually stand on grass instead of mud.








This season's 6v6 soccer teams have shown unprecedented enthusiasm for their biweekly games. The team "No Parents", in particular showed up and showed down, utilizing what seemed like their own language on the field consisting of "crowd control!" commands and "Candyland" plays. We can't wait to see what the rest of this season has in store for us.

In Volleyball, Ohana has jumped out to a great start to the season. They are 2-0 and looking good. Are they the favorites for the Beginner league? Will they be the takers of the coveted shirt? Well, it's way too early to answer these questions. With all the excitement the teams have been showing, it looks like it is anyone's game.

ATTENTION BEARCATS: The forecast is calling for an early fall this week. If you are new to Oregon, it is a right of passage to have the privilege of playing intramurals in the rain. There is something special about overcoming the adversity of weather with your team and it is a lot more fun than y'all might think. See you out there bearcats!

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This week in sports we saw the Tigers atop the crazy world of college football, a goofy gap-toothed mammoth attempt to hit the most homeruns by any rookie and a win streak end at 22 games in a row. What a crazy week it has been in sports, and it will only get better from here.

MLB

Before we go head first into the playoff picture, there have been a lot of noteworthy performances by both players and teams this season. One that has been in the headline for the last month or so

has been the Cleveland Indians. The Indians' winning streak ended at 22 games last Friday, which gave them the second most consecutive wins by any team in history. A rookie that has not been talked about much in my weekly installments is Aaron Judge. He is a 24 year old who stands at 6 feet and 7 inches, weighing 280 pounds. His special season is highlighted by both his 198 strikeouts and his 44 home runs. His total of 45 home runs is five less than the record hit by a rookie set by Mark McGwire. With twelve games left in the season, it seems likely that he will be able to tie and possibly surpass the record McGwire set in 1987.

NCAAF

The feature game of the week proved that the Clemson Tigers are still the top team. The Tigers, who were ranked third, took care of business on the road against the fourteenth ranked Louisville Cardinals. The rankings would show that Clemson should have won this game rather handily. But without their quarterback from the national championship, being on the road and going up against the Heisman Trophy winner from last year, the game was a tall task for the Tigers. But they came out with a convincing 47-21 win, holding the Cardinals to only seven points through the first three quarters. In the big boy

conference of the SEC, the twelfth ranked Louisiana State Tigers lost to unranked Mississippi State by a score of 37-7. They had a hard time moving the ball, amassing only 270 yards for the game compared to the 465 yards by Mississippi State.

NFL

The game of the week happened between the Dallas Cowboys and the Denver Broncos. The high powered Dallas offense looked terrible against a stout Denver defense. Cowboys Running Back Ezekiel Elliott looked bad for the first time of his career gaining eight yards on nine carries.

The Cowboys second year quarterback Dak Prescott threw the ball 50 times and only got 238 yards from it as well as two touchdowns and two interceptions. The Broncos rather questionable offense came to play as they scored 42 points with 380 yards of total offense. Running back CJ Anderson had a much more successful game than his counterpart earning 118 on 25 carries with a touchdown. Until Next week, K DEN.

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Conflict in obscurity: Conflict in Burma

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Burma: A sovereign state in the Southeast Asian region of Myanmar. Bordered by India and Bangladesh, Myanmar is home to the Rohingya Muslims, a religious minority (of 1.1 million people) in a mostly buddhist country. In the last decade alone, the Rohingya people have been denied citizenship and labeled as stateless and they have been further terrorized and antagonized not only by the buddhist population of Myanmar, but also the government itself.

Today, the Rohingya people face ethnic cleansing, religious persecution, the destruction of their homes and villages and the murder of their families by the hand of their own government. Civilians are being fired on and approximately 174 Rohingya villages have been burned to the ground by the aggressive, scorched-earth style of the Myanmar military. Yet the

government continues to claim that they are targeting a group of militant terrorists, that any casualties are those militants and that the the Rohingya people are simply burning their own villages. Over 370,000 Rohingya Muslims have been pushed out of Myanmar and into the neighboring state of Bangladesh.

The U.N. high commissioner of human rights has called the latest in this series of attacks against the muslim population, a "text-book example of ethnic cleansing", and global humanitarian groups are warning of a refugee crisis in Bangladesh. Furthermore the leader of Myanmar and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Aung San Suu Kyi, has been accused of negligence when it comes to dealing with these atrocities, and has opted out of this month's United Nations General Assembly.

So why aren't we talking about it? Why isn't this front page news of the New York Times? Why is the

'strongest' country in the world standing idly by as history repeats itself?

This is a conflict that has been waging for many years. In 2012, when Obama visited Burma, the president of Burma made eleven public pledges to the administration. When he failed to follow through on any one of these pledges, the Obama administration then failed to hold the Myanmar government accountable. Frankly, it reeks of appeasement and feels all too reminiscent of the events that have led up to many of the world's horrifying genocides.

Last week, the British government pledged a huge increase in aid over the next four years, in an attempt to address the horrifying events in Myanmar. Yet, despite this we stand in silence.

As I scrolled through pages of news articles and exposés, I couldn't help but notice that among the reports, American news outlets were disturbing-

ly silent. I couldn't understand the lack of outrage coming from American media. I couldn't understand why no one was talking about this, why I was the one who informed my friends instead of the New York Times or NBC or PBS.

It seems only appropriate that as individuals of the United States, a country founded on ideals of religious freedom and the right to pursue happiness, should be just as vocal as any other country when it comes to the mounting genocide of an entire country's religious population.

The truth is, when we watch videos of bigots yelling slurs at starbucks baristas, we all like to believe that we wouldn't be bystanders, we would be the voice above the crowd that bravely condemns xenophobia and racism. We would all like to believe that we live in a country that cares. We all want to believe that our country, the 'greatest', the 'strongest'

country in the world, will step in when human lives are at stake.

Yet, when the time comes, most of us stand silent, afraid, stuck. In reality, American media has become far too egocentric, far too self-involved, and far too white-washed to care about a group of people we have hated and disregarded for the last 16 years. I can give credit where credit is due; and to be fair our country is half underwater and half on fire. We certainly have our own plethora of issues.

However, the truth is, until we set our own self-interest and people-of-color colored apathy aside, we will never be even half of what we wish to be, as people, as media or as a country.

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If you are a student of Willamette University, you know what a nutria is, and have probably had your day made by seeing one. These rodents are most commonly found in the botanical gardens or around the Millstream. They have a sort of celebrity on campus. They are often featured on student's snapchat stories, and people tend to talk lovingly of them.

Recently, their numbers have grown. Baby nutria are no longer an uncommon sight. These babies are still small, incredibly cute

and tend to be less anxious around people than the adult nutrias. The first time I saw one, I sat about a foot away from it, which was much closer than I have ever gotten to one since. My friends and I watched it eat grass and lay in the shade, barely acknowledging us and seemingly not afraid of our presence.

However, I have seen people start to test the boundaries of their comfort, and sometimes purposefully cross them. Even with some of the nutria's comfort with close proximity, it is important to remember that they are wild animals, so our interactions with

them should be different than domesticated ones.

The majority of animals that people tend to interact with are domesticated, so they are more likely to be comfortable with physical affection, like petting. Even though the baby nutria seem cuddly and sweet like some domesticated pets, they are not, and they are mostly likely not going to enjoy being touched.

We are taught from a young age not to bother wild animals, and while that lesson stands to keep us safe, it is also one of respect. I have seen a nutria get very startled after someone pet it, but even with

that reaction, the person reached down to pet it again. In this case, the nutria tried to bite the person, which shows it felt like it was in danger and had to protect itself. No one should make an animal fearful, especially just to have fun. Willamette's culture is largely about respect, and that should extend to all of the campus's inhabitants.

Respecting animals means not just doing something because you can, but instead interacting with them in the ways they are comfortable with. In this scenario, that means you should not pet them just because you can. While you understand the situation and that your

act is harmless, the nutria does not. All it knows is that something is touching it and that could be a threat.

When you see a nutria, it is more than okay to admire it. Chill with one by the millstream at a healthy distance, post a video of it on your Snapchat, just make sure to always keep its well-being as the main priority. Respect the nutria by giving them space, and understand that you need to take any living thing's comfort into account when you're making a decision, do not just do what you want.

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Who does the classroom belong to?



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Politics classes are often discussion-based and on subjects that affect the lives of most students in the classroom, whether directly or indirectly. This dynamic in an environment that is focused on the individual experience and the impact that identity has on that experience leaves room for paramount discussions, where different voices have a chance to offer a perspective that someone else in the classroom may not have considered.

The more likely scenario however, given the imbalance of identities in the classroom and the

likelihood that a class at a private liberal arts college like Willamette will be represented disproportionately, is the skewing of voices to a viewpoint that may be common to most students in the classroom, and the drowning out of other perspectives.

Now of course, some of this cannot be corrected, as everyone should have an equal right to discourse in an academic space and if most people come from a fairly common experience, inevitably you will hear more of that experience.

In this particular instance in a politics class last week, I let my frustrations with this problem ex-

hibit itself in the form of eye rolls or sighs whenever the three white male students that answered every question would raise their hand to answer yet another question with a long-winded, seemingly unnecessary response.

To me, it seemed as if they used their opportunity to simply hear themselves speak rather than contribute to class discussion, and I became increasingly bothered by the lack of checks on their seemingly endless need to answer questions.

I have always been quite expressive in the classroom, which I believed was okay. In this scenario, it seemed alright because I did

not stop them from talking or distract anyone. I simply released my frustrations in this quiet manner. So you can imagine my surprise when I was pulled aside after class and asked to be more respectful of my peers when it came to my body language.

At first I was stunned, as I always considered myself to be respectful and engaged in academic spaces, thus prompting a long email expressing my regret, but also my concerns with what I believed was a toxic dynamic. Here are some excerpts of that email that I would like to share, as I believe they can help further a discussion on rebalancing the classroom.

“This is a harder sentiment to communicate as how do you explain to a professor that you have thoughts, but you feel like they are not valued even when you can technically raise your hand and speak.”

“It’s almost like knowing through experience that problems are easier kept bottled in, with the occasional physical frustration expressed, rather than going through the emotionally tolling process of having to explain why seemingly normal activities in the classroom would cause such brash reaction. I have always justified it as coping rather than engaging, which could lead to worse repercussions.”

“I think what bothers me the most is that often, politics courses address problems that then play out in our real-world classrooms. We often talk about race and gender disparities and what cause them in a variety of institutional environments. We talk about how white men often are given far more access, but not only that, they are made to feel like they will always belong in spaces. Or at the very least, their right to those spaces has never been challenged or questioned. These are privileges that many of us do not experience, particularly in institutions where most people do not look like us and have historically been designed to exclude us.”

Then you look around, and see that sure, things are improving, but the domination of space tends to always happen, and seemingly for the very reasons we prescribe. And it’s frustrating. Knowing that you’re in an environment to really be critical of these norms, yet hearing that discussion get co-opted due to the very issues you diagnosed.”

Moving forward, there may never be a true solution in a space that will probably be imbalanced for a while to come. But perhaps considering this problem and how it perpetuates the cycle itself may allow us to more critically examine what causes these imbalances in the first place.

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Steve Bannon’s civil war

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Although former White House chief strategist, Steve Bannon, no longer has the President’s ear he remains significantly influential over American politics. After leaving the Trump administration, Bannon returned to Breitbart News with the intention of promoting his nationalist agenda and spearheading an attack against the Republican establishment. Alongside Conservative mega-donor, Robert Mercer, Steve Bannon is plotting 2018 primary attacks on establishment GOP candidates in order to promote the pro-Trump, nationalist sect of the right wing.

Bannon is proposing nothing less than civil war in the Republican Party.

The nationalist ideals promoted by Bannon and Trump are part of a new and growing faction within the party. Donald Trump’s nomination by the Republicans in 2016 represented

more than just the unprecedented success of an unconventional candidate. It represented a takeover of the party from traditional conservatism to nationalism.

While nationalism shares several similarities with traditional conservatism such as a strong sense of patriotism, military strength and American exceptionalism, it has a stronger focus on economic protectionism, nativist immigration policies and skepticism on international agreements such as NATO and the Paris Climate Agreement. Trump’s Presidency has done a lot to reshape the Republican agenda, but Bannon’s goal seems to be ensuring the survival of nationalism within the party by solidifying a dependable voting base.

One would think that because the Republican Party is full of Trump supporters it’s already a nationalist party, however there are many reasons to be skeptical of this assertion. While proponents of nationalism

tend to be Trump supporters, not all Trump supporters are nationalists. These were the same voters in many cases who re-elected establishment Republicans like Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell, both of which share major differences with President Trump and are seen as the enemy by Bannon. It’s been proven that a strong, nationalist message can win if it’s espoused by a charismatic populist figure like Donald Trump, but it’s still unclear whether a nationalist movement would remain successful in the absence of Trump.

With his recent compromises with leading Democrats, Trump has lost credibility with many of his supporters, including Steve Bannon. Bannon seems intent on promoting the nationalist agenda even if Trump deviates from it. If Trump’s views became more mainstream, it could mean nationalists losing their foothold in politics. Still, Bannon may capitalize on the frustration of disillusioned

Trump supporters to further his fight from the sidelines in the upcoming 2018 primaries.

Is the Republican Party heading towards civil war? It’s unlikely. There are many divisions and many factions within the party and it still holds together. As President of the United States, Donald Trump holds perhaps the most influence out of anyone in his Party. Although he is divisive on many issues for Republicans and still causes controversy from simply tweeting, Trump seems to have a talent for energizing his base and uniting members of the right against common enemies such as the “fake news media” or “Crooked Hillary.”

When it comes to influencing the 2018 primaries, Trump has significantly more power than Bannon. Trump’s condemnation of a congressman could prove difficult for their reelection whereas Bannon would be fighting an uphill battle against establishment-backed picks. Thus

ultimately, the Party and its voters are more than likely to side with Trump, regardless of how well he sides with the Bannon nationalists or the Party establishment. However, this does not negate the sway Bannon could have in the upcoming primaries.

Bannon is known for being incredibly ambitious. He was, after all, the man who guided the Trump campaign to victory as chief executive. He is not afraid of controversy. He is not afraid of a fight. He has nothing to lose yet everything to gain from starting a war against the Republican establishment. With Bannon’s tenacity, his connections, and his influence, Party leaders have to worry about overcoming more than just Democrats in the 2018 election.

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Humans of Willamette

What was your favorite memory at Willamette?



Max Rae

Class of 1981

Hiding in the old library, there were all these nooks and crannies back in the back and it was the perfect place to study.

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Lynelle Littke

Class of 1987

My favorite memory of Willamette was spring semester my freshman year climbing three flights of very narrow stairs to what was then the accessible top of Waller hall for Psych 101 class, and even though it was very cold outside it was so hot on the third floor we had to have the windows open all the time just to be able to breathe.



Joanne Jene

Class of 1957

One of my favorite memories was the fact that I was exposed to a ton of general interest classes taught by former Senator Hatfield among others, and it was an opportunity to learn about the world without having to go out into it too soon.




Barry Nelson

Class of 1999

The music was definitely my favorite memory, the friends that I made in the choirs, Willamette Singers and Chamber Choir, and the tours that we had and the bonding that was experienced in the department was truly something that would last a lifetime.

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