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Convocation's conversation about white "allyship"

Last Thursday, Oct. 28, members of the Willamette community gathered for a convocation on "White Allyship." The event was set up to devote equal time to faculty speakers and student speakers, with a 20 minute Q&A at the end.

From the start, it was clear that many were uncomfortable with the language of "white ally" and its implications. Several speakers agreed that they preferred the term "solidarity," and as the conversation evolved, they unpacked the ways in which "ally" is problematic. All of the following considered, for the purpose of this article I use the term not as an absolute, but as a way of referring to what English professor Omari Weekes called "A relevant kind of intentionality," and what English and Women's & Gender Studies professor Alison Hobgood conceptualized as, "A habitual ideal, an ongoing becoming of something."

The term "ally" may encourage one to view it as an identity, and attempts at allyship that comes from a self-involved place are not genuine or helpful. A resounding message was that when it comes to the work of allyship, as Professor Hobgood suggested, "It's not about you." True allyship cannot come from "wanting to do the good thing," as Weekes said.

Sophomore Bethel Eyasu talked about the irony of a white person expecting praise for showing up to a protest when people of color face criticism for doing the same sorts of activism in the same spaces. Understanding solidarity as a good deed fails to recognize it as something imperative for justice.

SUPPORTING, 5

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Betsy DeVos' Title IX decision in the eyes of a survivor

 **ANONYMOUS**

I wish Betsy DeVos could take some time to speak to people who have been sexually assaulted. I wish Betsy DeVos could take some time to speak to people who have been on my side of the Title IX process. I wish Betsy DeVos didn't worry so much about rapists and perpetrators and how their actions will affect them, but I guess there's only so much we can do to make her listen.

I could tell her about the night I was raped, while I was in and out of consciousness. But she would only focus on the fact that I had been drinking that night. I could tell her about how I couldn't go to classes because seeing him threw me into hysterics. But she would only focus on the fact that he deserved to be in the classroom just as much as I. I could tell her about how thankful I was for the support I received from

Willamette's Title IX team, and how even though my case was dragged on, it was as fast as they could go. But she would only focus on how quickly and efficiently working to find a verdict only causes stress to the accused.

The Trump Administration's decision to revoke his predecessor's "Dear Colleague Letter" just attests to the fact that Betsy DeVos and Donald Trump could not care less about sexual assault survivors. DeVos argues that the system is unjust for the accused and hopes to revise the current law so the process can be "fair and impartial, giving everyone more confidence in its outcomes". However, the "Dear Colleague Letter" provides guidance stating that "...the school's inquiry must in all cases be prompt, thorough, and impartial."

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Cross Country Races through Bush Park



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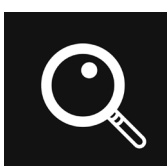
The Willamette University cross country teams hosted one of the largest meets on the West Coast this weekend, the 43rd Annual Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational at Bush's Pasture Park. Runners traveled from Oregon, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana Washington and British Columbia to compete in four races. The races included the Men's Cardinal 8-kilometer race, the Women's Cardinal 5-kilometer race, the Women's Gold race and the Men's Gold race. Overall, 31 four-year colleges and universities, eight junior colleges and one club team were represented, with over 700 athletes competing and well over 100 competitors in each race. 16 teams entered in the meet

were nationally ranked and three teams received votes in their respective national rankings.

The men's cross country runners placed first among NCAA Division III teams and sixth overall, while the women's team placed fourth in the Division III standings and was 10th overall.

Senior Hannah Swanson was sixth overall in the Women's Cardinal 5-kilometer race and second among Division III runners. Her time of 17:56.5 placed her ninth on Willamette's all-time list at the 5-kilometer distance. In the Men's Cardinal 8-kilometer race, sophomore Michael Montague placed 14th overall for the Bearcats and was the second Division III finisher with a time of 25:28.3.

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Healthy ways to talk about mental health

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2017 has been a year about voices. The voices of those who are oppressed, angry, scared—those who feel like for so long that they have been hidden within the shadowy folds of cultural normality. Mental health awareness is no stranger to the trials that many of the other organizations and movements face. Movies, television shows, books, YouTube videos and social media all yell over each other in an attempt to grab our attention. Amidst all of the ploys to capture the modern viewer, there are some instances where something can become so popular and widely discussed that it has a direct vein into the mainstream public. While we can celebrate those who help highlight problems and misdoings, with the help comes some element of hurt.

Earlier this year the show “13 Reasons Why” appeared on Netflix. It was reactive to say the least. The teen show based off of a book written by Jay Asher, is about a group of teenagers coping with the loss of a fellow classmate Hannah Baker after she commits suicide. Baker leaves tapes that discuss how every main character within the show had to do with her ultimate decision to take her own life. This show was immediately popular as two opposing sides grew: one that romanticized the show, and the other that was horrified. I was on the later side.

So many people had decided that this show would help start the conversation about suicide, bullying and sexual assault, however the damage that also came with the release of this show was apparent. Reported cases of copycat suicides surfaced, because the show romanticized the idea that you could somehow see life after your suicide. I am not saying that it was intentional, but it conveyed the wrong idea. When you type in “suicides based” into Google, the first option is “suicide based on 13 reasons why,” which precedes “suicide based on cyberbullying,” “suicide based on bullying” and “suicide based on body image.” It is no secret that the show ignored the World Health Organization’s media guidelines when it came to the content of the show. Researchers, according to CNN among other sources, confessed their concerns about the explicit content within the show in regards to the way that suicide is framed. However, the show did not take these warnings into considerations.

13 REASONS, 10

The Green Fund: more than what you think

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Each semester, students pay a \$25 optional fee to the Green Fund. A committee composed of six students allocates the money collected by the fee to student, staff and faculty members of Willamette University to help fund projects and ideas that will affect the community in a positive way. In the past, as the name suggests, we have funded many projects related to environmental sustainability, however, this year we want to encourage and emphasize projects that are more than green. Environmental sustainability is extremely important, but we want to expand the positive impact that the Green Fund can help students achieve in other areas as well.

This year, we have made a commitment to supporting projects with particular interest in social justice and equity, as well as the environment.

The following testimonies are from students, staff and faculty of Willamette University who have submitted and completed a project with funding from the Green Fund Committee. We hope that these stories will inspire you to come up with your own impactful ideas for projects.

La Chispa or Salem Spark

After being hired last spring, new professor, Catalina de Onís, dove into sustainability on campus by submitting a Green Fund grant for her project, La Chispa/Salem Spark.

“We are very much looking to work with Willamette University’s commitment to sus-

tainability and ensuring that there are equitable conditions when the environment is concerned. One of our goals is to expand what we think about the environment and the impacts as a result of that expansion, and why that matters for different groups.”

The project is led by de Onís and nine students that form three action circles, each with a different focus. The action circles are divided

La Chispa has played a role in composting efforts

ing hard to keep the Book Drive operating and organized.

“For me, it was about doing the most I could to help ease cost for students. Especially first generation and first-year students, because it is such a crucial point in their lives,” Gutierrez said.

In the fall of 2016, Malorie Hill requested a \$3,000 grant from the Green Fund to use for student employees, advertising and supplies. The Green Fund decided the project perfectly captured their mission and would likely have a profoundly positive impact on the Willamette community. In the spring of 2017, they again requested money and they were again given a grant.

When the project was first started, they only had 200 books, but they now have nearly 2,000 books and are still growing. The continuation of this project has created an important resource for first generation students, while also allowing for students to give their used textbooks a new life. Rodriguez stressed the importance of the donated books, saying, “If you’re getting rid of your textbook, please consider donating it to us.”

When asked what Gutierrez would want to say to people thinking about doing their own Green Fund project he said, “...go for it. Whatever project they have, they should pitch it to the committee and gather the support. There are a lot of students at Willamette who take the mission of the Green Fund to heart, so there is a strong sense of support among students.”

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MANUEL MARCOS GUTIERREZ



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working on Worldview Wednesday’s radio show at KMUZ, one on events and outreach and one for social media and marketing. La Chispa is working to “acknowledge and grow awareness about what the university is already doing surrounding sustainability, but also push them to foreground the equity deficit in sustainability, as far as at least dominance and disability discourses that circulate,” explained de Onís.

Although the project is new and growing, the students working in the action circles have worked all summer to organize events and look towards the future of the project.

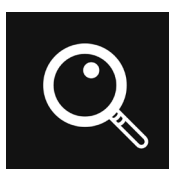
on campus, and recently hosted a muralist and documentary filmmaker.

Moving forward, de Onís would like to see, “some kind of material mark that this effort has tried to work on. So maybe someplace in Salem making spaces greener, more accessible, more inviting in terms of how you park, where you walk on the sidewalk. Things that are currently not in place, but making them available.”

You can learn more about La Chispa and what other things they are organizing on their Facebook page ‘La Chispa/Salem Spark’ as well as on Instagram and Twitter @salem_spark.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs First Generation Book Drive

In 2015, Manny Rodriguez proposed a textbook donation to benefit first generation college students at Willamette. Currently, Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) First Generation Book Drive co-coordinators, Manuel Marcos Gutierrez and Rebeca Lopez-Figueroa, have been work-



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Fires devastate NorCal. See the impact at WU.

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Elections being held to remodel and update local infrastructure in downtown Salem.

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Men’s Cross Country comes in 4th, Hannah Swanson comes in 2nd in Women’s race.

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Locally grown foods at Goudy: Changing the world one plate at a time

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Have you ever stopped to think about the impact the produce you choose to eat makes? Willamette has. Thursday evening, Goudy hosted a “Local Food Challenge,” which asked students to eat a meal made solely of locally grown foods. This event showcased the discussion of how local foods are incorporated into Willamette, as well as how they affect students and the surrounding community.

Although the majority of students are likely unaware, considerable steps are being taken by the dining halls’ executive team to serve students local food. Currently, about sixty to seventy percent of the produce served at dining halls is local. Along with this, Willamette has been making consecutive moves towards serving as much organic produce as possible. Presently, among other foods, all of the bananas, oats and tomatoes served are organic.

Eating local foods is greatly beneficial for the Earth as well as for ourselves. Because the distance between farm and customer is much shorter with locally grown foods, the amount of energy and greenhouse gases emitted to get them to your table is much smaller, lessening your carbon footprint. This also produces less waste, because less food goes bad in transportation. Additionally, buying locally grown food helps boost local economies and promotes seasonal eating.

There are various farms from which Willamette buys fruits and vegetables but the majority is currently purchased from Charlie’s Produce, a Seattle based company that specializes in local produce.

The school has a noteworthy relationship with the Zena farm, buying everything that is grown there in order to help fund the farm and to build an interconnected community within the school. Sunnyside Organics is the last major contributor to the food served at Willamette. The school has a special relationship with this farm, sending them all of our compost and in return gaining fruits and vegetables grown in healthy, organic soil.

Andre Uribe, executive chef, emphasized that the school has taken extensive steps to form personal relationships with these local farms and organizations. Uribe will often go to the locations himself to begin a relationship with a farm, getting acquainted with the owners and to observe their growing practices.

Uribe is greatly involved with food sustainability outside of Willamette as well. He is a member of the board of advisers for the Northwest Food Bias Alliance. Here, he works with school districts and other community members to improve food conditions in schools and find solutions for improving food systems in the community. He has served on a myriad of panels, including the Go Green Conference in 2016,



ALAYNA RILEY

Goudy continuously makes an effort to buy and serve local food.

and will be apart of an upcoming conference on aquaculture. On top of that, he teaches fine dining cooking classes with an emphasis on ethics in Portland, giving one free class for every three students he teaches.

When asked why he is so devoted to his work, Uribe was quick to respond.

“Ethics for me is huge. I don’t want to go home at the end of the

day and tell my daughter, who is six, when she asks me, ‘what about the animals that you guys cook?’ I want to be able to tell her that they’re certified humane, that we do things the right way. Otherwise I wouldn’t be able to sleep at night”.

This passion for sustainability is the driving force behind Willamette’s decision to purchase majority local foods.

“I see food as a huge and powerful way of changing the future. The most powerful thing you can do to change the future is to bet on good people doing good things and agriculture is huge because everyone eats.”

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CAMPUS SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

September 27, 8:45 p.m. (Ford Hall): Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who was having a possible allergic reaction. An officer responded and spoke with the individual. It was decided that further medical attention should be sought. The officer transported the individual to the ER.

September 29, 1:25 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call requesting a welfare check for an individual who had apparently locked themselves in a bathroom and was not responding to anyone. An officer responded and attempted to make contact with the individual. After about 10 minutes the officer was able to make contact with the individual who was intoxicated and unable to respond to questions. Paramedics were called, and they transported the individual to Salem Hospital.

September 29, 11:05 p.m. (Soccer Field): Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who had been hit in the head during an athletic event. Campus Safety and WEMS responded. WEMS evaluated

the individual and determined that further no further medical attention was necessary.

September 30, 12:16 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding an intoxicated individual. Campus Safety and WEMS responded. WEMS determined that further medical attention was needed and Paramedics were called. After the Paramedics evaluation they determined the individual did not need to go to the hospital and released them into their own care.

September 30, 10:03 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding an intoxicated individual. Campus Safety and WEMS responded. WEMS evaluated the individual and determined that further medical attention was necessary. Paramedics were called and they transported the individual to Salem Hospital.

POLICY VIOLATION

September 27, 1:02 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety was dispatched to check a smoke alarm in a room. An officer responded and found that the

smoke alarm had been tampered with. A report was filed.

September 30, 10:54 p.m. (Baxter Hall): Campus Safety received a call stating that some individuals were on the roof of Baxter Hall. Officers responded and located individuals on the roof. The officers informed the individuals that they are not allowed to be on the roof, and were subject to a \$50 dollar fine. A report was filed.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

September 29, 6:19 p.m. (Doney Hall): Campus Safety received a call from an RA asking for an officer to come and confiscate some paraphernalia. An officer responded and confiscated the items.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

September 30, 9:55 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): While on patrol an officer noticed an individual walk out from the shadows and continue briskly down the sidewalk constantly looking a back at the officer. The officer contacted the individual and asked them if they were a Willamette Student. The individual said they were not and that

they were just visiting a friend. The officer asked what their friend’s name was and where their friend lived on campus. The individual could not adequately answer either of these questions, and the officer trespassed the individual from Willamette University property.

September 30, 10:09 p.m. (Cascadia): Campus Safety received a call regarding a suspicious individual knocking on windows. An officer responded and made contact with the individual. The individual was determined to be a member of the Willamette community.

THEFT

September, 26, 1:00 P.M. (Off Campus): An individual called in to report that their car had been broken into and that a Willamette University laptop had been stolen from the vehicle. A report was filed.

September 29, 11:30 a.m. (Lee House): An individual came into the Campus Safety office to report that their bike had been stolen. The individual stated that they had locked the bike up the night before and upon return found only the front wheel of the bike left.

TRESPASS

September 29, 5:24 p.m. (Ford Hall): While on patrol an officer noticed an individual who appeared to match the description of a suspect that stole light off of a bike earlier in the week. The officer contacted the individual, and upon questioning him, the individual admitted to stealing the light. The officer trespassed the individual from Willamette University property.

WELFARE CHECK

September 30, 3:15 a.m. (University Center): While on patrol an officer noticed two individuals standing over a third individual who was lying face down in the grass. The officer spoke with the group and asked if everything was alright. Two of the individuals were said they were attempting to take their friend home for the night. As the group went to leave they picked a bag up which appeared to have drug paraphernalia in it. The officer confiscated the bag and the individuals left the area.

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

Ethnic cleansing in Myanmar creates refugee crisis

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Mass exodus and claims of ethnic cleansing in Myanmar have bore little fruit in media coverage, as a refugee crisis arguably escalating faster than the one in Syria unfolds before the world's eyes. In an environment where we are so engaged with the political world around us, particularly when it comes to the U.S. government's mishandling of crises both domestically (Puerto Rico) and internationally (North Korea), perhaps a look at important events elsewhere will benefit our understanding of the international landscape today.

The average one million Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar trace their roots in the area back to the 15th century, however, governments in Myanmar do not recognize their inclusion as one of the 135 ethnic groups in the country.

The dominant religion in Myanmar is Buddhism, thus even in the state where the majority of the one million Rohingya population resides (Rakhine), they still remain a minority due to their religion, ethnicity, and language. Their identity is not recognized by the state and they are refused citizenship, setting up a foundation for the crisis at hand.

The group faces stringent restrictions on marriage, employ-

ment, religious practice and movement, further fueling the community's battle to exist in Myanmar.

Buddhist nationalists consistently attack Rohingya communities, with the most recent clashes happening in August of this year. This particular incident involved a militant group called the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army, which the government in Myanmar des-

ignated as a terrorist organization, despite claims by the group that they were defending their civilian populations. Counter-offensives by the military have burned over 200 Muslim villages in Bangladesh, revealed by satellite images.

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The violence has led to a mass exodus out of Myanmar into other countries, particularly Bangladesh which has been feeling the pressure of the immense number of refugees. According to the latest report from the Inter Sector Coordination Group in Bangladesh, at least 480,000 Rohingya refugees have arrived in

Bangladesh since clashes began in August. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi called upon Myanmar authorities to stop the violence. "They have absolutely nothing," he said. "Evidently they had to flee from a very urgent situation, from very sudden violence — so they need everything."

Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, denounced the actions of the authorities in Myanmar as well, describing the situation as "a textbook example of ethnic cleansing," and calling on the government to end its operations and take accountability.

Bangladesh's Prime Minister stated, "Bangladesh is not a rich country, it is true. We have 160 million people in a small geographical land," she said. "But if we can feed 160 million people, another 500 or 700,000, we can do it. We can share

our food. We are ready to do it. And our people are already doing it."

All of this calls into question the motives of the government, especially with an esteemed Nobel peace prize-winning Prime Minister known for her work fighting for democracy in Myanmar: Aung San Suu Kyi.

Suu Kyi has described the Rohingya groups as "terrorists" who set fire to their own homes to provoke response, overlooking the criticisms of the international community and claiming that there is "a huge iceberg of misinformation."

These are not new criticisms of the Prime Minister, as Suu Kyi's attempts to fulfill her role as a fighter for the people seem to have fallen short.

While many other problems rage much closer to home, the issue of the Rohingya in Myanmar is one not to be ignored. We look at what happened in Syria and a common view is that we have forgotten them. Here, we are confronted with a problem growing immensely in scale, yet not focused on enough due to the extensive coverage of our own country's problems. Our lack of interest in an incident of possible ethnic cleansing is terrifying, and we must work to tailor and improve the coverage we receive so that we are better equipped to discussing and being outraged about these issues.

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Student-led radio station begins broadcasting

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KWU, Willamette's newly created student run radio club, is now officially broadcasting 24/7 at willamette.edu/org/kwu. Broadcasts began a month ago, but the official kick-off show was on Sunday, Sept. 24.

This is the first time the University has had its own radio club since the WU Wire went defunct a few years ago. KWU was put together due to a convergent desire on the part of juniors Davis Wolfe, Aaron Schechter, Thomas Haas and MacKayla Carolan to bring radio back to campus.

"Last year I transferred here from a school on the east coast and they had a really great student-run radio station there which was something I really missed here at Willamette," Carolan said. "I began to poke around last year and see if it was something I could start up myself and found out that a couple of people were already planning on doing it as well. That's how I met Aaron, Thomas and Davis."

As a club, each of the four founders of KWU have specific titles, but according to Schechter, most responsibilities are shared among them.

"In practice, the roles that we have are just based on what we lean towards doing. MacKayla is the treasurer for example, but we all work together."

The planned content being produced currently is a mix of talk-radio and a range of broadcast playlists.

"Most of our shows are music shows with a pretty good range of genres. We also have a handful of talk shows and a sports show too. When there are no shows being broadcast we stream music 24/7," Carolan said.

As of Oct. 2, 41 shows were slotted for weekly broadcast. With 168 hours in the week, there are still many slots open for people who want to join the radio station or have their own show, which they can apply for on the website. The team is looking for a diverse range of different types of shows.

"We have one show where a guy just wants to talk his stream of consciousness, not with a guest or topic, just talk for an hour. We have shows where people are doing no talking and just playing a playlist all the way through," Schechter said.

Beyond providing a varied radio experience, KWU is hoping to expand over the course of the next few months and semesters.

"My goal right now is to make sure KWU has everything it needs to keep growing in the future and become a cornerstone of Willamette's campus culture," Carolan said. "I think it will be a natural transition for us to start putting on live shows from bands. I would like to see us grow technologically and be able to host larger bands/singers in our studio and record them live. I think it would be cool to also branch out to other parts of the community and be able to, for example, remotely broadcast sports commentary for Willamette sports events. Basically we want to be able to provide broadcasting that appeals to everyone, not just in the Willamette community but everywhere since we are an online station for the moment."

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Oregon implements new distracted driving law

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On October 1st, Oregon's new distracted driving law began taking effect. It is now illegal to use or hold any electronic device while driving, including cell phones, GPS's, laptops or tablets. Under these new regulations, drivers face stricter rules, higher fines for disobeying the law and possible jail time for those repeatedly caught using their device on the road.

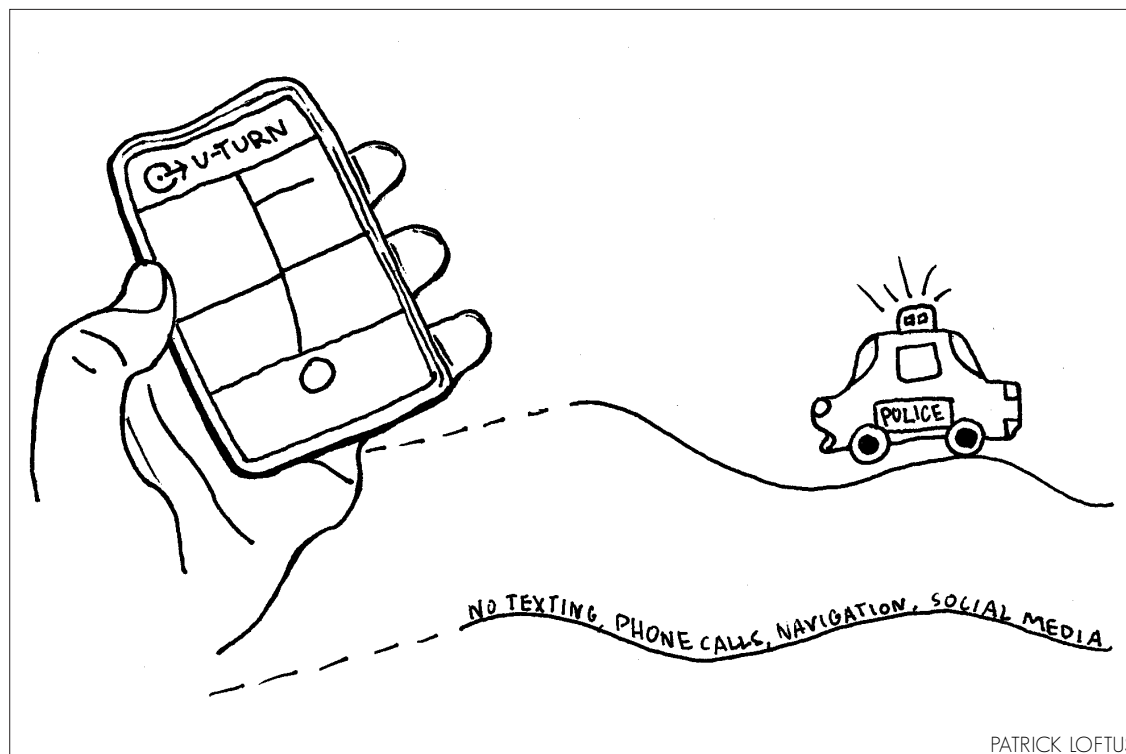
Though using a cell phone while driving has long been illegal in the state, the old law was worded so that only someone texting or talking on their cell phone could be pulled over and ticketed, whereas the use of other apps or electronic devices did not constitute a primary offense. Thus, someone scrolling through Instagram on I5 couldn't be ticketed, though someone texting and driving could. Now under House Bill 2597, the previous cell phone law has been expanded to include all forms of electronic distracted driving.

For many Willamette students, especially those new to Oregon, this law is easily misunderstood or ignored. Yet, a distracted driving ticket could easily mess up a student's finances, driving record and car insurance fees. It's worth spending the time to understand the new law.

Here's what you need to know:

1) It's completely illegal to text while driving unless using voice-to-text, and you can only talk on the phone if it is "hands-free": that is, over Bluetooth, through speakerphone, or through headphones. You cannot hold your electronic device in hand while driving.

2) You can still use a GPS device or navigation app on your phone, so long as you use a "single touch or swipe to activate or deactivate the device". Destinations must be programmed before you begin driving, and if you need to type in an address,



you need to pull over to do so. It's okay to have the device mounted on your dashboard or in sight, but you cannot hold it in your hands.

3) You can still listen to music or other audio, so long as you are not holding your device. Again, you can touch your phone or music player with one touch, to change a song or skip ahead in a podcast. However, do not try to look up an artist or login to Spotify while driving. These are the kinds of infractions you can now be pulled over and ticketed for.

4) Even at stoplights or stop signs, typing in a phone number, address or song is still illegal. Someone in the driver's seat can type something into an electronic device only when the car is legally parked. This means typing something in while driving through a parking lot is also not allowed.

5) Though this law specifically targets electronic-use while driving, you can still be ticketed if driv-

ing carelessly due to other forms of careless or distracted driving. Be careful when eating, drinking coffee or attempting to multitask in any form while at the wheel.

Fines for those pulled over the first time start at \$260 and range up to \$1,000. If you have been pulled over previously for distracted driving, or if you are involved in a crash due to an electronic device, fines range from \$435 to \$2,500. If you are caught for a third time, tickets range from \$2,000 to \$6,250 and could land you in jail for up to one year.

With fines this steep, students should be aware of the consequences of their actions while driving. Senior Holly Walsh recognizes that for those from out-of-state, these laws are new and old habits can be hard to forget, especially those from Arizona and Montana where no laws regulate cell phone use while on the road.

"Being from Arizona myself, I didn't take the time to learn about the differences in the laws until I got pulled over for talking on the phone," she recalled. "It's your responsibility to know. Cops don't care if you're from out of state and your state's law on distracted driving is different."

The Oregon Department of Transportation reports that almost 3,000 people are injured every year due to distracted driving, and that an average of 11 people die annually due to the use of electronic devices on the road. Each of these deaths and accidents are preventable, they remind drivers.

"We see distracted driving as a very real issue in addressing safety in our community," states Salem Police Lieutenant Dave Okada, "and [we] will duly enforce any and all laws."

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Review: *Inspector* calls for a standing ovation



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Alex Gordon takes the stage in the Theater Department's performance of "An Inspector Calls"

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This weekend featured the premier of the Willamette Theatre Department's production of "An Inspector Calls" by John Boynton Priestley, and—in many ways it was a tremendous success. This production is a phenomenal opening to the department's 2017-18 season, setting a strong precedent for the rest of the season.

"An Inspector Calls" takes place in England in 1912 in an age of corporate success and business prosperity at the expense of the working class. It follows the Birling family, who are at the top of this hierarchy due to the wealth and success of the father, Arthur Birling. It begins with a very jovial, bourgeoisie setting.

However, this opening is soon disrupted when an unfamiliar man by the name of Inspector

Goole enters the home, bringing terrible news and dramatic conflict. Much of this conflict revolves around many of the pressing social issues of the age, while also providing an insightful look at problems in our own age.

This play manages to walk the fine line of tension between Downton Abbey style drama and an almost murder-mystery plot. It keeps the audience in that perfect balance between not totally un-

derstanding where the conflict is going while simultaneously providing them just enough information to try and piece together the events themselves. This tension is not an easy balance to maintain, but between the combinations of phenomenal acting, powerful direction and a touch of dramatic ambiance, it is captured excellently.

The cast itself displayed a masterful performance, featuring Kaitlyn Rickaby as the matron of the house, Akeylah Hernandez and William Bremer as her children, Alex Gordon as the hopeful soon to be son-in law, Piper St. Julien as the maid, William Forkin as the inspector who the play is named after and Willamette alumni Craig Pesti-Strobel as the father of the household. Not only did this cast carry out the beautiful tension of the show perfectly, they did so while taking up twentieth century English accents through it all.

Throughout the production, most of the actors are given brilliant moments to stand out and display a wide range of emotions and talents, though there are a few stand outs. A clear example was the inspector himself, which is not surprising given the fact that the play derives its name from his presence in the show. His aims are left mostly vague throughout the show until his exit, and this allows him to control the tension in each scene as the rest of the characters are left trying to figure him out. Both of the eldest Birlings, Arthur and Sybil, also display moments of brilliance in their battling with the inspector, while their children and future son-in-law also bring much of the pressure in the show to life.

Additionally, the set and direction of the show are of the highest caliber. The set often is my favor-

ite feature in the Theatre department's work, as their black box theatre allows them to completely reinvent the room every time I enter it, and never once have I been disappointed in the slightest. The set for "An Inspector Calls" is designed like a single living room in an upper-class home, but with hollowed out walls to allow the audience to look in from all sides. This set enables the audience to view the production almost like one observes a fish in a bowl. The set designer and director, Christopher L. Harris, once again put together a set that demonstrated the magic of stagecraft, and the stage team put together a wonderful surprise shakeup to the foundations of it in the last moments of the show.

In combination with the stage was the direction and ambiance that constructed the atmosphere of the production in such a way that I often got chills while sitting in the audience. Offstage featured an upright string bass, singing glasses and a live soprano singer, all of which filled the background sounds of the show to add additional shifts in mood with every moment.

In conclusion, I believe this to be one of the best productions I have seen from Willamette Theatre, and I highly encourage anyone to go and see it. The show was intensely entertaining and thought-provoking, highlighting some powerful issues that were a part of the world it takes place in, but are just as real as in ours.

"An Inspector Calls" will be running until Oct. 14 in the M. Lee Pelton Theatre on campus.

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An exclusive look behind WU's pet Instagram pages

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The popularity of animal focused accounts on the Internet is undeniable. They litter feeds of all forms of social media to the point where you can't scroll without a picture of a cat popping up. On Instagram, estimates of popularity of animals can be based on hashtags. Instagram posts with the hashtag #pets itself has 33,046,280 posts attributed to it, while multiple variations including #dog have 148,326,927 or #cat at 124,822, 532 posts, and, assumedly, these numbers will keep increasing. These don't even include the popular feeds starring animals like @marniethedog, @hameltthepiggy or @pumpkintheraccoon demonstrating the diversity of animal popularity—from typical house pets to more atypical ones.

Even Willamette has its share of Instagram pet celebrities. Daisy the corgi, at the account @daisypatchthecorgi managed by her human, junior Lauren Haky, is one example.

Lauren manages the account of her 18 pound corgi.

"I didn't want one for myself cause I just don't like posting pictures of myself. When I first got her, she was only seven weeks old and people kept asking me if I had an Instagram for her because they just wanted to [see her]...or asked

if I had a snapchat for her or a Facebook for her, and I was like no. I just don't." She posts pictures of her because "she is just so cute," Haky said.

Haky acknowledges that managing the account is not that hard since it only requires snapping candid photos of Daisy or having friends send them to her.

"I wanted an Instagram account but I had never wanted one of myself and, I don't know, I was just never that into photography but then I became obsessed with my dog so I was like-this works," said Haky.

Another local pet account, @Midnightthecat2006, belongs to Midnight and her owner, junior Aubryn Walters.

"Basically I was like my cats really cute and I don't think I should spam my own Instagram with photos of my own cat that's like kinda annoying and also I feel like I think I'm really clever and I wanted to make funny captions from the point of view of my cat," Walters said. So, it's like the cat is running the Instagram.

For managing the account, Walters had a bit of a different method of photography. Most of the photos of Midnight are quick photos that are not staged.

"I take a lot of photos of her when I go home and I have Snapchat photos and so I end up saving all of those and putting them on one at a time," Walters says. "A lot of the pictures

are of people trying to hold her and she's jumping out of their arms which I think is really funny. It's staged in that they are trying to take a nice photo, but the part that I like most about it is that she is shunning social media even now that she's a social media star."

But why are pet accounts so popular? "I don't know honestly," Haky admitted. "I think they're just super cute and people go -oh that's adorable then they click it and swipe past and continue on their social media."

Many people deeply love animals. We all know someone who follows at least one pet related feed on Instagram, all following the lovely stylized, comforting pictures of our favorite animals.

"It gives them a slice of home because a lot of people who follow them are students and the people that I know that have Instagram accounts that are no longer in college don't follow any pet accounts that I'm aware of. I think that it's a comforting factor. They see a dog and go-cute dog reminds me of my dog," Haky explains.

Walters said, "Animals are cuter than people and I would argue on a daily basis I would love to see a picture of an animal way more than a photo of a human cause I can see humans all the time."

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A guide to preparing for an earthquake in Oregon

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There are a range of emotions felt on campus with the mega earthquake predicted to hit Oregon in mid-October. It is understandable for people to feel unprepared, panicked and in a continuous state of anxiety. Willamette University provides links to an Earthquake Safety and Preparedness guide on how to prepare and help yourself on their Crisis Management & Emergency Preparation page.

Programs such as the Great Oregon Shake Out is a site that is listed on the campus safety page. The Great Oregon ShakeOut, which is supported by organizations such as the American Red Cross and Feder-

al Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provides information on how to protect yourself. Their special report encourages a drop, cover and hold on system.

DROP onto your hands and knees.

COVER your head and neck with one arm and hand.

HOLD ON until shaking stops.

Under shelter: hold on to the shelter with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts.

No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.

Sites such as the Earthquake Country Alliance provide resources and guidance for people with disabilities and other access or functional needs. There are step-by-step instructions for individuals

using canes, walkers and wheelchairs. Information can be found at www.earthquakecountry.org/disability/.

The Great Oregon ShakeOut provides useful videos, step-by-step instructions and have scheduled a practice drop, cover and hold on at 10:19 a.m. on Oct. 19. Over 430,000 participants have registered in the practice drill. The homepage, www.shakeout.org/oregon/, links users to an instruction page where they can make earthquake preparations kits with up to two weeks worth of supplies that “lessens the strain on emergency responders,” allowing them to “focus limited resources on injured and other vulnerable populations immediately following a disaster.” There is also a 2 Weeks

Ready Facebook page catered to Oregonians that posts regularly. There are a number of kits that can be made including ones for businesses, seniors, youth, pets and livestock.

Here are some basics of what should be in an earthquake preparation kit:

First aid kit: the site has an extensive list that includes pain relieving medication, bandages, scissors, sanitizers and a first-aid manual/instructions.

Food: depending on age and health, a good estimate is to have at least 3,000 calories available per day per adult. Considering stocking up on canned goods and dry ingredients such as dried milk, pasta and beans.

Water: Whether you get clean water from bottles, rain barrels or through purification, it is important to remember you should have access to 1 gallon of water per person per day. Did you know you can find clean water in a water heater or a toilet tank? To learn more ways to purify water visit www.oregon.gov/OEM/2WeeksReady.

Just as the Oregon Office of Emergency Management states, **THINK ABOUT IT. TALK ABOUT IT.** Find out how you can be earthquake prepared by checking out some of the sites above.

Other helpful sites: www.ready.gov/earthquakes

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Reading movie language in Stephen King’s “It”

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For those of you that haven’t seen *It* (2017), I would suggest you stop reading and do so. It is a great movie with surprisingly good child performances and amazing filmmaking from a director for whom this is only his second movie. That being said, it isn’t a movie for everybody, and both the film and this article contain mentions of sexual assault.

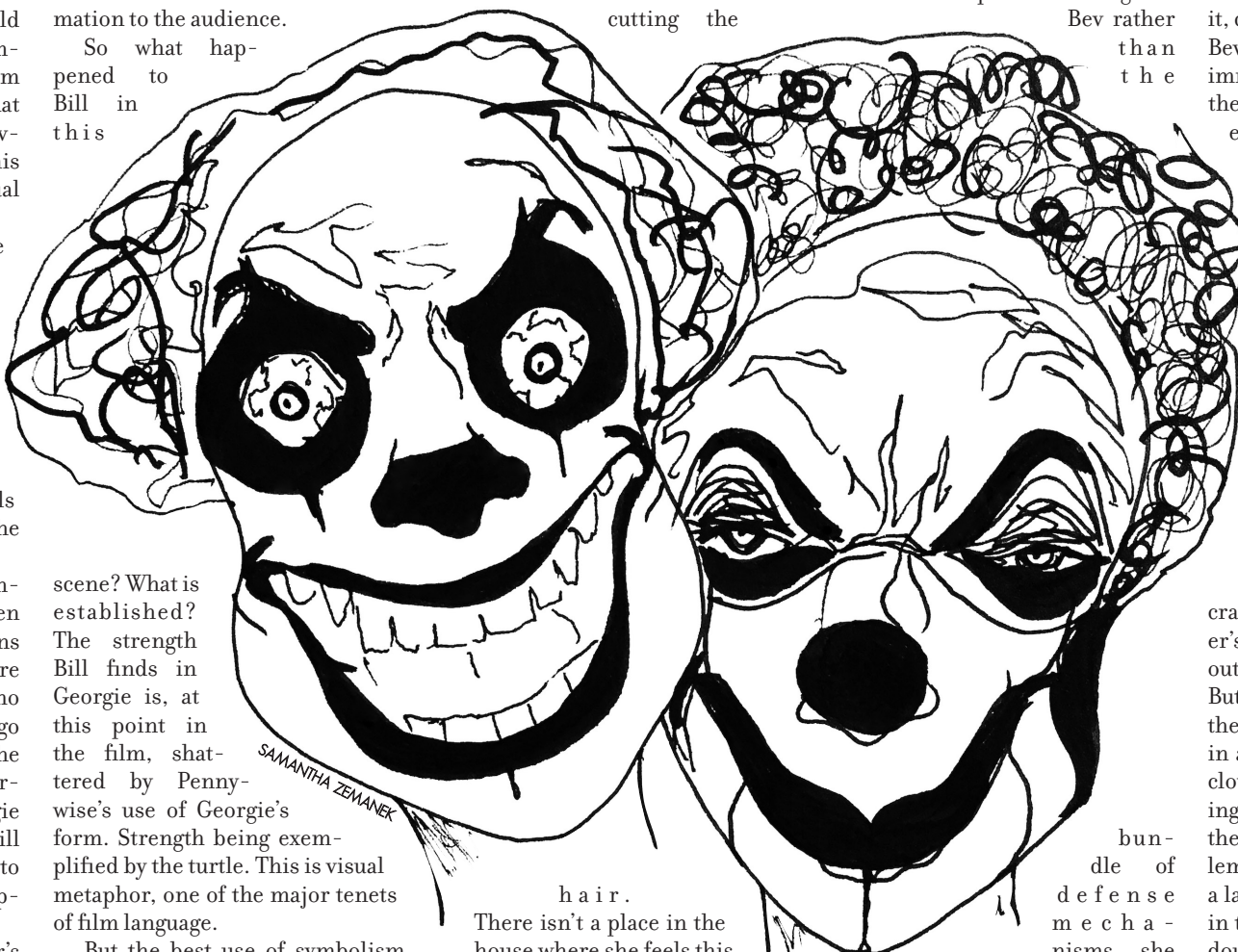
Likely stemming from the novel, the film *It* (2017) contains some of the best use of symbolism and visual metaphor that I have seen in awhile. To give a small example, one of the main characters, Bill Denbrough, is traumatized by the loss of his younger brother Georgie. It is this loss, however, that propels him forward to face Pennywise the Dancing Clown.

In one scene, Bill is in the Denbrough household at night when the light in Georgie’s room turns on. Bill enters the room to figure out what is going on, and finds no one in the room. He picks up a Lego turtle before continuing into the kitchen. There, he sees a scampering figure that is obviously Georgie in his raincoat, at which point Bill drops the turtle and it shatters into little Lego pieces. So what happened here?

You can’t film a character’s thoughts, and having a character monologue their inner thoughts is a crutch for when you cannot find a decent way to film what that character is feeling. Typically this is

the burden of the actor, having to display the complicated emotional state of the character in their performance, but occasionally other symbols are added to the film to further communicate the information to the audience.

So what happened to Bill in this



scene? What is established? The strength Bill finds in Georgie is, at this point in the film, shattered by Pennywise’s use of Georgie’s form. Strength being exemplified by the turtle. This is visual metaphor, one of the major tenets of film language.

But the best use of symbolism and visual metaphor in *It* (2017) is Beverly Marsh’s bathroom. The first scene to take place in the bathroom is Bev cutting her hair because her father tainted it by touching it and

smelling it. She has locked the door because that is how she is able to get away from him. She feels free to speak against her father, saying, “This is what you made me do,” over and over while cutting the

hair. She scurries into the bathroom, locks the door, then reads the note in the bathtub. The bathroom isn’t just her safe space, but also where she feels free to experience things as

Bev rather than the

bundle of defense mechanisms she has to be around her father.

Given that this is a horror movie, though, bad things happen in the bathroom. Bev hears a voice com-

ing from the sink, which is Pennywise calling to her with the voices of the dead children. Pennywise then uses strands of her cut hair to grab her and pull her towards the sink before gallons of blood shoot out of it, coating the whole room and all of Bev’s face in dark, red blood. This immediately changes the tone of the scene, as the entire shot is tinted red. Bev screams, her father comes in, and then expresses resentment that she cut her hair. He cannot see the blood that coats the whole room. “The adults, knowing better, knew nothing,” says the marketing copy on the back of the novel of *It*. The blood here represents problems that Bev has to deal with in her personal life, something her father can’t see and can’t help her with. She is forced to face these things without him, but that doesn’t mean alone.

In order to affirm she isn’t crazy, Bev has the rest of the Loser’s Club come over and she finds out that they can see the blood too. But then they clean it up. Out of all the things you might expect to find in a horror movie about a monster clown terrorizing children, a cleaning montage likely isn’t one. But they help Bev cope with her problems. All of this is done visually, in a language the novel cannot engage in the same way in—though I don’t doubt this same symbolic meaning is contained there as well. That’s how you read a film.

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Supporting people of color: let’s talk about it

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One of the earliest questions in the Q&A asked who is tasked with choosing who is and is not an ally if we decide that “allyship” exists, and what criteria would be involved. Weekes observed that the term invites the value judgments of “good ally” or “bad ally.” He agreed with Hobgood when she said that part of the work of allyship is messing up and being uncomfortable.

Hobgood said, “When you screw up as an ally, and you will, own it, open yourself up to being challenged . . . Fail, learn, move on.”

Sarah Kirk, the Faculty Associate Dean for Faculty Development and a chemistry professor, brought up the systemic side of solidarity, and how we must “interrogate existing structures” in order to redefine them and create realities that are in line with our values. In her professional life, she said she holds constant awareness of which tables she is sitting at, who is absent from these tables and why that might be so. She brought up the example of overrepresentation of white men in college professor roles, and talked about how it’s necessary to reshape methods of recruitment and faculty retention in order to create space for more diversity.

One call to action that was voiced again and again during the event was for self-education. As Eyasu said, looking to people of color as a resource should be a last resort. Professor Stephanie DeGooyer, also in the English department, approaches self-education as a matter of respect. Much of the work has already been done innumerable times to illustrate the realities that white people do not see in their lives, and so they “exert the effort” to absorb these teachings and apply them appropriately.

Hobgood also highlighted the importance of “owning your sources” when self educating. She

often hears white people talking about ideas as though they came to them on their own, and it is necessary to give credit to radical, innovative thinkers like Kimberlé Crenshaw, Mia Mingus and Audre Lorde, whose voices established the groundwork from which we can have these conversations.

Self-education is essential because, as exercise science professor Brandi Row Lazzarini pointed out, white people must constantly remind themselves that “just because it wasn’t your experience doesn’t mean it’s not a reality.”

Sophomore Stephanie Siqueiros said it’s about, “realizing that someone’s entire reality has been

shaped by their lack of privilege.” Sophomore Melissa Cisneros summed things up well when she said, “real solidarity doesn’t require an audience. . . . It’s what you’re doing on the daily.”

Solidarity is about showing up again and again, through the failures. Whether that means taking classes that do work on race, attending protests or vigils or supporting in other ways, we can talk about terminology endlessly, but it really comes down to an intentional sort of presence.

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The Boomer influence on

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Generational theories and analyses are academically categorized as a social science. The word "Generation" can be defined in the Oxford English Dictionary as "all of the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively. In later use frequently with implication of shared cultural and social attitudes." The main idea behind a study focused on collective human experiences is to track the collective reaction to formative circumstances in relation to political, economic and social movements.

While the tired, and topical millennial humor continues to dominate airwaves and headlines, the real focus of generational curiosity should be on the Baby Boomers, or today's aging population. In recent years the USA has proved politically divisive on topics concerning morality and has been charged by generational structures and power dynamics. Despite the social politics, the labels we take as members of a generation are loaded, trivialized and complex.

Commonly, generational traits are used to categorize individuals that make up a generation. Collective majorities can often hint at aspects that build the individual, but it is silly to categorize people's personalities and impulses as strictly products of their generations. Instead, through research we can learn how views and the relationships between society and culture can change overtime. The direct effect of historical events on generational development suggests that the waves of political compromise create automatic generational divides. The divisions have their anthropological value, but all the same they keep us from forming fundamental understandings.

Since the end of the Silent Generation in 1945, the racial and ethnic composition of the following generations has steadily become more diverse and progressive. For example, views on same sex marriage and the legalization of marijuana have shifted dramatically. Along that line, marriage rates have plummeted and religious affiliations continue to fall. These political and compositional shifts, according to Pew Research, have all been subtle and emerging over time. Though the majority of conflict occurs on issues where the young and old are polarized, it is the old who hold the ultimate clout.

The three generations which currently make up the largest portions of the US adult population are Baby Boomers (1946-1964), Generation X (1965-1981) and Millennials (1982-1997).

Baby Boomers are named to reference the large increase in birth rates of the post World War II era, represent the largest and wealthiest generation, coming of age in a relatively prosperous time. In 2016, President Donald Trump proved symbolic of the traditionalist and narrowed values that have come to define both the Boomer generation and the conservative party. All presidents since the mid 90's have

been members of the Baby Boomer generation (Secretary Hillary Clinton and Senator Bernie Sanders are both Boomers, as well). Though it may seem reductive at this point to address the conservative leanings of the boomers, it could be an equally confusing stance for the Woodstock drug junkies of the late 60's, who ate up Bob Dylan and The Rolling Stones well into their adult lives. This further indicates that the "definitive" characteristics of a generation could never define the entirety of the population.

Generation X (GenX) is more often than not considered the troubled middle, or self reliant "latch key" child when compared to its fellows. The adolescent years for GenX largely abandoned the idealist nuclear family of the previous era. Divorce was becoming more normalized, single parent families and blue-collar lifestyles became more common. This generation is also noticeably smaller in size than its living counterparts.

Their smaller numbers has caused them to be squeezed out of the workforce in favor of the more tech savvy millennials. This refutes a common GenX claim, as some assume they were the generation most impacted by Great Recession of the later 2000's. Though the Denver Post has reported that Boomers

make up 66% of the workplace executive presence, it may be more likely for millennials to slip into prominence before GenX can have a chance for generational assertion that they have always lacked.

The Millennials were named because they are the first generation to come of age in the new millennium. They were first referred to as Generation Y. The major period effects which still have traces in our present are the introduction and development of the Internet, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the Great Recession. Common culture has labeled millennials as lazy and cynical. It could be that

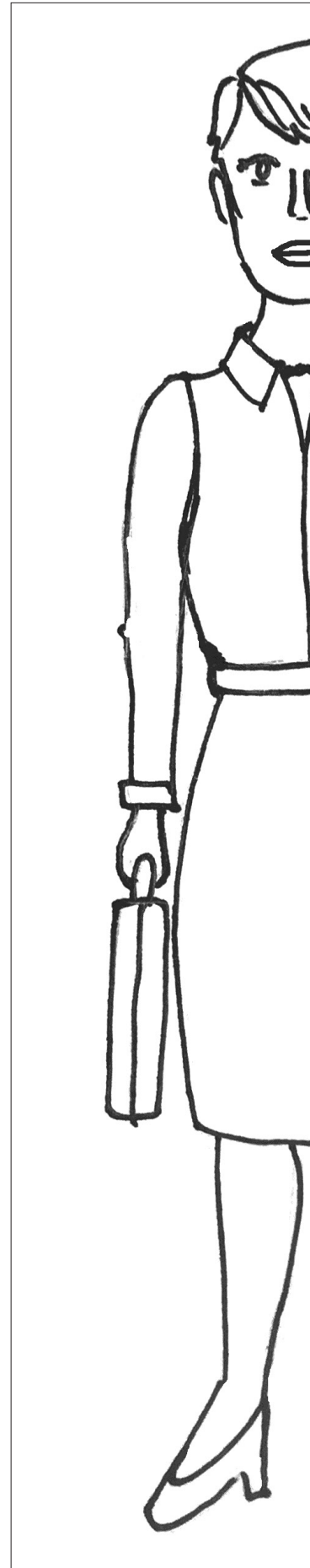
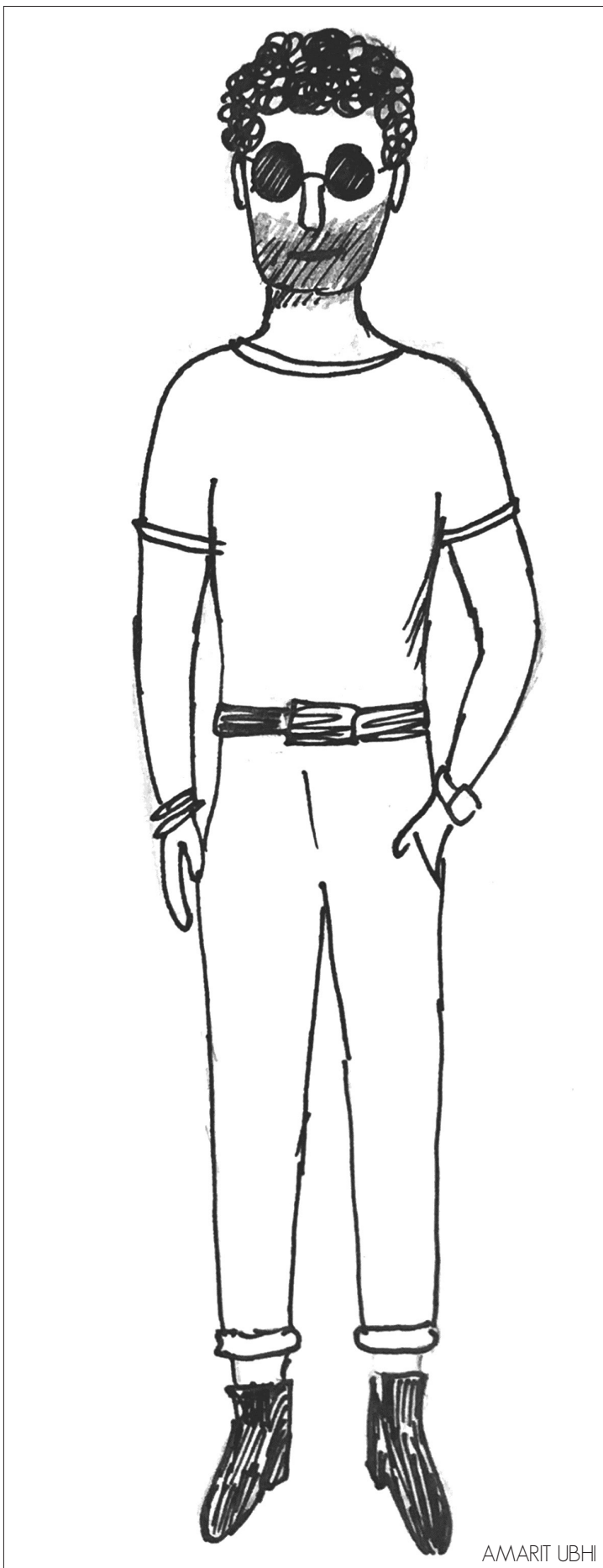
the internet and the shock of mass culture in 2001 that these labels stuck. Even still, as it was true with GenX, every generation is labeled lazy and cynical in their vocal teens. Millennials are frequently criticized by Baby Boomers, GenX'ers and even their own population. This is seen in popular online think pieces like "The Struggles of a Millennial Republican" or "I Am a Millennial and I Hate my Generation's." Criticisms largely lay in the social sensitivity and general adaptation of traditional employment and familial expectations.

The media loves to focus its attention on generational strife. More recently, "Survivor" on CBS used Millennials vs Generation X as a team division strategy for season 33 of the series. On the show, the GenX team latched onto the idea that the young are spoiled, entitled and expect to have success handed to them; like youth soccer participation trophies. They patted themselves on the back for their abilities to triumph in adversity and figure life out as it happens. The millennials saw their youth and energy as an advantage against the old and tired GenX crew, and doted on each other for their non-traditional jobs and ability to elongate the joys of youth. Both groups reiterating the established cliches, naturally.

Generational analysis may be the grandest example of nature vs nurture. One might think that a generation of people is reaped as their sown and shaped by their parents. Even still, the idea that generational collectives will react naturally despite the ways in which they were brought up shows that generations, again, have nothing to do with the individuals that construct them.

Baby Boomers acquired majority status when they made up over half of the eligible voting demographic in the early 1980's. By 1994, President Bill Clinton became the first Baby Boomer president. The cohort held the majority of house and government seats as well, and accounted for a large portion of the economic private sector. Since then, boomer dominance has been unchallenged. That means that the entirety of life happenings for Millennials has been shaped by members of the Boomer generation. Even in the midst of the 2016 presidential election, the first where Millennials and Baby Boomers accounted for the same percentage of the population, could not shift the public paradigm.

While all major candidates involved were Baby Boomers themselves, there was a large generation-



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al divide in the primary phase of elections, with the millennials falling in line with Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders. He and the Conservative Boomer favorite, Donald Trump, were two candidates of the same generation presenting opposing solutions to the same frustrations. Each preached their own visions for political revolution. Sanders kept his scope on the young, while Trump was favored by his equals on all fronts, particularly white and elderly voters.

Jelani Cobb with *The New Yorker* wrote of Clinton's problem with younger voters after beating out Sanders in the democratic primary, "President Obama has said that Hillary Clinton's record as First Lady, senator, and Secretary of State makes her the most qualified Presidential candidate ever—but it also means that she represents the sort of institutional power that young voters distrust." He also notes the irony, saying that though the millennial generation has developed a core "opposition for bigotry and sexism",

it wasn't core enough to get the 18-34's into the polling booths.

Despite the match in percentages of eligible voters, large numbers of millennials did not cast ballots. This is unsurprising as youth voting has dropped below 50% between 1964 and 2012, according to the Atlantic, for which Derek Thompson wrote "millennials might make a lot of noise between presidential elections, but in November, politicians remember what young people are: All throat and no vote." Yet this fact presents a bigger problem when noting Baby Boomer's lack of seriousness towards the millennials and emerging younger demographics.

Though there is vast political variation within all generations, the boomer perspective has been politically and publicly favored for over two decades now. In the current state, they are facing retirement and death after monopolizing the American system. Confirming their security in old age and leaving the rest to settle their environmental and economic frivolities is their swan song in action. Compared to the seniors of the 1980's, the seniors of today have much more wealth accumulation, widening the gap between generational success.

Lack of environmental seriousness may also be blamed

on generational memory, as global warming has slowly changed the ecosystems and air quality around the world. Environmental normalization happens among generations, when eco circumstances seem less concerning or threatening to those who

have experienced them since a young age. Across generations conditions will continue to worsen and normalize over time as they have since the industrial revolution.

The greatest test for generational dominance will perhaps be the 2020 presidential election. It will be the first in which the entire Millennial cohort will be of voting age. By this time there is a chance that Millennials will make up as much of the voter turnout as their size would suggest, no longer qualifying as the apathetic young.

While the Millennial generation fades into its next phase, Generation Z (GenZ) is approaching quickly behind. They are mostly the children of parents who fall into Generation X while the youngest of the Millennial parents also have GenZ children. This cohort has a more questionable start year, as generational analysis can be difficult approaching young-adult and mid-life. For now, GenZ births are qualified as those of the later 90's and throughout the 2000's and 2010's, with some researchers firmly gripping to births after 2000 as the start of Generation Z. Their desire and dependence on fidget spinners has recently created a frenzy in elementary and middle schools across the country, for an idea of cultura. This marks Generation Z's cultural impact thus far.

In 2015 the *International Business Times* reported that an advertising shift away from millennials was already underway. Corporate awareness is privy to the fact that this generation mostly grew up in the midst of the Great Recession, with large numbers of their parents fighting unemployment or tight finances. This shows an interesting paradox to the Baby Boomer generation, which had and continues to have targeted market value, being a generation who came of age in a time of economic prosper. Cultural Strategy Officer, Sarah Devano said on the topic of GenZ, "You're not going to be marketing to them, you're going to be co-creating with them. . .this market wants to be treated as a consumer who's a partner, not as a target audience." This speaks to their ambitious aims to penetrate society.

Early predictions suggest that this young cohort will have the least belief in the "American Dream" construct as their immediate GenX and Millennial families have generally had no such luck. Having always had technology readily accessible they are more tech inclined than the Millennials, and entrepreneurial minded due to the poor job markets they

witnessed parents and older siblings facing. It is hard to predict how their rise into the workforce will affect the millennial successes, or how their contribution to politics will mirror or counteract the predomi-

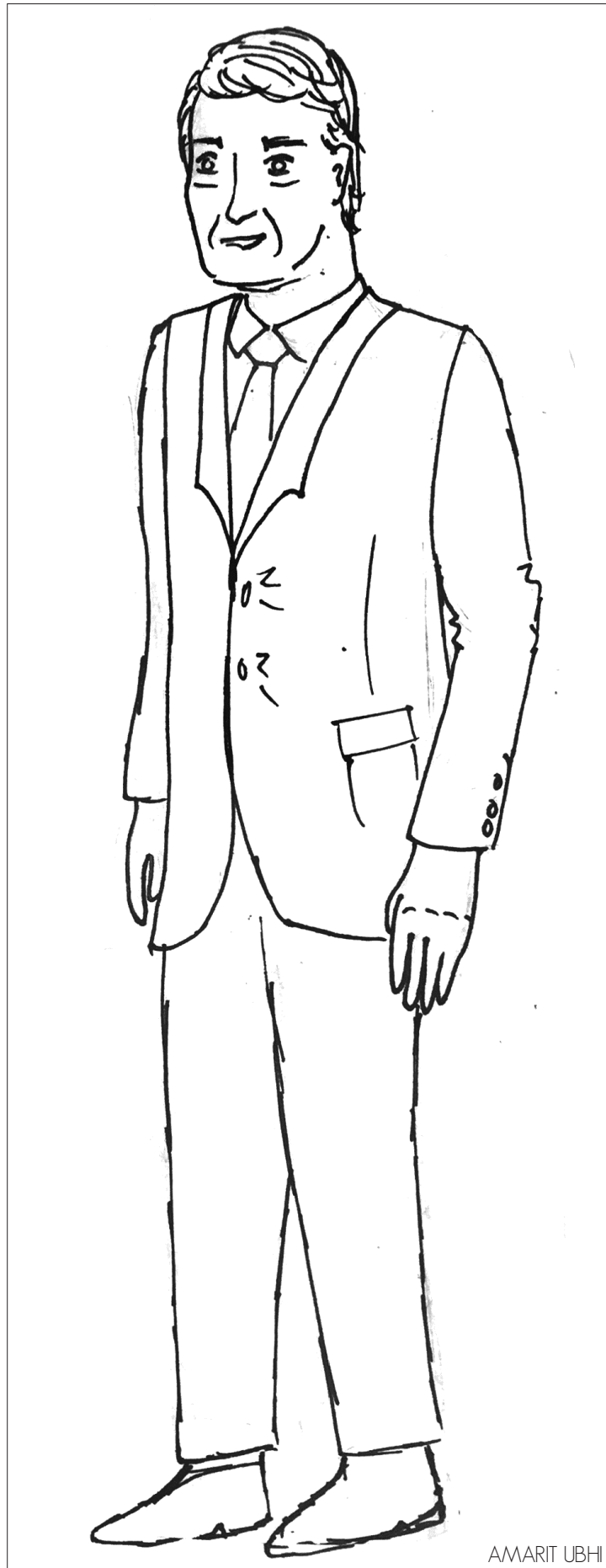
nantly left views of their predecessors. But there is a chance that Millennials will end up being undercut by the emerging minds of the present, as the only clear signs Boomers show of lightening their prevailing societal grips, are their deaths.

What does all of this suggest for the approaching alumni status of ourselves and our peers? We know that the Boomer's graduated college in good economic standings, while GenX and Millennials had a harder time breaking into the working world. The current collection of Willamette students was born largely between 1995 and 1999, making us all either cusp Millennial, cusp GenZ, or cusp cusp considering the definitive dates are pending. It is impossible to say whether our contributions to the work force be included as punctuation to the Millennial reign, or as definitive groundwork for whatever GenZ is set to bring next. It is possible that in the next decade we could find ourselves in a similar squeeze experienced by GenX, with the trailblazers of GenZ following us by only 5-7 years.

Generations are ultimately defined by their lifetime reactions to culturally impactful events that are experienced in the present and inherited from the past. The cycles of our history in-turn

reflect the state of our humanity. The wavelengths of history prove to repeat themselves in cycles. Because cultural shifts are innate and direct responses to the conditions of the world, an ignorance from those in power only complicates things.

In all honesty, it may be overly ambitious to hope for change in the near future, thus breaking the cycle of misunderstanding. And so, as Ivory Tower Boomers like Donald Trump continue to dictate the realizations of their faded generational memories, they do nothing but lock the future in their past, and stunt the nation's growth and potential for prosperity even further.



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Cross Country excels

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The Cardinal races included athletes from NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II and NCAA Division III. In the overall Men's Cardinal 8K standings, with a total of 17 teams and 155 runners competed in the race Willamette came in sixth. When the race was separated into DI, DII and DIII results, Willamette came in first in Division III.

Montague was one of two Bearcats who placed in the top 25 overall. Junior Keith Carlson took 20th place in 25:52.3. Freshman Morris Wecker came in at 39th with a time of 26:14.0, freshman Cayce Reese came in 46th at 26:21.6 and Kellen Bulger took 62nd in 26:37.1.

In the Women's Cardinal 5K in which 18 NCAA women's teams were represented and 166 runners competed, Willamette took 10th place overall. When the scoring was

separated for DI, DII and DIII, the Bearcats came in fourth.

Swanson's sixth place finish led the Bearcat women's team in the overall standings. Freshman Kyla Shade came in 59th at 19:18.2, while junior Hazel Carr placed 60th in 19:18.5. Junior Emily Evans earned 68th place with a time of 19:22.3, and sophomore Jamie Smith came in 78th in 19:30.3.

The men's and women's cross country teams are scheduled to compete again on Saturday, Oct. 14 at two locations. Many of the Bearcats will compete at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Meet at the Lake Breeze Golf Course in Winneconne, Wisconsin which starts at 8:30 a.m. (PDT). The others will participate in the Lewis & Clark Invitational at McIver Park in Estacada, Oregon which is set to begin at 11 a.m. (PDT).

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Willamette took 10th place in last week's Women's Cardinal 5K.

MLB postseason preview

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As we enter the most important month in Major League Baseball, there are many different opinions on which teams are best suited to win the World Series this year.

Let's start with the wildcard games. The Yankees are playing the Twins on Tuesday. By the time you read this article, one of those two teams are going to be playing the Cleveland Indians. The Yankees are heavy favorites to win this matchup, given that Twins' starter Ervin Santana's career ERA against the Yankees is 5.56, with a record of 6-10. Given that, as well as the fact that the Yankees are 20-9 at home since Sept. 1, makes this a difficult road game for the Twins. Regardless of who wins, they will be going up against a powerhouse Indians team who set the MLB record of 22 straight wins in September.

For the National League wildcard, the Colorado Rockies square off against the Arizona Diamondbacks at home. Zack Greinke has been named the starting pitcher for Arizona, as he holds a 13-1 record, and a 2.87 ERA at home this year. However, I anticipate this to be a good game, as the Rockies carry lots of momentum and have secured their first playoff berth since 2009. Regardless of who wins, that team will face off against the other league powerhouse, the 104-58 Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Dodgers, while compiling an extraordinary regular season record, have been in a serious slump for the last six weeks. Their 13-17 record in the month of September is tied for the 12th worst all time for playoff bound teams. In addition, their best player and pitching ace

Clayton Kershaw, has not looked great since his return from the disabled list. Nevertheless, there are some very bright spots on the team right now, as Justin Turner hit .296/.396/.521 in September with four home runs, seven doubles and 13 RBI. Pitcher Rich Hill gave up only six runs in his five starts, posting a 1.86 ERA with 40 strikeouts and eight walks in 29 innings. The bottom line is, the Dodgers were the best regular season team in baseball, but it is going to take a cohesive team effort to climb out of the end of season lull that they're experiencing if they want to be successful in October.

On to the Division Series matchups. The defending World Champion Chicago Cubs face the Washington Nationals. The Chicago Cubs core is largely the same as last year, and they are more eager than ever to defend their title. If history serves as an indicator, the Nationals will not make it past this matchup. In the last six years, the Nationals have won their division, only to lose in the first round. The AL East compared to

the Nationals is pretty weak, and superstar Bryce Harper has only recently came back from an injury, logging only 18 at bats since being hurt. In addition, pitching ace Max Scherzer isn't healthy, his hamstring is cause for concern. Even though he states he is fine, the 16-6 record and 2.51 ERA pitcher is at risk of missing a start if his hamstring flares up.

On the American League side, the out of this world Astros compete against the Boston Red Sox. The Red Sox clinched the AL East title with a win over the Astros. The Sox have been playing great baseball, especially behind ace Chris Sale. But the Sox can not match up with the Astros'

position players. There is little debating that the Astros have all around better hitters than the Sox. Where Boston really does damage is in the bullpen. David Price, Addison Reed, Carson Smith and phenomenal closer Craig Kimbrel are the strong suit of the team. If the Sox can tire out Houston's starting pitching and get into their bullpen, they will be successful. The Astros bullpen ranks 7th out of the 10 postseason teams. However, the Astros are heavily favored to win this matchup. Why? They have a rock-solid lineup from top to bottom, including superstar Jose Altuve, who is hitting .346 with 24 home runs and 84 RBI. They have valuable assets in Carlos Correa, George Springer, Brian McCann and Evan Gattis. Their first two starters are strong in Dallas Keuchel and veteran Justin Verlander, and their bullpen contains strong relief in Chris Devenski and Ken Giles. It seems to fit all together for the Astros, as they have a solid team with very few holes.

Let's conclude with the hottest team in baseball. Just how favored are the Indians to win the World Series? Las Vegas odds put the Indians odds of winning at 9-4, whereas the updated odds for the Dodgers (who were atop the odds all season) are now 5-2. The Indians aren't only the hottest team in baseball, they are the hungriest team in baseball. After last year's Chicago Cubs victory, the Indians became the Major League team with the longest World Series drought. It has been 69 years since the Indians have won it all. Not only are they hungry, but they want revenge after losing a game seven. Will they keep the momentum on their side, or will they fall victim to a postseason slump?

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Women's Volleyball wins big against Puget Sound

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The women's Volleyball Team played two games over the weekend, winning the first one and then losing the second. Following a significant conference win against Whitman last week Saturday, the Bearcats carried the momentum to Friday's game against the University of Puget Sound. Willamette students came to the game dressed in Aloha attire hoping their school could bring home a win, and the Bearcats delivered.

"How we played against Whitman was what we want to strive for every time we play," first year Jaiden Mason said.

Willamette dominated the first set, (winning 25-14), scoring six straight and then nine straight points to cruise to a 1-0 start. Sophomore Kendall Fox and first year Arianna Khan, both led the team in kills and accumulated four kills each during the opening set. Throughout the second set, both teams battled fiercely, with the lead switching back and forth constantly.

During the latter half of the set, the Loggers scored five straight points and edged past the Bearcats

by a score of 25-21. Again in the third set was a back and forth battle. It consisted of 14 ties and eight lead changes. Sophomore Madison Haley had two back-to-back kills, when the score was 22-24 in favor of the Loggers, to lengthen the set. Junior Dreux Bertolucci's service ace won the set for the Bearcats by a score of 30-28. Both teams were exhausted from the long third set, but the Bearcats continued to play solidly and won the fourth set to obtain their second conference win. The Bearcats improved to 5-8 overall, 2-3 in the Northwest Conference. Puget Sound fell to 5-7 overall, 2-3 in the NWC.

Offensively the Bearcats dominated with a total of 58 kills in the match, 18 of those kills came from Khan. Mason contributed tremendously on offense and defense by providing 42 assists and 23 digs. On the defensive end, the Bearcats had 97 total digs. First year Elena Vasquez had a career-high 27 digs, Bertolucci delivered 16 digs and Fox was credited with 13 digs.

On Saturday, the Bearcats unfortunately got swept by Pacific Lutheran University. The Bearcats were an even match against Lutes in every aspect of the game, which included kills, assists and

digs. However, Willamette finished with 25 attacking errors, compared to the 10 errors by PLU. For the first two sets the Bearcats proved to be a commendable opponent facing a Northwest Conference powerhouse. In the first set, Willamette kept the game within 2 points throughout the set, but let the Lutes go on a 7-3 point run to take the first set. Despite the outcome of the first set, Willamette still earned seven more kills and had nearly identical hitting percentages (WU, 0.231 and PLU, 0.235).

Determined to win the second set, the Bearcats ran on a 6-point streak. But the Lutes answered with a 6-point streak of their own to take the lead 16-12. The teams battled and reached 20-18 before Pacific Lutheran University scored 5 more points to win the second set. The Lutes wore the Bearcats down by winning the longer rallies. By the third set the Lutes took complete control of the game. Willamette trailed 12-3, and as hard as the Bearcats tried they could not rally back and lost the third set. Pacific Lutheran improved its record to 11-3, and 5-1 in the NWC. Willamette fell to 5-9 on the season, and 2-4 in the NWC.

Vasquez led Willamette's defense with a match-high 25 digs.

Fox tacked on 10 digs and Mason had 7 digs. Mason also contributed 31 assists, and four kills.

"We saw glimpses of greatness and knowing the potential our team is definitely a positive" said Mason. The Bearcats look to train hard this week with anticipation

for another tough match against Lewis & Clark College. The game will start at 7 p.m. and take place on Friday, Oct. 6 at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

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Mason goes for the kill as Madi Haley prepares to defend.

Soccer teams running through NWC

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The Willamette men's and women's soccer teams are making quick work of their Northwest Conference opponents six games through conference play. The women's team was able to get two wins against Lewis and Clark College and Pacific University, respectively. The men's team took the long drive to Eastern Washington as they defeated Whitworth University and tied with Whitman College.

On Wednesday night the Lewis and Clark Pioneers came to the friendly confines of Sparks Field to take on the Lady Bearcats. The game did not see much action in the first half, as neither team got a quality scoring opportunity. Nonetheless, the Bearcats outshot the Pioneers 5-2 as the score was tied at zero. Senior Emmy Manset broke the scoreless tie at 58:10, as she shielded the ball from defenders and found the back of the net to give the Bearcats the lead. Sophomore Shanna Keil scored at 65:41 in the second off of a cross from senior Marley Duncan. The Pioneers cut the lead in half when they scored at the 80 minute mark, but it did not last long as senior Kelsey Walker scored on a penalty kick after the ensuing kick off. The Bearcats would hold on to win the game by a score of 3-1.

The game on Saturday against the Pacific University Boxers was dominated by the Bearcats as they won the game 3-0. Duncan got the scoring started early for the Bearcats as she scored just nine minutes into

the game. Manset did the rest of the scoring for the Bearcats, as she tapped her first goal of the day in at the start of the second half. She was assisted by junior Karmen Chavez-Sam. Manset's second goal of the afternoon came off a pass from Keil. Manset booted the ball from 25 yards out and went to the upper corner of the net for the goal.

On Saturday, Oct 7 the Bearcats will travel to Tacoma, Washington to take on the Puget Sound Loggers and return home on Sunday to take on the George Fox Bruins.

The Bearcats took on the best program in the NWC on Saturday, Whitworth University, and made a statement to be in that discussion as well. The scoring got started by sophomore Hijiri Iijima stole the ball from a Whitworth defender and tapped it into the goal. Senior Alan Hernandez kept the scoring party going early in the second half as he scored just two minutes into the half. Sophomore Nicholas Ballenger added the third goal of the game at 52:30. While the Bearcats were able to come out on top, it was not an easy game by any means. Willamette's goalkeeper, Junior Marco Gonzalez-Yanez, kept 16 shots out of the goal, preserving the 3-1 victory. This was the first time since 1998 that the Bearcats came out of Spokane with a victory.

Sunday's game against the Whitman College Blues did not start out the way the Bearcats wanted, as the Blues got out to an early lead, 16 minutes into the game. The first half was controlled by the Blues as they

put four shots on goal. Early in the second half, senior Quinn Mello-Bastida tied the score at one with a free kick. While the game ended in a tie, it allowed the Bearcats to gain a valuable point in the standings. At the end of the weekend, the Bearcats were in first place in the standings by four points. This

sets the Bearcats up nicely for their next section of conference play, where four games will be played at Sparks field. The first of these games will be on Saturday at 7 p.m. against Linfield College.

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Duncan dribbles down the field during a conference game.

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Week five of the semester is done and we would like to congratulate you for getting through it! With midterm season coming up (if it's not already upon you) it's easy to fall into a funk and never leave the library. Make sure you are all making the time to take care of yourself and give your brains a rest every now and then.

If you are interested in getting paid for getting out of your second floor library study room, Intramurals are here to help. Apply to be a flag football referee! Applications are available online on Handshake or in Montag. Turn your application in by Oct. 9 and you could make \$11/hour. Also, sign ups for 3v3 basketball and flag football are opening this week. Get a team together, sign up on IMleagues.com, and you will be set for the season! We will be tabling in Goudy on Wednesday and Friday this week, so come prepared with your team roster.

Playoffs for soccer and volleyball are next week, so finalize your rosters by making sure everyone is added to your team. Prepare beforehand so everyone can play and make sure you pay off any forfeit fees that might prohibit you from winning a that champions t-shirt.

If you have any questions shoot us an email at <im-supervisors>. Also remember that playoff qualifications do take into account sportsmanship ratings. Continue to show up, play hard and have fun!

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Another crazy week went by in sports as we saw the Trojans fall, the Patriots lose and the Cubs start their title defense. This week, we cover the end of the baseball season, a crazy week in the NFL and a big upset in college football.

MLB

The MLB regular season finished on Sunday without any teams needing to win or lose to get into the playoff race. Tuesday is the first game of the playoffs with the American League Wild Card game between the New

York Yankees and Minnesota Twins, with the winner playing the Cleveland Indians on Thursday. The National League Wild Card game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies is on Wednesday, with the winner playing the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday. The other American League series between the Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox also starts Wednesday. With the other National League series starting Friday between the Chicago Cubs and Washington Nationals.

A rather noteworthy stat from the season as a whole is there were 6,105 home runs hit this season surpassing the record of 5,693 set in 2000. With all of

the home runs hit this season we also saw a record set in strikeouts with 40,105 beating 38,982 from the previous season. If that stat wasn't shocking, a player named Joey Gallo contributed 41 home runs but only had 32 singles on the season. To have more home runs than singles is unheard.

NFL

Football is a crazy game that is won and lost by inches, as evidence by the game on Sunday. In one of the early morning upsets the New England Patriots lost at home to the Carolina Panthers. This Patriots team was supposed to be dominant, but they now find themselves with two losses going

into week five. The Patriots lost on a last second field goal by a score of 33-30.

On the polar opposite side of the spectrum, the New York Jets won their second game of the season at home against the Jacksonville Jaguars. The Jets were picked by some to possibly win no games this season and go 0-16. But with another win this week, they like the Patriots, find themselves at 2-2. This Jets team has been led by running back Bilal Powell who has gave the offense life over the course of the season.

NCAA Football

This week, an amazing upset happened between the fifth

ranked USC Trojans and the 16th ranked Washington State Cougars. The Cougars, who normally find themselves in last place in the Pac-12, shocked the conference with this win. The Trojans were the team to beat but the Cougars had something else to say on Friday night. The Cougars hit a field goal in the last minute to push their lead to 30-27 and gave the Trojans a last chance to steal the victory. But the game ended with a Sam Darnold fumble while escaping the pocket, allowing the Cougars to run out the clock. Until next week, K DEN

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Title IX from a survivor's point of view

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In addition, it's been studied that only 2-8 percent of these accusations are false (as reported by Rape Victims Advocates). DeVos fails to see that the guidance provided by the Obama Administration is just and fair, as well as being the best possible system for any higher education institution to implement.

I couldn't walk into Goudy by myself without having an anxiety attack or breaking into tears. I had to drop out of a class because he was in it. I couldn't focus in my other classes because of constant flashbacks. I couldn't walk around campus alone without having to constantly look behind my back. Despite this, I would not want to speak to police officers. I would not want to go through the lengthy and scary process of a lawsuit, especially in the middle of my schooling. Through the Title IX process, I was guaranteed a fast and efficient justice system that ensured my education would be disrupted at the most minimal level possible.

The most important aspect of Title IX is that the claimant and defendant are able to receive a verdict (responsible or not responsible) within 60 working days. The average sexual assault trial takes months to finish and, according to RAINN, "out of every 1000 instances of rape, only 13 cases get referred to a prosecutor, and only seven cases will lead to a felony conviction". This is daunting and deters victims from reporting sexual assault.

In addition, the Title IX process is not only crucial to ensuring the protection of student's education, but also their safety as well. Victims should not be forced to sit through a class with their offender. They should not be forced to power through the emotional stress of constantly seeing and being near their offender. It's disgusting that our current administration wants to revoke support to the students and elevate the already daunting process of reporting sexual assault.

But let's talk about something unlikely. For the 2-8 percent of cases that have been found to be false, Title IX can also benefit them. They are granted a quick and efficient process so if they are wrongly accused they will not undergo a large amount of stress as well. The preponderance level used in Title IX cases (meaning there has to be at least a 51 percent chance that the accused action was committed) is not an unheard of practice in legal matters.

As someone who has been through the Title IX process and has gone through the effects of sexual assault on campus, I'm heartbroken that our current administration would be so willing to revoke the safety of survivors. I'm heartbroken for future victims who will need to deal with the repercussions of these changes and face even more difficulties in an already difficult process.

Written anonymously

Planes, rockets and big water

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In an anticlimactic turn of events, our president has found himself in another round of scandals and funny quips. This brings us all closer to our self-destruction and the truth that the administration seriously has become careless in covering up their inadequacy.

First on the list, "Rocket Man" and a bombastic speech at the United Nations General Assembly. Oftentimes, presidents at the General Assembly give speeches themed around united action, stressing the need to strengthen the ability for the United Nations

to act during international crisis and emphasizing the leadership role the United States plays in the body.

Or that's the way things used to work. I first began to realize this historic position beginning to change when I attended a Model United Nations conference in Shanghai, where the student playing the role of the United States took on what she thought the position of the U.S. was post-election.

Speech after speech, I watched this vivacious Chinese student blast the Paris Agreement and the United Nations itself, thinking not only of how embarrassed I was as the only American in the

room, but also of the implications of one of the most powerful countries in the United Nations diverting so much from its traditional role.

Now of course, as a representative from Willamette University, I did my best to explain that we enlightened college students for the most part do not have aligning views with these positions, but what I could not deal with were the questions if I was at all worried or fearful of the future of our country.

And this was way back before when our president was not saying that the U.S. "will have no choice but to totally destroy North Korea" in front of an organization with a charter preamble that literally starts with the line: "We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind..."

After calling North Korea's leader "Rocket Man" and claiming that he is on a self-serving "suicide mission," the President followed with this Tweet: "Just heard Foreign Minister of North Korea speak at U.N. If he echoes thoughts of Little Rocket Man, they won't be around much longer!"

At the point where someone we democratically elected is Tweeting a literal threat of genocide, I do not know if it would even be appropriate to give a hot take of: "I am scared for our future."

What is extremely sad is how quick this got brushed over with more "garbage truck on fire" type stories. Which takes us to the next on the list: the apparent need for everyone in this administration to fly for every personal occasion on taxpayer money with blatant disregard for covering it up. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price is actually

not the first to fall victim to the "private jet on taxpayer dime" scandals, although surprisingly (or not so much), he is the first to get the boot.

Towards the end of August, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin grabbed headlines when his wife Louise Linton posted an Instagram photo of her walking off a government plane. She had tagged a list of designers, including names like Hermes and Tom Ford, which caused some jaw-dropping reactions. Things get even better when a user from our great state of Oregon commented on the questionable nature of the photo: "Glad we could pay for your little getaway. #deplorable"

Now you think upper level administration and their families would be used to public disapproval, but Louise Linton actually responded, like any good government official's family member would, with: "cute! Aw!!! Did you think this was a personal trip?! Adorable! Do you think the US govt paid for our honeymoon or personal travel?! Lololol," plus a few kiss emojis tagged onto the end.

She later deleted the post and apologized, after learning and then having to admit that she did not know her husband had actually requested to use a military jet to fly them both on their honeymoon to Europe. We seem to really be keeping ethics groups on their toes in recent months.

These past few months have really led to the ultimate dissociation for myself, where the process of reading a story and then telling myself that it is time to take a break for the day and wallow in endless embarrassment and disengaged disappointment seems to be one that exists on repeat. But are we even surprised anymore?

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Political love-hate dichotomy

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Tolerance is a crucial value in any democratic society. One facet of tolerance is social progress, but even more important is the right to disagree. Giving opponents access to political action is the agent of peaceful social change. When polarization dominates politics, people begin to lose respect for the opposition's rights and dialogue takes a back seat to domination.

One of the products of the contentious political environment today is a polarizing form of rhetoric that categorizes people as either loving or hateful. This love-hate dichotomy harms democracy.

Extreme tolerance does not mean tolerance for everyone. It means doing everything possible to shut down those who are intolerant. No one can be a true champion of love without hating hate. Love and hate are extreme terms which call for extreme action.

But what is the problem with rhetoric that invokes extreme action? First, it further polarizes politics. If the opposition is the embodiment of hate, there is no moral reason to compromise. Democracy loses a critical tool for its function.

Compromise promotes mutual understanding, which lowers the chance of political violence. It also a useful tool in times of crisis. A day may come when Republicans like Donald Trump are considered moderate, and working with them will be essential in preventing even more radical factions.

Second, the moral absolutism of the love-hate dichotomy warrants infringing on other's rights. Many, who favor extreme activism, have no qualms with shutting down hate groups. Stopping a rally might be a positive, but the biggest consequence is an escalation of violence.

There is an attitude in activism today that disregards backlash. This attitude makes perfect sense in a love-hate dichotomy.

To many, the actions of love should not fear how the hateful might react. However, in reality it is essential to consider the actions of an opponent, especially when that opponent holds absolute power. Radicalizing politics puts lives in danger. The more violent opponents get under Trump, the more excuses he has to be oppressive in response. Extreme action causes extreme reaction, something activists should always consider.

Lastly, who decides what is loving and hateful? As society changes, so does its values. What is hateful may be agreeable now, but not so much in the future. Even the most progressive egalitarians from a century ago fall well below the standards of what is acceptable today. Activists may presently use the love-hate dichotomy to promote social progress, but if this mentality becomes entrenched in the establishment, politicians would be armed with a powerful emotional tool to solidify injustice in the future.

Not all dissent may be valid, but respecting the rights of all views makes society a fertile ground for new ideas that better the world. If an establishment is willing to shut down opposition, these ideas will either die or explode in violent bursts of revolution.

The love-hate dichotomy nurtures the destructive qualities of extreme rhetoric. The result is a hostile environment for genuine democracy. Moral absolutism creates a world where compromise is seen as making a deal with the devil, and disagreeing with the norm makes you complicit in hate. In this world it seems as though there is no room for the mild actions of democracy, only mutual hate and reciprocating violence.

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What time is the right time to talk about gun control?

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On Oct. 1, at least 59 people were killed and 527 people were injured. Putting into perspective, that is 48 more people than the class of 2020. By now, I'm sure we all know the details: 64-year old Stephen Paddock unleashing gunfire onto a crowd of 22,000 from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel in Las Vegas.

In 15 minutes of continuous gunfire, a total of 42 guns in the shooter's possession and thousands of rounds of ammunition, people's lives changed and ended. We live in a nation where someone can obtain guns numbering in the doubled digits. I don't care if you are a hunter, a police officer, or a collector, but no one should ever have that amount of weaponry.

This act of domestic terrorism is disgusting, devastating, horrific, but not surprising. When I found out what was happening the night of the shooting, my stomach dropped, and my immediate thought was "not again." Not again. So many lives are lost to mass shootings, let alone gun violence as a whole.

White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said, "There's a time and place for a political debate, but now is the time to unite as a country." To that I say bullshit. It is never the right time to talk about gun control. Why? Because every time it gets brought up (which has been quite frequently in the last couple of years) it's after a mass shooting. It is not insensitive to talk about the future, protecting future lives and citizens, in the wake of a tragedy. We move on, but we don't forget those who were lost. Claiming you can't politicize victims of mass shootings for gun control is as oxymoronic as saying you can't lobby for increased response money for hurricane protection after a massive hurricane. You politicize it because it is relevant, not because it is politically expedient.

This topic always gets covered up with "mental health screenings," the Second Amendment and the argument that guns don't kill peo-

ple—people kill people. Yes people deserve to have rights, but should our rights really include the ability to have a personal arsenal? The system we have put in place obviously does not work. People can acquire firearms and kill massive amounts of other people. This happened. Paddock must have gone through multiple screenings to just get the amount of guns that he has.

ter Las Vegas. We cannot hide within our tragedy.

President Trump Tweeted, "My warmest condolences and sympathies to the victims and families of the terrible Las Vegas shooting. God bless you!" This brush-off tweet is the virtual equivalent to shrugging shoulders. Yes, those people are dead and they can't be brought back to life by a magical statement, but don't act

like this is some huge unavoidable conflict. And this doesn't even compare to the dialogue surrounding the privilege this individual is getting as a white male. If this was

a person of color, you can bet that news outlets and the FBI wouldn't have immediately brushed away the idea of terrorism. The news wouldn't be interviewing family members to see "where it went wrong", there would be no other storyline.

In the last 24 hours social media has been flooded with fear and anxiety. The amount of safe public spaces seem to be dwindling. Movie

theatres, concerts, schools, clubs—we should not be in fear of dying because we wanted to have fun. I don't want to ever have to say to myself, "Do I want to live, or do I want to live my life?" After the 2012 movie theatre shooting in Florida, I couldn't help being fearful about going to the movies. To this day I will get pangs of anxiety when someone goes to the bathroom during a movie, fearful that at any moment my life will end because I left my house. The answer is not to cave into the fear—adding screenings at Disneyland, making students walk through metal detectors. These should be temporary implementations.

We need to talk about this, and something needs to change. For those who still aren't convinced, answer me this: why have the numbers of mass shootings increased? Why has the shock value decreased when events like this happen? Why do we live in fear?

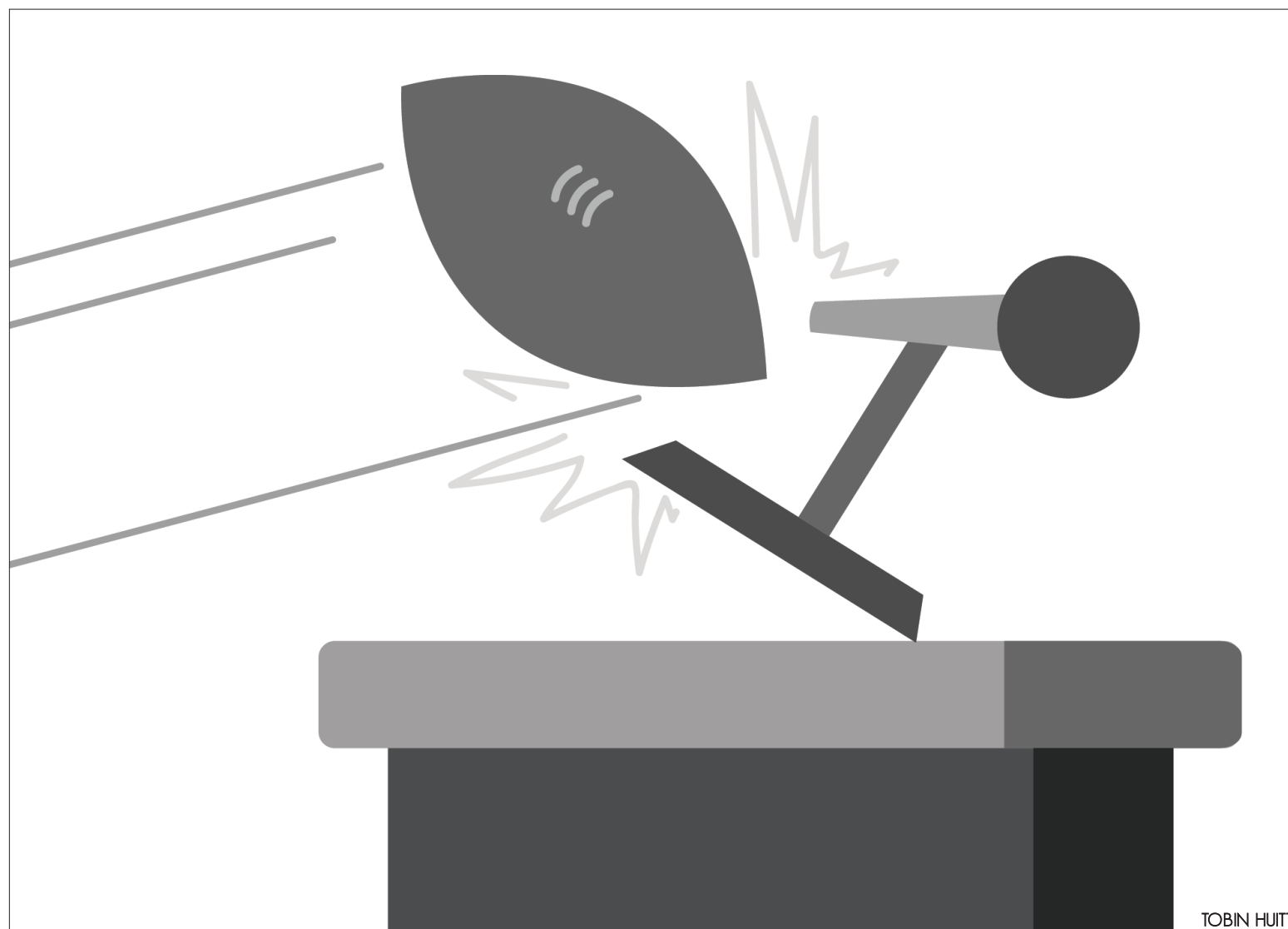
I have lived through four record-breaking mass shootings in my life. And I am sick of it.

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"Do I want to live, or do I want to live my life?"

Newsflash: Republicans, Democrats and Moderates can all be killed by guns. This is a conversation that needs to happen now. Today. Yesterday. After Columbine, after Sandy Hook, after Virginia Tech, after Fort Hood, after Manchester, after Tucson, after Aurora, after Charleston, after Roseburg, after San Bernardino, after Colorado Springs, after Hesston, after Orlando and now af-

Trump, the NFL and his culture wars



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At his rally in Alabama, Trump suggested the NFL should fire players who kneel for the national anthem. The president went on to tweet numerous times about the issue, escalating a year old controversy to the hot topic of the week. Trump's comments have caused a considerable reaction from both sides, prompting more players to protest in solidarity while encouraging football fans to boo and abandon their teams should they disrespect the flag.

The impact of Trump's comments have been profound, yet

many are left concerned and puzzled, asking why the President of the United States is so invested in a how the NFL responds to the situation. While it may be inappropriate for the president to take sides in matters like this, the level to which Trump is promoting this issue suggests there may be a method to the madness. There may be a larger strategy at play.

Donald Trump is a controversial figure, and by that I mean he revels in controversy. With media-hyped celebrity feuds, making personal insults, comments regarding women, the list could go on and on. Generating controversy seems to be the essence

of Trump's character. While most people are stunted or hurt when they attract controversy, Trump seems to be made stronger by it. To have experienced so much bad press and still manage to reach the White House, Trump is either incredibly lucky or he just knows how to use controversy as a means to promote himself and his ideas.

To some extent, Trump knows how to control the news cycle and how to grab attention. This consists of creating or escalating an entertaining controversy which peaks widespread interest and leaving a lasting impression and taking over the national dialogue. One can see this strategy in how

Trump ran his campaign. He announced his candidacy by calling Mexicans criminals and rapists, quickly gaining the attention of the media and Americans on both sides of the political spectrum. After the first GOP debate, he insinuated that one of the moderators was on her period, ensuring that he would be the only candidate in the news following the debate.

Despite being in the center of constant controversy, Trump has been remarkably successful in selling himself and what he stands for. He has the ability to choose what issues become relevant as well as the ability to bring peo-

ple over to his side. The strategy Trump uses to promote himself and his ideas has clear results. Not only is it effective, it can be repeated again and again for different issues and situations, including the current controversy over the national anthem. Instead of just dismissing Trump's comments as inappropriate behavior for someone in his position, people ought to be asking what Trump hopes to gain from escalating this controversy.

The controversy surrounding the protests is heavily fueled by conflicting values. There is a sense of alienation for many Americans when football players are praised for choosing not to honor the flag in front of millions of people. These protesters have a clear right to express themselves, but the values they are expressing do not sit well with many Americans. By escalating the controversy to a level of importance and condemning the behavior of the protesters, Trump is essentially winning favor with everyone who feels respect for the flag and everything it represents. Taking a hardline stance on the issue and appealing to people's values is a brilliant strategy for Trump to potentially draw more people to his side.

The average person on the street may not always be able to articulate their position on healthcare, foreign policy, immigration, or trade but almost everyone has an opinion on kneeling for the national anthem. Standing for commonly held values is a strategy frequently implemented by politicians to broaden their appeal. Although the method in which Trump uses his influence may be chaotic and unorthodox, it is definitely effective in reaching out to the population. As the NFL's ratings drop, crowds boo and long-time fans renounce their teams for kneeling, these people turn to Trump as the champion of their values.

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N	R	M	S	U	K	R	B	G	N	A	D	O	A	P	N	U	J
I	V	E	V	L	G	A	T	K	E	K	R	U	L	D	P	P	L
A	P	A	E	L	O	D	S	T	L	M	L	T	I	L	V	T	Q
M	R	T	F	I	N	E	A	R	T	S	W	E	S	T	I	I	I
I	G	O	F	N	G	F	X	D	I	Z	E	V	J	E	K	N	V
U	Z	N	Q	Q	G	L	X	Z	J	K	W	I	X	J	A	M	S
Z	O	Q	O	H	P	A	W	A	L	T	O	N	V	M	S	S	G
Q	H	D	K	K	J	L	I	T	N	T	H	A	K	M	N	X	T

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

COLLINS
EATON
FINEARTSEAST

FINEARTSWEST
FORD
GATKE

SMULLIN
WALTON