

Protesters demand state action for refugees and immigrants



Protesters gather at the Oregon State Capitol on Feb. 1 to demand state legislators take action to protect immigrants and refugees from President Trump's recent immigration ban.

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On Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 1 p.m., a crowd of students, faculty, staff, community members and organizers gathered at the front steps of the Oregon State Capitol to bring forth issues to Oregon state legislators during the first legislative session.

With the president's recent executive orders corresponding to ongoing rhetoric that restricts immigration and travel from certain countries, people utilized this moment as a time to speak out.

Voz Hispana Cambio Comunitario (VHCC), a community organization based in Woodburn, was one of the main groups in charge of organizing the rally.

VHCC's description states that their group "develops and prepares leaders at the grassroots level to become active participants in creating a more just, democratic system in Oregon. VHCC believe that empowering those who are among the most vulnerable in the community to become agents of positive change will result in stronger communities that are able to provide opportunities for all."

The goal of the rally was to demand that the governor and state legislature take action to defend immigrants and refugees in Oregon and send the strong message that people will not be complacent with what is happening.

VHCC handed out a list of six demands on a sheet entitled "Going Beyond Sanctuary" for people to hand to legislators in the capital to promote policy change.

Along with VVHCC, people travelled by busloads provided by Portland Resistance from Union Station to be a part of the demonstration at the capitol.

At the rally, people held signs in solidarity with the causes and expressed the importance of protecting communities specifically targeted by the Trump administration.

Many gave speeches to inspire the crowd and one student at University of Oregon even shared her own story of why she feels protecting immigrants is important while also addressing U.S. colonialism on native lands.

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ASWU works to "build bridges" with ASP students

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Building Bridges is a buddy system where CLA students are paired up with ASP students to introduce them to the Willamette and Salem communities.

First-year Johnson Pham has decided to revive this joint Willamette and TIUA program that died out in 2001. "I'm setting out to revitalize a project called Building Bridges to form enhanced and strengthened relationships between CLA and ASP students," Pham said.

The goal of the program is to create a more welcoming environment for ASP students. "You get to hang out with [ASP students] not on an academic level, but on a level in which you create new friendships to enhance connectivity between students," Pham said.

The program originally lost its footing because CLA students weren't contributing enough to the program.

Pham says that this program is especially important for the ASP students arriving this semester because CLA students are already acclimated to their lifestyles on campus and most are busy with their classes and other commitments. However, Pham emphasizes that this program is extremely important because it seems many Willamette students may not notice that ASP students are here.

"They're Willamette students too and we need a more integrated community," he said.

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175th celebration focuses on future over past



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On Feb. 1, 1842 a group of Methodists made the decision to found a university before the territory they were standing on was even a part of a state. In 2017, 175 years later, the school took the day to look back to understand how far we've come while also looking forward to what more can be done. All members of the Willamette community,

from students and staff to alumni, understand that the day wasn't a time of simple celebration, but of genuine self-reflection.

"As we commemorate 175 years as the first university in the West, let's also prepare to be first in the future," President Steve Thorsett said in his email about the event.

The theme of the University's 175th anniversary was "Future First." It was communicated that appreciation of past suc-

cesses wasn't enough and the only way to truly commemorate Willamette's values is to emphasize the potential that those involved with the University have to make meaningful, lasting changes in the local community, and at large.

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Building Bridges not only connects CLA students with ASP students, but also sets up mixers for students to get together and meet one another. The program organizes trips to Saturday Markets and the movies. There are also parties, such as the WEB sponsored Roommate Party where CLA students and their ASP roommates can hang out, eat food, engage in activities and participate in icebreakers to form friendlier connections.

Other than his own Building Bridges project, Pham has also taken a part in an initiative to recreate the Equity and Empowerment (E&E) space in Willamette's Lee and York building while working under ASWU President Elizabeth Gill. The E&E is a space where Willamette students with marginalized identities can come together, discuss things and express themselves.

The Lee and York buildings are expecting renovation and ASWU is putting forth a proposal to recreate the E&E space as part of the reconstruction. The current E&E meeting space is a classroom in the Art Building that is too small to fit the purposes of the meetings. Willamette chaplains, the Asian Coalition for Equality and ASWU are all coming together to be a part of this project.

"It's unfair that [marginalized students are] not recognized or acknowledged as much as other groups on campus ... The space they provided for us is too far, too unrecognized and not publicized enough," Pham said.

Pham encourages non-marginalized students to support those who are marginalized. He also wants the marginalized groups of Willamette to "step out of their comfort zone and be more involved because we're in a time when we need more involvement from these underrepresented groups. We won't get anything done if we don't come together and speak out."

Pham encourages Bearcats to support marginalized students and engage with the new ASP class. Students welcomed the ASP students who arrived on campus on Monday, Feb. 6 and can continue to do so through various events throughout the semester. Pham plans to set up a similar mixer for ASP students in the coming weeks.

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America's anti-immigrant populism



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The topics of immigration and President Trump's recent executive order blocking incoming refugees from seven Muslim-majority nations has set off a firestorm of critical responses.

On Jan. 27, recently inaugurated President Donald Trump signed an executive order loaded with new limitations on the vetting process for those entering the United States. Trump implemented a temporary all-out ban on entry from seven Muslim-majority nations, even for those who hold green cards (temporary work and residency permits for non-citizens).

Implementation of the ban has involved detaining nationals from the seven listed nations at airports including Iraq, Iran, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Libya and Somalia.

Critics raise questions about the motivations behind the ban, arguing that the move is intended to fuel political popularity rather than one genuinely concerned with national security. The move

was interpreted as the "Muslim ban" Trump repeatedly referred to during his presidential campaign. Opponents of a Trump presidency have emphasized this policy as specifically unconstitutional and should disqualify his hold to presidency.

The order comes as one side of a two-fold issue that has become the hyperfocus through the early days of the Trump presidency. The other prospect is immigration and the fate of those who currently hold undocumented status. While deportations are far from new, Trump has repeatedly emphasized a firm commitment to removing as many undocumented people as possible and as quickly as possible.

While the topics of immigration and refugees have been characterized as partisan issues, one of President Obama's final moves was ending the "wet-foot, dry-foot" policy pertaining to Cuban entrants who do not possess visas. The policy permitted entry to Cuban nationals attempting to flee their home nation by entering the United States through another Latin American nation

(typically Mexico). This process allowed Cuban nationals to remain in the U.S. and be granted refugee status. The change in policy is seen as part of the normalization of relations with Cuba after decades of sanctions and severed diplomatic ties.

Liberal-leaning states across the U.S. have made moves to prevent the deportation of undocumented immigrants as well as protect refugees residing in their states. Much talk about sanctuary cities and campuses has ensued in left-leaning locales such as Los Angeles, Seattle, Chicago, Portland and the greater state of Oregon.

Governor Kate Brown has signed a rapid series of executive orders effectively declaring that State authorities will not willingly cooperate with any moves by the Trump administration in the proposed campaign of mass deportation. The California legislature is moving forward on a statewide sanctuary proposal for a state that already holds a significant number of sanctuary cities and campuses. Another proposal in Illinois would effectively create

a sanctuary state. The proposal would make it so that schools, medical facilities and places of worship do not have to give access to immigration officials.

Republican governor Bruce Rauner of Illinois is concerned by the refugee ban, but stated the matter should be resolved through the courts.

The Trump administration has made efforts to assert its hard-line stance on immigration by threatening to remove federal funds granted to cities, states and campuses that do not cooperate with federal immigration orders.

The United States does not stand alone in the rise of anti-immigrant populism. Argentinian president Mauricio Macri has implemented a similar order stating that the South American nation must not become a place where poor immigrants commit crime. The Macri family held business ties to Trump family real estate development in the 1980s and Macri has called President Trump "a friend."

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CAMPUS SAFETY

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Feb. 1, 10:58 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who felt light headed. An officer responded and spoke with the individual who stated they did not want further medical attention. The officer informed them to call back if anything changed.

POLICY VIOLATION

Jan. 31, 1:20 p.m. (Sparks Parking lot): A student received

their 18th parking citation and was referred to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Feb. 4, 9:47 a.m. (Doney Hall): Campus safety received a call asking that they confiscate some marijuana paraphernalia from a residence room. An officer responded and confiscated the items.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Feb. 3, 9:15 a.m. (Mill Street): Campus Safety received a report from a student stating that a male had "flashed" them. Officers responded and Salem Police were called. Campus Safety officers chased the subject across Bellevue Street. Salem Police detained the subject until the student could positively identify him. The suspect was arrested for indecent exposure and trespassed from campus.

THEFT

Feb. 5, 2:00 p.m. (Hatfield Library): An individual came into Campus Safety and reported that their headphones had been stolen. A report was filed.

Feb. 5, 9:19 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety received a received a call from a Goudy employee stating that their bike had been stolen. An officer responded and took a report from the individual. The individual was also en-

couraged to file a report with Salem Police.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Feb. 1, 9:25 a.m. (Sparks Center): Campus Safety received a report that a vehicle had struck part of the railing outside of the Sparks Center. An officer responded and assessed the damage.

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Oregon Forest Service to lose over 90 percent of funding

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Rural counties in Oregon will be hit particularly hard by the expiration of a U.S. Forest Service program which has been a major source of funding for public services for over a decade.

The Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program was introduced in 2000 to lessen the financial impact of a dramatic reduction in logging in the 1990s, which was the result of an increase in environmental regulation. Since then, the program has supported critical services in over 4,000 school districts and 700 counties in 41 states. Many Oregon counties have been particularly dependent on this funding.

However, the program has not been reauthorized and expired in 2015 after a gradual reduction in payments that began in 2012. Beginning this year, payment levels are set to revert to a 1908 law

under which local governments would receive 25 percent of timber revenues.

Babete R. Anderson, the national press officer for the Forest Service, told the Statesman Journal that payments to counties at the reinstated 25 percent level are on track to be sent out in February.

“We are working through the steps required to process the 25 percent fund payments expeditiously and anticipate making those payments by the middle of February,” Anderson said.

According to an analysis done by the National Association of Counties, the new payment scheme would see Oregon receiving \$7 million instead of 2015’s \$86.4 million. Polk County would be among those hit hardest by this reduction, with its payment reduced from \$782,406 to \$318. Marion County’s payment, meanwhile, would be reduced from \$1.8 million to \$186,880 – an 89.8 percent drop.

The final payment under the old program, in April 2015, was \$285 million. Oregon’s share of that payment, \$86.4 million, was particularly high in part because the Forest Service owns approximately 26.4 percent of the state’s total land. The program expired six months after this payment.

The National Association of Counties is spearheading a growing effort to push for reauthorization of the program. Some lawmakers in Western states, which for the most part received a greater proportion of the program’s funding, have publically supported the movement.

Two Republican senators from Idaho, Sen. Mike Crapo and Sen. James Risch, have been working with Oregon’s Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden to devise a solution to the issue. Sen. Wyden is co-author of the original 2000 bill which established the program. In a recent statement, he de-

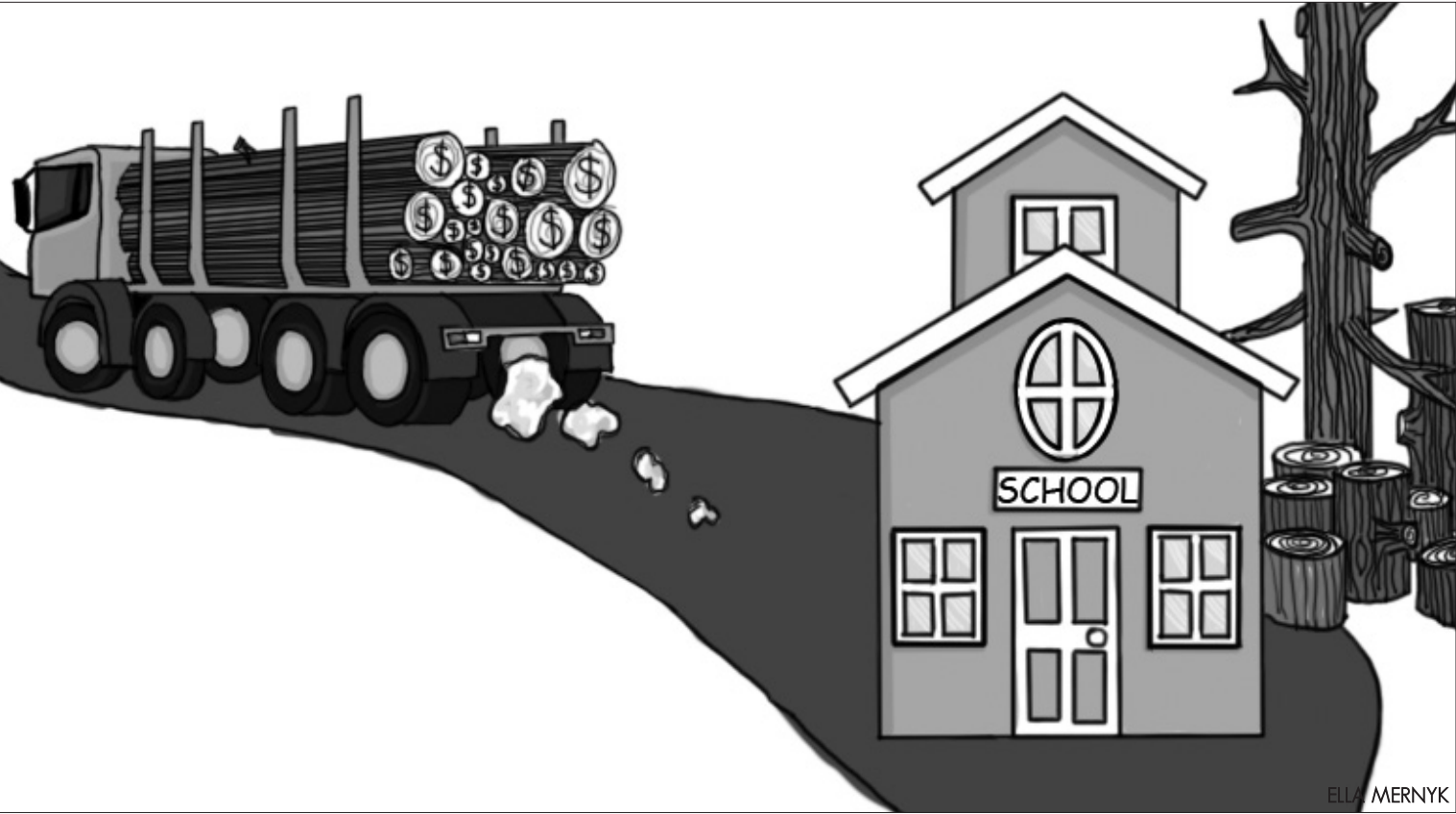
scribed the funding as, “a lifeline for rural communities.”

Sen. Wyden has also been working with fellow Oregonian Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley to urge federal officials to deliver the new 25 percent funds as soon as possible, writing letters to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

“Without the certainty of SRS payments, schools, libraries and jails close, roads go unpaved and become unsafe, mental and physical health services are scaled back or even ended and fewer and fewer law enforcement officers patrol larger and larger areas,” wrote Wyden and Merkley.

“We have talked to counties in Oregon experiencing these hardships, which will be made even worse if the remaining 25 percent payments are delayed.”

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Changing climate, changing rhetoric

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President Donald Trump mocked environmental issues throughout his campaign. Despite denying it during the debates when trying to appeal to a wider audience, Trump made it clear to his hardcore followers that they could count on him to roll back environmental protections.

“The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive,” Trump tweeted in Nov. 2012.

“NBC News just called it the great freeze – coldest weather in years. Is our country still spending money on the GLOBAL WARMING HOAX?” Trump tweeted in January 2014.

“I think the climate change is just a very, very expensive form of tax. A lot of people are making a lot of money ... And I often joke that this is done for the benefit of China. Obviously, I joke. But this is done for the benefit of China because China does not do anything to help climate change,” Trump said on Fox News in Jan. 2016.

However, Trump has at times recognized the issues of climate change. In May 2016, one of Trump’s golf clubs asked for approval to build a sea wall to protect against the rising sea level and “more frequent storm events.”

All of this is to say that Trump is a relatively consistent enemy of environmentalism. It is also to establish the context that President Trump wrote the punchline for.

“I am, to a large extent, an environmentalist. I believe in it,” Trump said while meeting with executives from the auto industry.

It isn’t just contradictory statements that make the previous statement a lie, but also Trump’s actions. Trump, through directives, pushed forward two different oil pipelines: the Keystone XL pipeline and the Dakota Access Pipeline. The Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) would go directly above the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation which was decided upon without tribal leader consultation, as is required under the law.

Why would Trump press for pipeline expansion when, as is suggested through his golf club, he is aware of the negative effects of climate change?

Kelcy Warren, CEO of Energy Transfer Partners – the company responsible for the DAPL, donated \$100,000 to the Trump campaign.

The Keystone XL pipeline was halted in 2015 by the Obama administration for being too dangerous to the environment. President Trump resurrected the pipeline this year via executive order.

When the pipeline was first proposed in 2008, it was projected to be worth the price of production – \$8 billion. Years later, however, the United States produces more oil and oil prices have fallen approximately 40 percent.

Trump has expressed interest and support for taxes on imported oil, such as the oil that would be imported from Canada by the Keystone XL pipeline. If such a tax were to be passed, the pipeline would never be built because it could never be profitable.

Even if Keystone XL moves forward, competition only seems to be increasing in the oil industry. Insiders who support the measure are unsure of whether the project is still tenable.

“We’re still waiting to see what the details of the reconstituted

project look like,” said Reg Curren, spokesman for TransCanada.

It’s important to consider that these decisions aren’t being made in respect to details, but amid arch polemics and potential structural corruption. Examining general trends, the way Trump speaks on climate change is indicative of who he is courting at the time.

After the election, when trying to win over the public, Trump had an interview with the New York Times.

“I have an open mind to [man-made climate change]. We’re going to look very carefully ... [It’s] a very complex subject. I’m not sure anybody is ever going to really know,” Trump said.

Trump has said otherwise when courting the extreme “alt-right” that has become his base. In a Dec. 2015 speech, Trump said, “So Obama’s talking about all of this with the global warming and the – a lot of it’s a hoax, it’s a hoax. I mean, it’s a money-making industry, OK? It’s a hoax, a lot of it.”

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Rallying together to protect immigrants and refugees

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Many students on campus attended the rally in reaction to Trump and America’s anti-immigration conduct, although specific reactions and agendas vary from person to person.

Here are some statements from students who attended the rally:

“Something people should know is that the United States has always had a history of criminalizing immigrant and refugee communities” sophomore Gonzalo Garcia Reyes said. We must recognize that under the Obama administration there was a record number of immigrants deported ... So yes, the actions Donald Trump has taken and has promised to take are very serious but we should not be so easy to dismiss the fact that this has been going on long before Donald Trump.

Additionally, we must recognize the existence and the labor of all the individuals and the communities that have actively organized and fought for the rights of immigrants long before Donald Trump took over as president. And extending on that, as we move forward in the Trump administration, we must remember that any movement for immigrants must center itself around the voices of immigrants. This includes all immigrants, not only those who fall under the harmful stereotype of the ‘good’ immigrant.

“As someone who is undocumented, I have felt powerless for a long time, however, I know that under this new administration there is no room to be afraid,” said Garcia. “And so, I will no longer remain silent as my immigrant and refugee community is attacked. We are here to stay.”

“Growing up as a fourth generation Japanese-American, I can personally attest to the negative effects of rash xenophobic actions upon a nation,” junior Lara Shintano said. “Every individual, regardless of their religion or nationality, is entitled to be treated as a human being ... After reflecting on my role as a global citizen, I could not sit back and watch innocent individuals being punished for crimes they are not responsible for.”

The protest increased awareness of critical issues within the community.

“I hope that [the] protest helped to increase awareness within the community of the wrongdoing going on and helped to encourage others to show support and help those around them instead of supporting the president through their inactivity,” Shintano said.

First year Ryan Ichinaga said, “With a president who is so anti-politically correct and is threatening to take away rights from the people, along with making enemies with the media and foreign governments, it’s important to protest. If you want to oppose the Trump administration, exercising your right to attend rallies and protests is half the battle. The other half is remaining politically active by not only protesting, but also keeping up to date with contemporary events and calling your local senators and state representatives to voice your displeasure with Trump’s actions.”

Junior Ira Rubio said, “This fight is going to be long. It’s going to be easy to get tired and stop, especially if you aren’t being actively marginalized. So to our allies, remember that we’ve been fighting our whole lives.”

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175: A glance at the past, but a focus on the future

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Faculty members were interviewed about the way their disciplines have changed over the course of 175 years, and most responses usually indicated that it was for the better. History Professor Seth Cotlar spoke of the attempted change of focus in historiography from then to present day, as many historians of the past would discount the accounts of

those modern history is concerned with including. Classics Professor Mary Bachvarova remarked on the changes in her field, both on its content and its methods. She spoke of the integration of anthropology into classics in the approach to humans as relatively strange beings. Additionally, she spoke of the same sort of redirection of focus that Cotlar did.

“[Students] preconceptions about the world and the preconceptions

they’re fighting against in the world, which are typically derived from these ancient texts ... When you’re old enough to think critically about [seminal texts] it allows you to gain mastery over them rather than having them master you.”

But the highlight of the day was Ta-Nehisi Coates. Within hours of the tickets going up for students, alumni and faculty, they were sold out, and people were being

forced to add themselves to an ever-growing waitlist. All of this was for a really good reason: Coates was incredible. In matching with the event’s theme, Coates wasn’t a speaker who would praise the present as inherently better than the past. He spoke of the harm of the present, and the danger that it creates for the future. He pointed to current events that created racism against Muslim people, in much the same way racism was

made for black people to make slavery acceptable.

“There is no race, only racism,” Coates said in his main point of the night.

The message was one of resistance, which, sadly, seems to be our future. Happy Anniversary, Willamette University. Future First.

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A country’s political climate transformed

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Since President Donald Trump was sworn into office a little over two weeks ago, Fox News has reported that as of Feb 3, he has signed 19 executive orders so far. With such a drastic shift in the United States mainstream discourse and atmosphere in just the past few months, politics have become of great interest to many people. For senior Politics major Maile Symonds, staying in touch with America’s current events was a different experience while being nearly halfway across the world in Sweden last semester.

“It was really very much a struggle for me. I felt I was looking from the outside in and I couldn’t do anything,” said Symonds.

Symonds, who was originally born in Honolulu, Hawaii and

then went to school in Portland, Oregon, states that her identity as a low income woman of color sparked her original interest in politics. She has a particular interest in a broad range of issues that affect marginalized communities and is drawn to solution-based approaches such as policy making in addition to quantitative research. She hopes to run for office eventually in the future.

In fall 2016, Symonds studied at Linköping University. She originally intended to go to Istanbul but ended up in Sweden. She described her experience as bittersweet and surreal. Symonds recommends studying abroad if you have the means to do so because it gives an added layer of global consciousness to your decisions and opinions. When she was in Sweden she discovered some realities that complicate

the image of the idealized Sweden that “liberal states” often put on a pedestal. Her most striking example of realizing the difference of Swedish American culture was when her professor gave all the students B’s on their papers. When she questioned her grade, her professor said, “Silly Americans, you are always worried about your grades.” Because there is a large security net and everyone is treated equally, goal setting and being outspoken of one’s self is not as prominent there as it is here in the U.S.

As a politics major who had more free time while she was abroad, Symonds did stay updated with what was happening in the U.S. by watching, reading and listening to the news, in addition to talking to friends and employers who were still in the states. She wanted to have a holistic perspective with what was going on.

Unfortunately, the lack of readily available news outlets made it harder for Symonds to access what was going on while being in a different country.

“It was hard not being there, you would read events but you don’t get a feel for the climate of national events, which was weird,” Symonds said.

As an American, Symonds mentioned she had a loaded identity while she was abroad. In Turkey she had to stop herself from speaking English or hide her American accent because people were frustrated with what was happening. People there cared about the election even more than some Americans, but also saw it as a form of entertainment. She was bombarded with many questions whenever she travelled. On election night she watched the Swedish news with her Swedish friends, but did not have Amer-

ican friends to process the results with. The hardest part for Symonds was feeling as if she did not have any control or voice on matters, especially since her absentee ballot was lost in the mail.

Now that she is back, she feels that she has more of an understanding of the current state of matters, and what we can do to move forward. She feels we need to be more pragmatic and get out of our bubble. The results are disheartening and what is happening now is polarizing communities, but she hopes we have also have an understanding of what happened and what to do about it.

“It feels really great being back, I’m very much about solutions ... I like that now that I am here I have more of a read with more what we can do to move forward,” said Symonds.

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More Migos for you and your amigos

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By now, everyone and their mother has heard “Bad and Boujee”, a top-rated banger from Migos and Lil Uzi Vert that came out right before Halloween last year. With a Metro Boomin tag at the beginning of the track, reprising the Future quote, “if Young Metro don’t trust you I’m gon shoot you,” this flagrant and infectious single celebrates Migos’ explosive come-up.

For added bravado, the video for “Bad and Boujee” cheekily has the rappers and fashionably dressed women drinking champagne and smoking blunts inside of a fried chicken joint, eating ramen and taking bites out of big, crispy wings between lip-syncing and dancing on the tables. Later, the boys and their crew of sharply dressed female cohorts are shown with Uzi, riding motorcycles and ATVs through the neighborhood, making it another visual masterpiece directed by Daps and a real showcase of member Offset’s ability to carry an entire song.

Far more than just a flash in the pan, Migos’ sophomore LP, “Culture,” has already dramatically outdone their 2015 debut, “Yung Rich Nation,” in album sales — debuting at number one on the Billboard 200 and firmly establishing the Atlanta trio’s revered status in the realm of hip-hop. Their initial LP, of course, has only a fraction of Migos’ beloved tracks; singles like “Versace,” “Hannah Montana” and “Look At My Dab” were released on a flurry of mixtapes in 2015.

A major selling point of “Culture,” contrasted with “Yung Rich Nation,” is the inclusion of big rap names like DJ Khaled, Gucci Mane, 2 Chainz and Travis Scott, along with producers Metro Boomin, Zaytoven and Atlanta-based mixing teams affiliated with 808 Mafia. Gucci, being the most culturally compatible cult figure to the equally drug-obsessed Migos, lays down a verse between all three members’ contributions — perhaps every Migo was excited to be along-

side the elusive and perennially incarcerated legend. The title track makes good use of Khaled as a hype man, with his tried-and-true interjections of “You played yourself!” and “Another one!” punctuating Quavo, Offset and Takeoff’s opening statements, as if the song functions like a theme for the rest of “Culture.” “Kelly Price,” the track later in “Culture” featuring Travis Scott, is like a cloudy ballad dedicated to drugs and wild nights, but peppered with memorable lines about getting robbed while watching “Garfield” and the quip, “treat my Lambo like a Fisher Price.”

Unfortunately, 2 Chainz’ presence on “Deadz” is forgettable; the track generally feels like a filler to make this LP hit 13 songs in total. The 39-year-old rapper formerly known as Tity Boi last released his own full-length project in 2013 (“B.O.A.T.S. II: Me Time”) and quite frankly, his age is showing. Some aging artists, like 41-year-old Khaled, have contributed to newer, more youthful projects without seeming like old men in the recording studio, but 2 Chainz comes off as a desperate hanger-on.

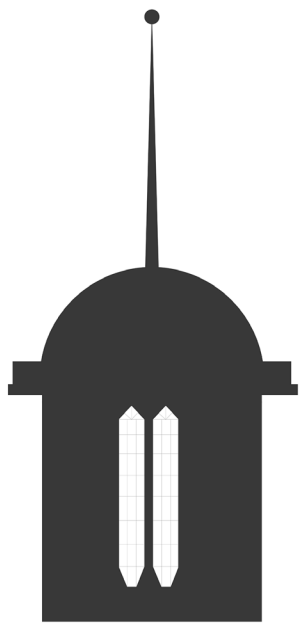
However, the best part about Migos is that all three members are enough to carry songs without their flow becoming tiresome; somehow, the trio ends up slowing down for their guests, even though their inclusion looks nice on paper. “T-Shirt,” the second single off “Culture,” has no features and should hopefully catch on with the mainstream, if not for its visually exciting music video. The Zaytoven-produced “Big on Big” is reminiscent of the beatmaker’s iconic album with Future, “Beast Mode,” which is even more exciting if one prefers Migos over Future; the same is true for “Brown Paper Bag.”

This enthusiastic offering from Migos is an infusion of energy at a time when the hip-hop machine is coming up a tad short. And even though Atlanta lost the Super Bowl, the city need not be disappointed with itself — it’s producing some real winners.

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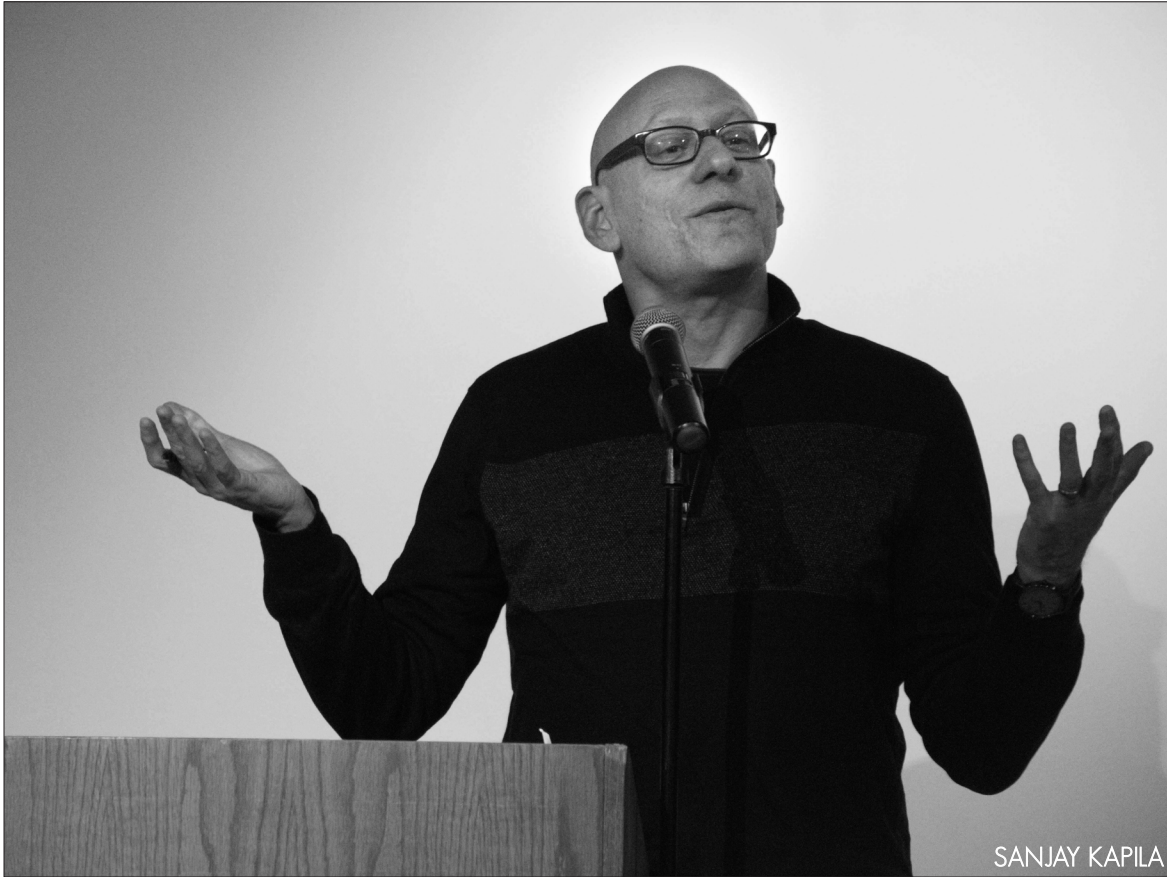
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David Shields shines at Willamette



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As part of the Hallie Ford Literary Series, critically acclaimed author David Shields visited Willamette on Thursday, Feb 2. Shields has written over 20 books, most of which are creative non-fiction. Shields' work has been translated into 20 languages, and his most recent works include: "The Thing

About Life Is That One Day You'll Be Dead," "Black Planet," and "War is Beautiful."

After a short introduction by Scott Nadelson, the Hallie Ford Chair in Writing and associate professor of English, Shields began his reading. Shields read three short essays from his book, "Other People Takes and Mistakes," which is a collection of 75 essays that he has written over the course of 30 years.

The essays Shields read — "Negotiating Against Myself," "Rebecca's Journal" and "Life Story" — all are comedic tales of his life events. From comparing himself to George W. Bush, to his awkward love story, to a compilation of bumper-stickers-turned-poem, Shields had the audience laughing and shaking their heads with every carefully placed word.

The way Shields writes is truly

an amazing combination of creative nonfiction that not only touches on important topics, but also communicates a sense of comedy that he likes to find in everyday life. During the Q&A panel, someone from the audience asked Shields why he only wrote in comedy. Shield's response was, "If it's [life] not funny, it's not truly serious."

This quote really made the audience think. Many writers believe that they can only include aspects of life: either the tragic or the comedic, however Shields incorporates both to an extent where the material comes across as intentional, but raw at the same time.

Another question that was asked of the critically acclaimed author was why he chose to write about awkward stories. This question was most likely targeted towards his short essay "Rebecca's Journal," in which Shields accounts for an awkward love connection in college that involves reading his love interest's journal on multiple occasions behind her back. To this question Shields gave a very unexpected answer. He believes that the awkward stories can represent and be symbolic toward his love/hate affair with language and writing.

To any aspiring writers out there, Shields also has some advice regarding writer's block. In his early career, Shields focused on fiction as the main source of his novels, however, after a couple

of books, the author found that he hit a wall that he was not able to overcome. So instead of quitting he started to write creative non-fiction: a genre that flows out of him much more easily than fiction.

However, even great authors can suffer from writer's block. Shield's advice: "Write what you can write and listen to what you're bored by." Meaning, instead of focusing on what is limiting or inhibiting you as a writer, focus on what you can do well and try to perfect that genre or style instead.

In addition, pay attention to what you get bored of. If you are writing something that is blatantly boring, then do not try to force yourself onto the genre. Rather, switch genres or topics. This makes sense, because you are much more prone to writer's block if you are writing something that does not excite or entertain you.

Shields also recommends keeping a journal with you to write down ideas and fragments of stories and experiences, even if they do not become relevant for 20+ years. Shields' journal consists of over 3,000 entries and drafts written on scraps of paper which usually focuses on broad topics.

Shields' presence on campus was definitely one to remember, and his stories and advice will not go to waste.

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Sex and sexuality in Hollywood

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I think I must be mistaken for not relating more to the images I see in queer movies recently. I know I am supposed to find these stories of love found and lost between female-bodied individuals amusing and empowering. I strive to feel this way, and when I cannot and do not, I blame myself for being somehow flawed.

On television, in movies, female-bodied people and everyone else seems to hook up with little concern for their own emotional well-being, or for anyone else's. I'm terrified of intruding into someone else's life by so much as flirting with them, but these characters seem to feel no such concern.

I appreciate films like "Blue is the Warmest Color" for normalizing queerness, but lesbians played by straight white 19-year-olds rolling around together for minutes on screen does not have much to do with my life. There's no room in that for insecurity, or anxiety or for me.

Maybe I just want sex to be more than it ever really can be, in the kind of world we live in. Maybe the most we can hope for is pleasure without slut-shaming and without compromise, or fear. I want the self-confidence and body confidence that so many people in queer romantic relationships in media seem to have. I wish that acknowledging my own sexuality brought some sort of



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innate self-esteem but, at least for me, it has not.

My wished-for romantic heroine would be anxious and filled with self-doubt. She would be pudgy and insecure about it, and would spend half the film trying to figure out if the person she was attracted to really felt anything beyond friendship for her, or was just humoring her.

This character would not get naked until the last 15 minutes of the film, and then only with the lights off. She would spend the first 30 minutes staring at photos of her love interest on the internet while

ignoring her completely in person, and would probably pursue a relationship with a guy while she was at it.

My character would not do much scissoring, because who even does that these days? She would probably spend more time talking about the female-bodied person she wants than actually talking to that person. She would have a crappy family life, and would definitely be a rape survivor.

The world is burning, and there is no time for love songs. There is no time to freeze-frame this mo-

ment, to stare at this particular person across crowded rooms and never venture further than this exact second in which I have not hurt her by inserting myself into her life.

There is no time, but I wish I could end any contact her life has with mine right now, before I do something that harms her irrevocably. I wish I could just fall to pieces right now, with the world exactly the way it is while I still think maybe I catch her staring at me because I'm wrong about being not good enough for her. Maybe I'm at

least wrong about why I'm not good enough, which would be scary and inspiring and maybe even hopeful.

Maybe I'm just trying to look for the only kind of cinema that's supposed to be about loving someone this way for inspiration, and all I see is people with bodies that look nothing like mine (and not much like hers either) having sex and talking about it, and calling that love.

Maybe my kind of love is just a little, well, more queer than that.

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The Willamette Sustainability For A More Equitable

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Think green. Do you envision a garden with an assortment of organic plants? Or a wind farm stretching across a picturesque hillside? Maybe a recycled plastic bottle that boasts consisting of 25 percent recycled content? Far from simply being a secondary color on the palette, “green” is much more than a concept that evokes environmentally-friendly notions.

Maybe instead of thinking about what’s environmental, we should think about what’s not part of the environment. The battery in your phone is made from mined lithium that had been deep in the earth for millions of years; the newspaper in your hands is made from decades-old trees; and even you yourself are 60 percent of the same molecules that make the Mill Stream flow (depending on the day of course).

The Willamette Green Fund suggests that “Green” or “sustainable” don’t have to be simply limited to what one designates as environmental. What we consider our community and what we consider our environment are thought to be different, divided, away from each other. The Willamette bubble seems just that, but it is far from it. Don’t just think green, think big.

What is the Green Fund?

The Green Fund is a student-led program that allocates funding to projects and programs that advance sustainability, equity and social justice on campus and in our community.

Offering two types of grants, this fund empowers students, staff and faculty to further pursue what we call the “four E’s” of sustainability: education, environment, equity and economics. Comprehensively addressing the intersectionality of what makes communities sustainable, the Green Fund is a key player in ensuring our community’s future toward one of equitable sustainability.

Among the Carson Grant, the Liberal Arts Research Collaborative (LARC) and the Science Collaborative Research Program (SCRIP), the Green Fund program provides some of the most investment in student and staff initiated projects throughout the academic year.

By defining “sustainability” in its broadest definition (including the intersection of social justice and equity), the

Green Fund is made accessible to a larger number of students than other grants and funding programs at Willamette.

This intentional broadness allows greater room for student input and engagement on campus by catering to the many interests and passions of the student body. In this way the fund’s grants are an exceptional resource that allows students to take the leadership, planning and initiative to determine the character and community of the Willamette campus.

How it works

Willamette’s Green Fund operates similarly to other programs across the country. The money available for allocation comes from a student fee of \$25 per student, per semester. While the fee is automatically applied to students’ tuition each semester, students can opt-out and are informed at the beginning of each semester of this option. At only \$25, this fee raises tuition by less than 0.05 percent.

The money raised by the fee is then allocated to a variety of projects after going through a proposal process in a student-led committee. The Committee consists of seven student voting members and three non-voting Willamette employees. The voting members include a Committee Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Marketing Coordinator, Project Manager, Student Representative appointed by ASWU and an ASWU Senator. Non-voting Ex Officio members who advise the committee are the Director of the WU Sustainability Institute, the Vice President of Campus Life (or their designee) and the Director of Facilities (or their designee).

During weekly meetings, the Committee reviews proposals for two types of grants. From a new bike rack to funding a group of students to attend a sustainability conference, the Mini-Grants are for projects with budgets up to \$3,000 and proposals are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the year. Annual grant proposals, with budgets larger than \$3,000 (think solar panel installation or construction projects) are offered once per year.

For those who are interested in applying for the latter, the application deadline for this grant is Feb. 27. Typically, a final decision on whether a proposal is accepted or declined is made within two to three weeks.



History and establishment

The Green Fund at Willamette was initially proposed in 2013 by Matt Faunt, a senior environmental science student. According to Faunt, Willamette attempted to be a leader of sustainability in higher education, but was slowly falling behind a national movement that was giving more awareness to the need for more sustainable campuses.

One of his main areas of concern was the lack of student-led initiatives. In past years the University had lead larger sustainability projects, such as the LEED certification of Ford Hall and Kaneko Commons and the purchase of Zena Forest, but smaller projects were not consistently implemented or promoted.

Matt envisioned the solution to this gap in engagement and

funding in the establishment of a Green Fund. His goal for this fund was to allow students to increase their leadership and participation in determining the path and focus of sustainability efforts on the Willamette campus.

Green Fund programs are not uncommon across the country. In fact, AASHE, a database for sustainability in higher education, lists over 130 institutions nationwide that implement Green fees. Universities similar in size to Willamette such as Lewis and Clark College, Southern Oregon University and the College of William and Mary all have Green Funds, and there are a total of six student-led programs in Oregon alone.

Although common now, these funds are a more recent phenomenon with most being less than 10-years-old, starting

around the time the country saw an increase in environmental awareness.

The Green Fund at Willamette is only in its third year, but with the committee striving to expand the number of project proposals and allocate the entirety of its funds each year, the program only hopes to grow larger in ambition and scope.

What has the green fund done so far?

In its short three years at Willamette, the Green Fund has supported a diverse range of projects submitted by students, faculty and staff. With projects ranging from supporting the efforts of the OMA first generation book drive, reducing waste in the science labs on campus and funding the new covered bike rack at Montag, the Committee is proud to have a his-

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tory of diverse and creative projects initiated through the fund. Some of these projects are summarized here :

Composting on campus has been a continued effort in on-campus life. While Bon Appetit composts the majority of their discarded food, the rest of on-campus facilities have been less progressive. Despite many logistical challenges, many students have pushed forward on this issue close to their hearts. Composting projects have been initiated in Eastside and Westside dorms as well as in the sorority house Alpha Chi Omega.

“Women in Alpha Chi are more aware of what is compostable and are actively engaged in reducing Willamette’s carbon footprint. Things such as tea bags and coffee grounds are now regularly composted! Small changes like these are important because they normalize composting and make it a habit just like recycling,” said Layla Flint, who worked on all three compost projects.

All three of these projects continue today, you might have even recently used one located in your own dorm common room.

Faculty projects also further sustainability on campus through project proposals. Wanting to combine the study of environmental science and literature in an academic space, Assistant Professor of English Stephanie DeGooyer proposed a project to do research and develop a course curriculum in eco-criticism. Analyzing literature in its relation to the environment, she will be teaching a new series of courses this fall including (tentatively named): 117W: Green Romanticism; ENG 319: Ecocriticism and Literature; and College Colloquium IDS 101: Literature and the Environment. If you’re interested in studying an interdisciplinary approach to environmentalism and sustainability keep your eye out for these courses in the fall catalog.

Not all projects funded by the Green Fund would be considered typical “green” sustainability projects. The fund includes not only environmental and economic projects in its history, but also those oriented toward social justice and health. For instance, the Green Fund has funded three separate projects to provide and allocate menstrual cups to women around campus. Two of these projects supplied Bishop Wellness Center for distribu-

tion, while the third project provided menstrual cups to women of marginalized groups on campus through the Center for Equity and Empowerment. Menstrual cups are reusable, so they not only produce much less waste than other typical feminine products, they also are much less expensive in the long run for women to use.

Not only do these projects have a constructive impact on campus and on surrounding community, they also highlight the creativity and innovation of students and staff who were able to identify a problem on campus and find a creative solution. Giving community members this valuable experience allows them to address problems and issues they are passionate about. It also gives them valuable experience in professional and personal development by fostering skills in leadership, organization, coordination and problem solving.

The future of the green fund

The Green Fund Committee works hard to give applicants clear guidelines and detailed feedback for projects that need to be revised or are not approved. Throughout its existence, the Committee has emphasized transparency and accountability and has worked to better engage the student body to promote its resources. This year’s committee is working on compiling a Google Drive that will have information on all proposed projects (whether funded or not) so that applicants and fellow students and faculty can understand and review the proposal process and the committee’s overall management of the funds. This drive will be accessible to the public soon.

After three years on campus, the Green Fund program further strives to fund students and faculty to engage with their community in a way that was not possible in the past. By giving community members the opportunity to engage with their campus in a more impactful and multifaceted way, the Green Fund Committee is dedicated to making Willamette a more equitable, more empowered and, most significantly, more sustainable community.

The NFL's archaic stance on marijuana

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Have you ever wondered what it's like to get absolutely pummeled by way of a 300 pound Goliath of a man slamming your body to the ground? I just did and, well this does not seem like a pleasant way to spend my Sunday afternoon.

This is the reality for a large number of professional football players whether we like it or not. Another reality is, as much as we talk about concussions, CTE, knee and/or back injuries, the National Football League is going nowhere. America and NFL football are as synonymous as Trump and tweets or the Cleveland Browns and rotating quarterbacks. They are here to stay.

Is it really that radical of an idea for one to suggest that we at least demand that these players are able to live healthy lives past the age of 35? This starts with the NFL changing its policy toward marijuana.

Marijuana is now either medically and/or recreationally legal in 36 states and D.C. We know the positive effects that marijuana can have on pain that these players are dealing with on a weekly basis.

Take Bills lineman Seantrel Henderson. The former star player at the University of Miami would use marijuana often after being diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Crohn's disease is widely known to have no effective treatments without involving debilitating side-effects, except for marijuana. Henderson was subsequently suspended for a total of 14 games in the past year for violating the league's drug policy. Later that year, Henderson underwent surgery to remove part of his intestines due to the disease.

Henderson is not the only one to come out and publicly disavow the NFL's antiquated drug policy. Retired Denver Broncos tight end Nate Jackson has been one of the more vocal opponents of the NFL's stance on marijuana. Jackson, at a business conference on marijuana a little over a couple years ago, provided this insight, "I feel like I exited the game with my mind intact. And I credit that to marijuana in a lot of ways and not getting hooked on these pain pills that are recklessly distributed in the league when a guy gets an injury."

Jackson in his quote also shines a light on a key issue within the NFL and that being the handing out of highly addictive opioids as if they were candy.

Even the United States Congress, which has an approval rating of a measly 11 percent was able to receive bipartisan support and pass a bill which would address the opioid crisis in America, with a 92-2 vote back in June of 2016.

Maybe when the United States Congress is able to make better decisions and have greater foresight on the health of its own, it should be a wakeup call.

So, our faith is in you Roger Goodell. Yes, that is right, the same Roger Goodell whose initial suspension of Brown's receiver Josh Gordon was equal in time to that of Donte Stallworth's back in 2009. The only difference being that Gordon tested positive for marijuana and Stallworth was charged with DUI manslaughter after killing a pedestrian while behind the wheel drunk. Our faith is in you, Goodell.

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The rundown of Super Bowl LI



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The most popular sporting event in the nation did not disappoint this year, with the first ever overtime game, a 25 point comeback and a record-breaking fifth ring for Belichick and Brady. The Super Bowl concluded with a 34-28 overtime victory by the New England Patriots over the Atlanta Falcons.

The game had the greatest comeback in Super Bowl history. Previously, the largest comeback was just 10 points, which was done several times. The game may now be considered the best Super Bowl ever played, but only time will tell.

The game started out rather slow, and it took several possessions for the teams to feel each other out and become comfortable on the big stage. With both offenses stumbling out of the gates, the first quarter resulted in a 0-0 score.

Sparked by a costly fumble from Patriots running back Lagerrette

Blount at the beginning of the second quarter, the Falcons recovered the momentum of the contest. Then the Falcons offense began to come together: strong runs from running back Dovanta Freeman and receptions from star receiver Julio Jones got things going. Capped off by a five yard touchdown run from Freeman, the Falcons drew first blood.

The Falcons came back with a quick five play touchdown drive. Quarterback Matt Ryan connected with his rookie tight end Austin Hooper for a 19-yard touchdown strike.

Following multiple penalties, Tom Brady and the Patriots began to move into Falcons territory. The only blemish on Brady's resume for the day came courtesy of a Robert Alford interception and 82-yard touchdown return, leaving the Patriots in a 21-0 hole.

The Patriots were able to show a little life by the end of the half and scraped together a drive that resulted in a field goal, leaving New En-

gland with a 21-3 deficit going into halftime.

After the break, it appeared that the contest would continue under Falcons control. In their second drive of the half, the Falcons put together another lengthy touchdown drive, completed by a quick pass from Ryan to running back Tevin Coleman.

As the third quarter ran on, the Patriots began their assault. A 12-play drive capped off by a James White five-yard receiving touchdown from Brady. The Patriots then missed the extra point, leaving the score at 28-9 as the third quarter ended.

The Patriots defense then stepped up and caused a three and out. Once they got the ball again, they marched it down to the Atlanta 15-yard-line, where they were then forced to kick a field goal, leaving the game 28-12.

The Falcons attempted to close it out in the next series with a long drive but fell short, following a sack fumble courtesy of Dante Hightower. This gave the ball to Brady on the Atlanta 25 yard line. After four straight completions Brady reached the end zone to wide receiver Danny Amendola. Then a direct snap to James White resulted in a successful two-point conversion as he plunged through the Falcons defense, resulting in a 28-20 score with just under six minutes remaining in the game.

Then Matt Ryan and the Falcons had a chance to run out the clock. Following a crucial acrobatic catch by Julio Jones on a third down, it appeared the Falcons might just be able to hold off Brady. Despite driv-

ing into Patriots territory, the Falcons were unable to capitalize and had to punt.

This left Tom Brady three and a half minutes and 91 yards to go. Like a surgeon, he dissected the Falcons defense, picking them apart in a 10-play touchdown scoring drive. This left them just two points short, leading to a quick screen to receiver Danny Amendola who just was able to cross the goal line, tying the ballgame at 28.

The game went into overtime, and the Patriots won the coin flip giving the future Hall of Famer the ball. With all the momentum and the calmness of a seasoned veteran captaining the ship, the Patriots drove 75 yards on eight plays. The Patriots gave their running back James White the ball, where he pushed his way into the end zone for his third and final touchdown.

This was the ninth Super Bowl for the Patriots organization, the most in NFL history. The Falcons remain in a championship drought as they have never won a Super Bowl.

For Brady, he is able to stand alone having been the only quarterback to win five Super Bowls, passing Terry Bradshaw and Hall of Famer Joe Montana, whom each have four of their own.

Super Bowl LI will no doubt be considered one of the greatest and most historic games in NFL history.

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The art of advertising

When Super Bowl commercials become a cultural phenomenon

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In 1967, the first year the Super Bowl was broadcasted, a 30 second commercial spot cost \$298,045 in today's dollars. For Super Bowl LI, the same time slot costs \$5.02 million. At the time, \$42,000 certainly wasn't an inconsequential amount of money, but the almost exponential growth speaks to something much larger than the proliferation of football and viewing options.

The Super Bowl has become something of a purely American holiday. Chips, dip, wings and the commercials. Even people who would never think about watching football find themselves at a Super Bowl party more often than not.

The advertisers know that more eyes than ever will be on these ads, because for many, watching them is the entertainment. It's the one time advertisers don't have to be concerned about the uninterested public because viewers actually want to see these commercials.

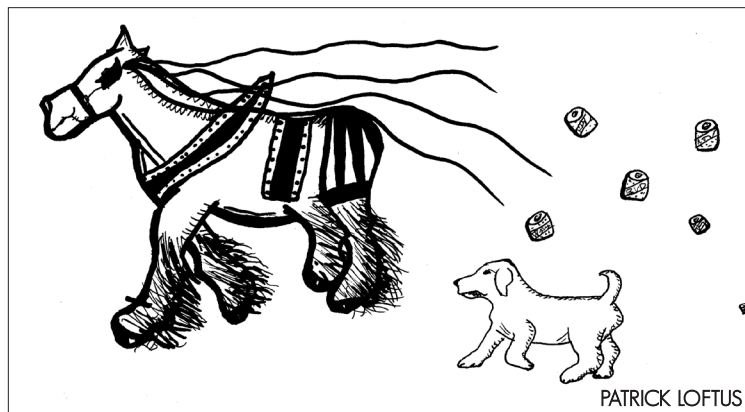
It's cliché at this point, but the ads have literally become just as big as the game. The stakes this has created could not be higher. Beyond the money involved in purchasing a slot, production costs can be in the millions of dollars as well, and if you put out a dud, the negative reaction to the ad can be injury to insult after

blowing all of that cash in the first place.

The incredible thing about this is the creativity and diversity the circumstances have created for these ads. You can't just run one of your standard pieces or the reaction will be as lukewarm as ever. The viewership expects something that they

you doing with your money?" They literally did, but it was also a roaring success. It fathered a group of anti-ads, which continues to this day: commercials that are fully aware of their absurdity and commercialism.

They are typified by the Old Spice ads, which first ran during the Super Bowl in 2010, and have been syn-



have never seen before, and as a result, companies have responded with some innovative, iconic and almost artistic commercials. It has become an artform, in that they very often comment on themselves.

E-Trade ran a commercial in 2000 that featured a monkey in an E-Trade shirt and two elderly men clapping to lacookaratch for 30 seconds. The text after is, "well we just wasted 2 million dollars. What are

onymous with the brand ever since with their absurdist animation and quick fire dialog.

One of my personal favorites over the last few years was an Esurance commercial that aired right after the game had ended, and it was just a purple background with white titles that said, "By taking the first spot after the game ended, we saved 2.5 million dollars. Imagine what we can do for you."

The appeal to cuteness has always been a staple; puppies, clydesdales and that one little kid using the force have warmed our hearts for years during the big game.

Iconic athletes and pop culture stars have made numerous appearances. Bird and Jordan played the world's most ridiculous game of horse. Mean Joe Green, in what many consider the most significant Super Bowl commercial of all time, tosses a kid a Coke. What's maybe most interesting however, is that these ads often bet and even break set advertising standards. In 1996, Pepsi ran the "delivery guys" commercial, in which a Pepsi driver convinces a Coke driver to try a Pepsi, putting Coke in their commercial. More recently Budweiser's "whassap" commercial, which prominently features dudes being dudes, has the beers simply in the background, proliferating the now common "life style" ad.

Apple's "1984" ad is what many credit as the turning point for Apple as they were about the release of the Macintosh and break IBM's big brother-esque hold on the personal computer industry. Their significance and cultural sway speaks for itself, but development and originality are universally appreciated no matter where you stand on the game itself.

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The last month for WU Basketball teams to up their chances for the NWC tournament



Top: Senior Alex Wert defends a Pacific Lutheran University player at the arc.
Bottom: Junior Nico Troplent playing defense against a Puget Sound player at home last Sunday



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MEN

Bearcat Basketball returned to action this past weekend at the Cone Field House, with the men's and women's teams taking on Pacific Lutheran (PLU) and Puget Sound.

Willamette came out strong in the first half and played toe to toe with PLU. Nonetheless, the Lutes were able to gain a 34-27 lead toward the end of the half, until the Bearcats strung together some clutch shots to narrow down the lead. A clutch two-pointer by Senior Johnny Verduin in the paint with 40 seconds left narrowed the Lutes' lead to five points.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the first half came when PLU's Foreman missed a 3-point shot with six seconds left, and Senior Hayden Russell ran the ball upcourt and nailed a toss up 3-pointer just as time expired. His shot narrowed the Lutes' lead to two points entering halftime.

In the second half, Pacific Lutheran and Willamette exchanged leads a few times, until PLU went on a tear, outscoring the Bearcats 20-2, leaving about nine minutes left in the game. PLU dominated most of the second half, and led by 22 points.

Against Puget Sound on Sunday, the Bearcats and Loggers went back and forth, with five ties and four lead changes in the first half. Willamette played excellent defense in the first 20 minutes. Sophomore CJ Walker had three blocks and Johnny Verduin put up two more. In addition, the boys held the Loggers to just a 29.4 percent field goal percentage.

In the second half the lead changes continued until the Loggers were able to build up a 55-48 point deficit with around four minutes remaining. Puget Sound's performance at the free-throw line had a lot to do with the end result. The Loggers shot 73 percent at the free throw line, hitting 19 of 26 on the night. The Loggers went on to win 70-62.

The Bearcats host Lewis & Clark at home on Friday, Feb. 10.

WOMEN

A slow start did not stop the Lady Bearcats on Saturday night against PLU, as they topped the Lutes 71-41. Senior Kylie Towry and junior Marissa Hamilton both put up 13 points on the night, senior Alex Wert grabbed nine boards and freshman Drew Farmer dropped five dimes on the night. Towry went 3-4 from beyond the arc, and had four steals. Hamilton converted 2-3 3-pointers and four of six field goals.

All-in-all, the Bearcat Women played a great game. They shot 51.1 percent field goals and sunk 10 of 22 3-pointers. They also knocked down 13-18 free throws.

On Saturday night, the Bearcats looked to build off of their last win, hosting the Puget Sound Loggers.

The ladies exploded from the get-go, quickly gaining an 8-0 lead to start the game. Some 3-pointers allowed the Bearcats to hold a commanding 14-5 lead with about five minutes left in the first quarter. The Loggers answered by stringing together some baskets to reduce the lead, but the Bearcats answered back and led the Loggers 21-17 at the end of the first quarter.

At the start of the second quarter, The Bearcats held a 29-22 lead until Puget Sound retaliated with a 7-0 run that tied the game up. The Loggers were able to hang on to a three point lead entering halftime.

Some quick baskets by WU in the third quarter allowed for the Bearcats to take a five point lead, until the Loggers once again showed their fight, exploding for a 13-0 run. From this point on, Willamette was not able to regain the lead, as the Loggers slowly started to pull away with the win.

A big achilles heel for the Lady Bearcats in this one was the uneven distribution of rebounds. The Loggers outrebounded Willamette 42-26, as freshman Jamie Lange grabbed an astounding 18 boards on the night.

The Willamette women now sit at 11-10 overall, and 4-8 in the NWC. Next up for the Bearcats is Lewis & Clark, who come to Cone Field House on Friday, Feb. 10.

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this week in sports

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<p>AARON ODA STAFF WRITER</p> <p>With the world of sports being a little slow right now because football just ended and the baseball season is about two months away, I can catch you up pretty quickly.</p> <p>The year in sports has shown us that anything can happen, and a game isn't over until the fat lady sings. Villanova won the National Championship on a buzzer beater, Clemson won on the last drive, both the Cubs and Cavaliers came back from 3-1 deficits and, most recently, the Patriots came back from 25 points in the third quarter to win Super Bowl LI. After all of these amazing championship games, I got inspired to create a new section called "Huh?"</p> <p>These statements will be about everyday life and sports. They come from my favorite T.V. anchor back home in Hawaii named Joe Moore.</p>		<p>"Huh?"</p> <p>This week I dedicate my inaugural "Huh?" to my mother who gave me Moore's book over break, and to all the people who are about to give up on their New Year's resolution.</p> <p>"The first thing you have to remember when going on a diet is that goodies are baddies."</p> <p>-Joe Moore</p> <p>NBA</p> <p>This week in the NBA we will focus on an individual effort by Russell Westbrook. If you don't know who he is, you should start following him while you can. Westbrook, this season, is averaging a triple double, which means he is averaging double digits in three different categories. With 52 of the 82-game season completed, Westbrook is averaging 31.0 points, 10.3 assists and 10.4 rebounds per game. No</p>	<p>player has averaged a triple double this late into the season since Wilt Chamberlin, who is also the last and only player to average a triple double. Chamberlin completed this feat in the 1961-1962 season.</p> <p>What makes this accomplishment even more special is that after the team lost superstar Kevin Durant, Westbrook has literally put the team on his back and has led the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 30-22 record as well as playoff contention.</p> <p>NCAA Men's Basketball</p> <p>This past weekend we saw something pretty crazy happen with the No. 2 and No. 3 teams losing on the same day. Baylor, who was the second ranked team, lost to unranked Kansas State by a score of 56-54. With Baylor down by two points and six seconds left on the clock,</p>	<p>they missed a game tying lay up and got another chance by grabbing the offensive rebound, but missed once again.</p> <p>No. 3 Kansas lost to the unranked Iowa State by a score of 92-89 in overtime. Going into this game, Kansas had a 51-game winning streak at home, which was the longest home winning streak in college basketball. Iowa State had other plans on Saturday night by shooting absolutely lights out from the 3-point line and making 18 of them, which was good enough for 53 percent from that range.</p> <p>Another team to note is No. 1 Gonzaga, the only undefeated team left in college basketball. This past weekend they blew out Santa Clara by a score of 90-55.</p> <p>Till next week, K DEN!</p>		

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Introducing Intramurals Weekly

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Welcome to the first edition of Intramurals Weekly! We hope you've all had a great start to 2017. As the semester progresses, opportunities on campus continue to arise and one of those is intramural sports. Intramurals serve as a fun and inclusive environment in which you can escape the library blues and take an hour or two off from the real world.

This past week we kicked off the 555 basketball leagues with preseason games. Teams from each of the three leagues, coed beginner, coed competitive and men's came ready to play with hopes of taking home the intramural champions t-shirts. Although the first official week of season is typically a frenzy of signing waivers and collecting team fees, after recruiting a reliable referee squad of only the best and brightest, the intramural staff is prepared and expecting a fun and competitive season. #doitfortheshirt #dontretireplayintramurals

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Revisiting sizeism: Ideas change slowly, actions even more so

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Self-acceptance and self-love are not, as it turns out, the same thing.

I still sit in class, glance at the woman I want to be talking to, and wilt. Instead of staring at her, I stare longingly at the ultra-thin, sparkling girls — not because I want them, but because I want to be like them.

I'm not thin, and my survival technique has been to assume that I need a really good reason to spend time around other people. Some folks blatantly think less of me for what I look like, and I've expanded the list of suspects to include everyone I know just in case.

There's nothing wrong with that, exactly, except that it's possible she thinks I hate her. It's possible that flirting with the thin white girl in our class and talking with everyone in the whole world other than her didn't communicate to her how much I wanted to be talking to her. I mean using what might be her internalized racism to hide from what definitely is my internalized sizeism officially makes me a monster.

I don't want to be her ally, I want to be her lover. I don't want to fight for her because it's the right thing to do. I want to fight for her because I love her, and that's what you do for people you love.

“I guess there must be something really wrong with me if I need all that help.”

Saying things out loud helps.

I mean there are books telling me how to love my fat body and books telling my fat self how to fuck. I guess there must be something really wrong with me if I need all that help.

Sometimes I wish I was not

even on the same planet as her. I wish I'd never met her, or to never see or talk to her again, so I could go back to being lonely and unaware.

This is the kind of thing I do need help with.

last two decades, and I don't know how to make everything right, even myself. I don't know how to fix my little corner of the world because I'm terrified I'd hurt her in some way I'm never going to deserve forgiveness for. I'm afraid I really don't deserve to be loved, and maybe I just proved that by pushing away someone I can't stop caring about however hard I try.

In truth, I don't think I'm really fooling anyone except her, and I don't know whether to be relieved or angry at myself for that.

The kind of thing I could use some support on isn't figuring out that my body is still a body, (or at least relatively functional one most of the time). Still, I spent my entire life trying to be thin and pretty, convinced it would fix my world. I got what I wanted for a few months once, before my body started to collapse in on itself. I was perfect and confident, and maybe she would have wanted that version of me more. Maybe I will always want that version of me more.

Besides, loving someone isn't really the same as wanting to see them naked. I've got a lot of love in my life, but I could use some more of the naked variety.

I used to think I would just wait until I got thin again. That's not such a bad proposition, except that I threw up on purpose for years on end and then for a year not on purpose. I'm lucky I can eat at all, that I can work and attend classes.

It's not such a bad idea to wait, except that I've wished my whole life to be wanted just for myself, regardless of my weight. I don't think I want to be thin until I find someone who will love me just as much at the weight I am now.

All those people who suggest any action is better than none, who say things like, “what's the worst that could happen?” You have clearly never actually been invested in the outcome of an interaction with an actual human being. Ever. So do not pretend to know what you are talking about.

I want to be good and kind, and save her from me and my not-good-enough body.

Somebody tell me how to be her hero. That's all I really want to be.

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Islamophobia persists in national consciousness

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Islamaphobia has only recently taken center-stage in the media here in the U.S., but that doesn't mean it hasn't been prevalent in society for a long time. From the examples we see on television and social media to hatred we see in small towns, Islamophobia is like a dangerous virus that snakes throughout the country. I have seen firsthand how the toxic ideals of hatred can split towns and expose intolerance.

Last year, when I was a senior in high school, my small town had its first big encounter with Islamophobia. A woman verbally and physically attacked a man who was openly praying in the park. The assault was recorded on a phone, and it quickly went viral in my small town, Castro Valley, California.

When I first heard about it I was sure that the woman would be arrested for assault and that the community would shame her in some way. However, much to my surprise, my town was divided on the issue.

This confused me. How could people support violence as a response to others exercising their religious freedom? It seemed so clear that the woman was in the wrong for attacking the man, using slurs against him and blatantly being racist.

But it was obvious that a lot of people in my town supported her actions. In my local newspaper, The Castro Valley Forum, the Letters to the Editor section exploded with comments of hatred, and with support for the violent actions demonstrated by the woman. Remarks about, “those people” and “terrorists” splashed throughout the column.

What was happening? This was my town. This was where I grew up! People were really racist here? Not just a few, but rather, a large

percentage of the population of the town. Now I will admit that I was really sheltered as a kid: being a middle class, multiracial light-skinned female who really never traveled much, I was never exposed to racism and blatant intolerance.

I had heard stories from my father, a Hispanic, African-American, Native American, who grew up in the deep South, about racist encounters he had growing up. However, I had always assumed that it was the location. This small town was different; this is California we are talking about.

Yet once this incident happened, I started to see racism and Islamophobia everywhere. I noticed elderly white people (a large population of my town) who glared at me and my friends in a restaurant, and the store clerk who followed me around the store.

People were on edge after the attack — an attack that victimized a peaceful Islamic man.

The Letters to the Editor kept coming, and I was sick of it. So, my friend and I decided to write back. During Journalism class, we wrote our own Letter to the Editor, which fervently opposed the racists viewpoints of the people so much older than us. The week went by and we were published!

The morning it came out, the principal came into our class. He whispered to our Journalism teacher, and I was sure that we were in some serious trouble because we had signed our names and affiliated ourselves with the high school's newspaper, The Olympian. However, the principal instead congratulated us for standing up for the ideals the school supported — love, strength, acceptance and tolerance.

The prideful moment was short-lived. The next week, the letters were just as aggressive. However, this time the “elders” of the community were convinced that a couple of girls had no idea

what we were talking about. We were accused of playing adult, not knowing what we were saying, not understanding the world and being naive.

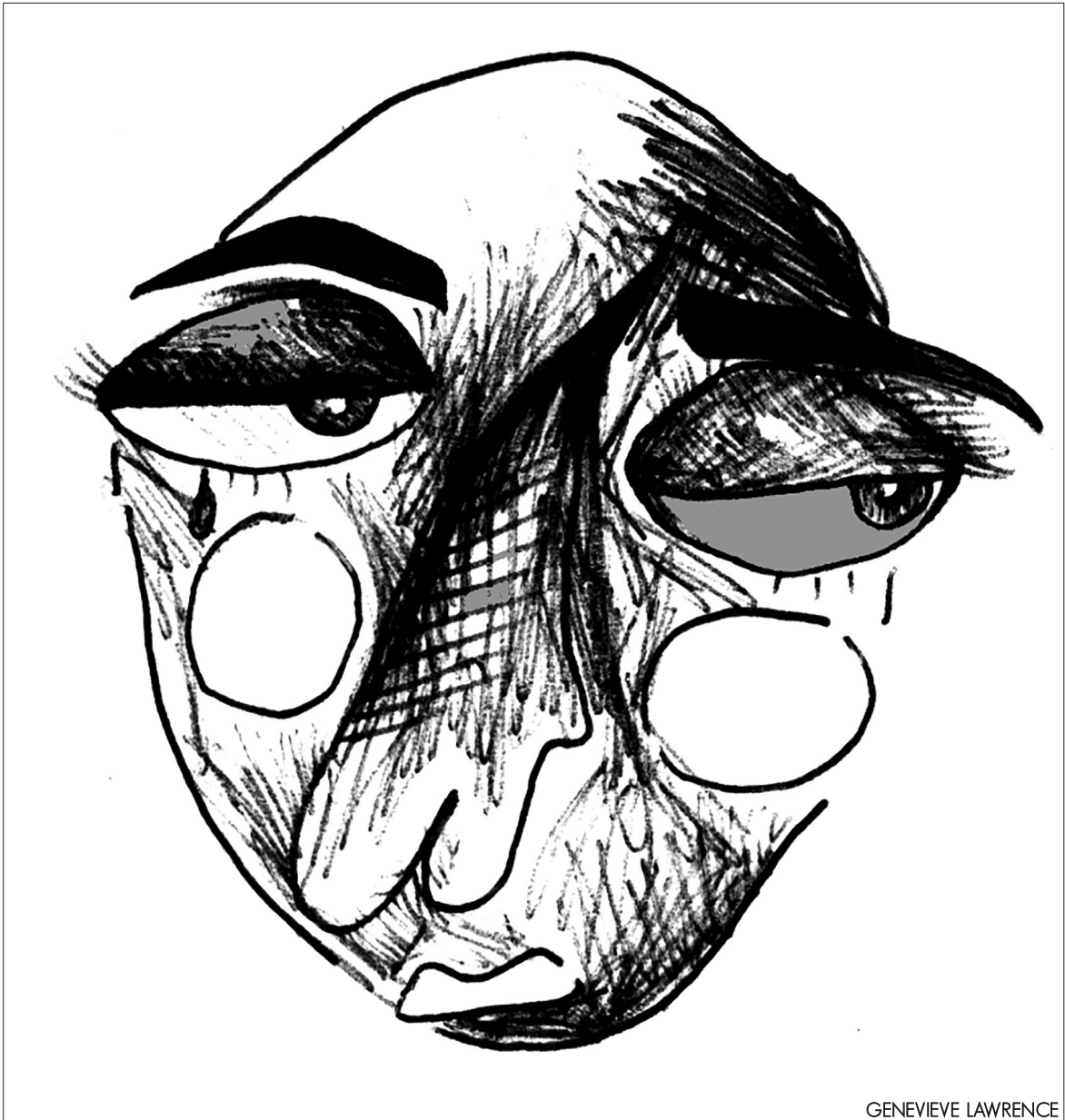
I wish this story had a happy ending, but it is only bittersweet. The woman did end up getting prosecuted, and the racists slithered back into the shadows. However, the prevalence of these ideals stained the history of my town.

It only takes a few public demonstrations of intolerance to give people the confidence to reveal their racist ideas and pursue racist goals. I am afraid that the results of the actions from the Trump Administration will be similar to what I experienced, only on a national scale.

Now it is imperative that we protect everyone, no matter what their religious practices are. I am not calling for a revolution, but

for some love. Love those who are different, and where there is violence, preach peace. Where there is hate, contribute love instead. Islamophobia won't go away overnight, but we can aid in its demise immediately, beginning with where we are.

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Trump clashes with the federal reserve

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While not the most glamorous of topics, the biggest collision course the executive branch may experience in the upcoming year is with the Federal Reserve. Our new federal government has listed jobs and domestic economic growth as items of top importance. This prioritization will be put to the test right away, given all the recent threats to businesses that have considered outsourcing. Thus the Federal Reserve has the ability to throw a wrench into the middle of all this “trumped up” talk.

Commonly referenced as “the most powerful woman in the world,” Chair of the Federal Reserve Janet Yellen has let Trump know that she will not be intimidated. With one more year in her presidentially-appointed position, she has made it clear what the monetary policy agenda of the federal reserve is, and that this will not change in the face of possible conflict with the new administration. She even acknowledged she probably will not be reappointed in 2018. Meanwhile, she has reaffirmed her commitment to a politically independent Federal Reserve with its own vision of what economic growth looks like.

The woman who can possibly stump Trump’s economic agenda has quite effectively hit the administration’s promises where they will really hurt. The president has consistently discussed a G.D.P. growth rate of around four percent, denying predictions of a “new normal”

era of lower growth. The Federal Reserve has politely rejected this projection and released economic projections that place the long-term rate of G.D.P. growth at slightly under two percent a year. That would essentially render Trump’s plans a failure.

Part of this difference is due to a Federal Reserve that envisions higher interest rates, which would be a signal of economic strength. However, the cost of borrowing would increase as a result, thus hindering higher G.D.P. growth prospects. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as more modest levels of consistent growth could prove to be far more beneficial for jobs than encouraging a higher G.D.P. through artificially low borrowing costs.

With consistent clues that interest rate hikes will come in the near future and the cost of borrowing will increase, the administration and Fed are also at odds policy-wise regarding another crucial part of Trump’s domestic agenda — infrastructure spending. Trump must begin to play nice with Yellen and the Fed, as the cost of borrowing could mean a lot to an infrastructure spending plan with figures in the ballpark of the \$1 trillion area.

This is particularly true since Trump plans to generate this massive stimulus while cutting taxes, which many estimates predict will place another \$5 trillion burden on the national debt (now around \$19.9 trillion). Spending that much would rely heavily on the cost of borrowing, which is about to get



more expensive, according to the Federal Reserve.

The irony in all of this is that Yellen is also one of the more open dovish members on the Board of Governors of the Fed, meaning that her policies would tend to support low borrowing costs and fiscal stimulus. Yet pressure has been placed on the Fed to normalize monetary policy and to essentially stop “propping up” the economy. Trump actually criticized Yellen and the Fed for using monetary policy to help Obama’s agenda, while his own policy becomes quite familiar

when you look at his plans for infrastructure spending.

At the end of the day, the same questions about Trump and his plans always meet an administrative response of “well, we just have to wait and see.” Nonetheless, there are some concrete actions that can be taken by the remnants of Obama’s administration that can severely hinder some goals that Trump has in mind. Yellen would be the wrong person to mess with given such a large economic stimulus plan.

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Value empathy

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A lot of discussions about inclusion and social justice focus on theory and intellectual ideas. We need to shift the conversation away from the typical intellectual discussion and toward one that considers feelings and the subjective.

While it is plenty good and useful to fit our experiences into theoretical frames, that sometimes comes at the cost of humanizing one another.

We can talk about theory until the end of time. We can plan for the revolution in which Marx’s prediction of a working class overthrow of the bourgeoisie comes to fruition built up of an intersectional coalition, but also, let’s get real.

We live in an age of mass surveillance, and a government that holds weaponry that no form of militant resistance can overcome. I am also thoroughly uninterested in violent revolution, or even overthrowing the government for that matter, because new ways of concentrating power will eventually arise.

The truth is that the long term project of equity is largely an emotional one. Despite our often poorly-informed notions of what the military and other disciplinary institutions are like, as we characterize them as masculine and built on rigid, concrete forms of discipline, those who run these organizations very well know that conditioning is a psychological (read: emotional) matter.

In exploring my own habit of intellectualizing my feelings of marginalization, I have come to see that what is described as an “immature” coping mechanism in therapeutic discourse is often promoted in academic spaces. We are not being true to the ideas of the critics we celebrate.

I firmly believe that the end of racism will come with the beginning of mass empathy. I recently read an article in which some rich, capitalist, hyper-masculine old guy said that empathy should not be valued because it prevents us from making good long-term decisions. While we might have a knee-jerk reaction to that sentiment, it is quite culturally normalized to believe men like this.

We so often say we don’t have time to listen, build relationships and give time off to ourselves because there is so much work to be done.

Are you living to work? Depression, anxiety and narcissism are beginning to characterize our society, rather than being seen as issues to be combatted. (Let’s consider the public dialogue leading up to election of our current president.)

No one will ever come to build empathy by reading academic texts. I’m not calling for anyone to stop doing so, either. What I am suggesting is that the average white student, straight student, cisgender student, realize that you exclude us, that you marginalize us, force us into hiding even when we are right in front of you.

More people are queer than you think. We often don’t mention it right away, and when you indicate that you assume we are straight, we become much less inclined to share.

We need to hope President Trump fails

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I have recently noticed the Facebook newsfeed of one particular girl from my high school who appears to have fancied herself a staunch defender of free speech. I have seen her share multiple Facebook posts of Milo Yiannopoulos, and she mourned the cancellation of his speech at Berkeley, and condemned the assault on Richard Spencer that has since become a viral meme. Yet, when people make inferences about about her beliefs in the comments, she claims to be misrepresented.

She states that she is simply defending the right to one’s own opinion and speech. In my mind, this is a false supposition. To hope for justice and decency in this world is to hope for the end of mentalities like those of Spencer and Yiannopoulos.

Let me state clearly now that I don’t condone the violence that occurred in response to those two men. As has been written many times, violent action in response to even the most vile and disgusting viewpoints does those viewpoints (and those expressing them) a favor.

Is it a tragedy that Yiannopoulos was unable to speak? No. It was a tragedy that his cause was aided by his inability to speak. It is a tragedy that the Left now appears much more militant than they have in the past.

Yiannapolous and Spencer have used their platform to hurt innocent human beings. That doesn’t mean we should violently suppress

them, but we should do our best to ensure that they aren’t heard.

This brings me to my other point: many have often asked whether or not we should hope that Donald Trump will be a successful president. I have always

and depriving people of reproductive rights are all things he stated he planned to do. Hoping that he is successful is shameful, morally reprehensible and is the closest a political stance has gotten to making me vomit.

“Asking me to tolerate the intolerable deserves no compliance, and if I’m told to accept the situation, my response is you have to accept that the situation is unacceptable.”

been puzzled by the question. This sentiment, expressed by those closer to the middle of the political spectrum, feels out of touch (the sentiment being that we should hope Trump is “successful”).

By all indications, no human being could possibly associate any of Trump’s ambitions with success. Banning Muslims, building a wall

My father defends these statements, insisting that we should hope Trump is successful in bringing jobs and economic stability back to this country (though his means are likely to be ineffective). To this I say, maybe, but his means, whether or not they achieve their intended purpose, will be at the cost of more important causes.

For starters, environmental regulation and research into alternative energy are likely to be gutted. Showing any such support for these policies is simply repulsive, whether or not you want jobs brought back to America. I’m not going to hope for these policies to be successful because I want us to find ways to make our economy function without relying on coal.

So no, don’t preach to me about neutrality, about keeping an open mind or about getting behind our leader. Forget that. Such self-righteousness and willful ignorance of everything our new leader has said and done so far will not sway me from opposing him.

Those old American clichés about respecting the electoral process and getting behind whomever our leader is are no longer relevant. If our ethical values, basic human decency and compassion are going out the door, which it certainly appears they are doing, then those clichés must follow them. Asking me to tolerate the intolerable deserves no compliance, and if I’m told to accept the situation, my response is you have to accept that the situation is unacceptable. I don’t believe in punching Nazis, but I believe in punching their beliefs, and when you mourn Yiannopoulos not speaking in a public setting, mourn it because it hurts the case against him. But don’t forget that there’s likely a marginalized person that’s being saved from humiliation and harassment due to his silence.

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Humans of Willamette

What is the worst advice you have ever received?



Rie Tanabe
Environmental and Earth Sciences
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“The worst advice I have ever gotten is someone telling me either to not have a dog when I have kids or to let the dog die before I have kids.”



Maggie Chapin
Undeclared
Buffalo, Wyoming
Freshman

“Do a polar bear plunge! They aren’t that cold.”



Kaylyn Stirton
Exercise Science
Cottonwood, California
Sophomore

“Probably when I was told that I should cut off my hair to [a length] shorter than my chin. It was like I had a coconut head.”



Bradley Arvola
Undeclared
Greeley, CO
Freshman

“One time my dad was driving me to my girlfriend’s house in high school and he was like, ‘you know about the boy/girl thing, right?’ And I said, ‘no Dad, I don’t.’ And he’s like, ‘Just don’t do it.’ So that’s the worse advice I’ve ever heard.”

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Goudy Commons to be awarded
third Michelin Star



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The Café Bon Appetit executive chef announced yesterday that its world-famous dining hall, Goudy Commons, is going to be awarded its third Michelin star this March.

Goudy was the first university dining hall to be recognized by the prestigious French guide book, something Café Bon Appetit’s executive chef is very proud of.

“To be the first university to get a star, not to mention three, is absolutely incredible. It’s a dream come true. It was never really about the awards though, that’s not what gets me up in the morning. Honestly, I just love to see the kids smile as we give them healthy, delicious food. They love us. I mean, I can’t even remember the last time we got a complaint,” he said.

The head critic for the Michelin Food Guide said that one of the rea-

sons Goudy was given a third star this year was because of its shift in focus. The eatery’s emphasis was no longer only on great food, but the whole dining experience.

When commenting on this change, she said, “Goudy has the perfect mix of classic university eating and contemporary dining. Students never have to wait in lines, each meal is made to order and, on many nights, the restaurant even stops providing diners with forks, instead making them use spoons. It’s something we’ve never seen before and we love it.”

Of course, it still comes down to the food, and with specialties like soggy lettuce and overcooked salmon, it is no wonder that visitors from around the globe are satisfying their appetites with a trip to Willamette’s own 3-star Michelin dining hall.

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