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SPORTS

Outdoor relaxation for the spring season

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When the sunshine makes its return and the banks of the Mill Stream are suddenly filled with shirtless, Birkenstock-clad students, you know what time it is: Spring.

For Bearcats, even only moderately warm weather is an excuse to shed layers of clothing and run around as if it's the middle of July.

Endless hours are spent lounging in the sun, enjoying the beautiful weather and dreaming of summer's approach.

Usually, this bliss doesn't arrive until April.

This year, however, spring decided to make an appearance a little early.

The sun came out and suddenly that spring fever was in the air—in February.

While it is a blessing to bike to school without my hands feeling like they're going to freeze off, it's an absolute bane to my productivity.

One harmless Tuesday last week, my life plan turned very quickly from "I'll just eat lunch outside with you guys" to "I'll just use my laptop to write out here" to "Wow, the sun is setting and I have achieved virtually nothing."

While I most certainly could use the vitamin D, my thesis took a major blow and I quickly realized that this trend could not continue. I would have to return to the deep, dark depths of the library with the more responsible students.

But we've all been there, and if this sun continues, we'll all be there again.

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NEWS

30 protest at faculty meeting Profs search for ways to increase diversity

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Before the faculty meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24, an estimated 30 students gathered in front of Montag wearing buttons that read "We need professors of color."

Sophomore Alexis Jimenez held a sign that read "More queer and non-binary brown/black professors."

Jimenez said the protesters were there to show Willamette faculty that students care about diversity in the classroom and on campus.

The students said they would like to see a conversation between faculty members and students on the issue.

"The lack of professors of color shows that Willamette doesn't put it as a main priority on their list."

In Jimenez's opinion, this faculty discussion is a step in the right direction.



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Vanessa Luna (left, with "Save AES sign") and Gabriela Romo (right, with "We need professors of color") protest in front of Montag on Feb. 24.

NEWS

Stout: Blue lights report 0 calls



PALOMA HENNESSY

Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout said he isn't sure that more blue lights, which students requested, increase safety on campus.

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Campus Safety installed three emergency blue light phones in the past nine months, according to director Ross Stout. There are now eight blue light phones on campus.

Stout called the increase a grassroots effort.

"Students articulated that this is something they value," Stout said.

ASWU President Andrés Oswill said that a student safety committee expressed interest in the blue lights last year. A summer safety survey conducted by ASWU confirmed that interest.

The first blue light phone appeared on campus in 2008 in conjunction with the Kaneko remodel, according to Stout.

Willamette already has red box emergency phones at almost every building

on campus, according to a campus map.

The difference, Stout said, is that while red box phones are "just phones"—meaning the caller still has to dial a number to connect—blue light phones direct the caller to Campus Safety with the push of a button.

The blue light phones also do not require the caller to be able to speak.

Instead, a recording gives the location of the activated phone so Campus Safety can send an officer to the scene.

Blue light phones are installed with the goal of having another light be visible from where you're standing. But because each blue light phone costs between five and seven thousand dollars, Ross predicts that buying enough phones to reach that goal will take time.

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OPINIONS

Major charms: How to find your patronus

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GUEST WRITER

It is incredibly helpful to know what kind of Patronus you possess. And no, I don't mean what kind of Patronus you like best.

The invention of the Patronus is only one of approximately 100 million amazing things that J.K. Rowling invented in Harry Potter, but it is also one of the most important.

Without the Patronus Charm, Harry would have died on the train, not to mention during the near-fatal Quidditch match in "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban."

The Patronus Charm is meant as a protection spell that works when the caster calls upon their most happy, cherished memories while reciting the words "Expecto Patronum." This summons the shape of the animal you have the most affinity with.

Harry's is a stag, which

seems fairly straightforward—he cannot seem to stay out of the Forbidden Forest, and he is kind-hearted and takes after his father.

Other characters have Patronus forms that also illustrate interesting facets of their personalities.

Ron's is a Jack Russell terrier, which is fitting because of his jokester energy and pliancy. Hermione's is an otter because she is extremely intelligent and has a hidden snarky, playful side.

However, the most heart-breaking Patronus is Snape's, which takes the form of a doe because of his eternal love for Lily Potter.

The characters that know what form their Patronuses take have an advantage over the rest of the plebeian populace—self-knowledge.

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6 faculty granted tenure, 4 promoted to professor

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During the meeting that day, faculty members divided into small groups to discuss proposed ways to improve faculty diversity and to brainstorm new ideas.

The meeting concluded after a member from each group shared what they had discussed with the rest of the faculty.

A representative from the *Collegian* was asked to leave the meeting, after faculty decided that they did not want media to be present.

Professor of religious studies Stephen Patterson provided information about the meeting. He said that higher education has been a haven for white privilege, and therefore there is a tremendous need to hire a diverse faculty.

He said that this problem is not unique to Willamette; every college and university has this deficiency that burdens people of color who wish to go into academia.

“Everybody sees that there’s a tremendous need. We see all of the students

“Everybody sees that there’s a tremendous need [for diversity].”

Stephen Patterson
Professor of Religious Studies

standing on the plaza and we understand” Patterson said. “The question is, how do we recruit new faculty who will bring new perspectives to Willamette in a way that is welcoming, supportive and respectful, and does not unwittingly undermine their chance of success?”

He added: “We must remember that asking a new faculty member to come and bring greater diversity to your institution is not exactly the most attractive invitation. If you hire a biologist, you can’t impose the additional burden of being ‘the diversity biologist.’ Nobody wants that job.”

CLA Dean Marlene Moore said that the Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC) and the Council on Diversity and Social Justice facilitated the faculty meeting.

The MAC provided a list of draft recommendations to the faculty members, who were asked to fill out a card with ideas that they supported before they left the meeting.

“We are currently compiling a list of those suggestions and will circulate it to the faculty for review as part of developing the plan,” Moore said.

That plan was put in motion by University President Stephen Thorsett in December, when he sent a memo to all the deans at the University charging them to develop plans for increasing diversity at Willamette.

MAC chair and politics professor Michael Marks said that the list of recommendations included three categories: increasing opportunities to hire diverse



Students, who held signs calling for more diversity, gathered in front of Montag on Feb. 24.

faculty, finding ways to support faculty who already teach here and providing more education and programming for faculty so that everyone is committed to inclusiveness on campus.

University issues tenure decisions

In an email sent to faculty after the meeting, the University announced that six faculty members were granted tenure and promoted to associate professor. Four faculty members were promoted to professor.

The new associate professors are David Altman of the physics department, Haiyan Cheng of the computer science department, Emma Coddington of the biology department, Jonneke Koomen of the politics department, Raechelle Mascarenhas of the economics department and Huike

Wen of the Chinese department.

The new professors are Mary Bachvarova of the classics department, Inga Johnson of the math department, Mike Nord of the music department and Juwen Zhang of the Japanese department.

The University is also planning to hire a second associate dean.

“Academic Council and Faculty Council have formed a task force to define the role of the CLA Faculty Associate Dean in the context of current demand for continuity and expertise to support the needs of the CLA faculty in the Dean’s Office,” according to an email written by associate environmental science professor Scott Pike and obtained by the *Collegian*.

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Bookstore lost over \$500K since 2009

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Since 2009, the Willamette Bookstore has lost \$586,469, according to revenue information provided by Bob Olson, the associate vice president for financial affairs.

Monica Rimai, senior vice president for finance and administration, oversees various services at Willamette and appointed Olson to manage the bookstore and oversee its possible evolution.

Olson has visited seven university bookstores in Oregon and Washington to see how they are managed. He said he is considering two main options for altering the Willamette Bookstore.

The first option is to lease it to a third party.

Olson is considering three

companies for managing the store: Follet, Barnes & Noble and Neebo. Olson said that he has not been in contact with any of these companies yet.

If the Bookstore were to be leased to a third party, there may be some changes to the inventory.

“Initially it wouldn’t be anything you would notice,” Olson said. “The biggest changes would probably be that there would be less clothing options, probably a little less on the gifts. But supplies would be strong, a clothing options website would be strong.”

Alix Amo, a senior and Willamette Bookstore employee, is concerned about a third party leasing the store.

“I definitely think it would be a shame to sell the store, just because what makes the store

so great is that it’s part of the University and is a service to students,” she said. “I don’t know if student employees would have the same opportunities to work there, and even if they did it would be a very different atmosphere.”

Rimai stated that the integrity of the bookstore would not be compromised if a third party were to lease it.

“Any relationship that we have, we would have to make sure that didn’t happen,” Rimai said.

The second option is to have the University subsidize the store with money from student tuition. He added that Lewis & Clark has subsidized their bookstore, but they are still losing money.

Don Beckman, former manager of the store, has been acting as consultant for the past four years.

“We can continue with the current staff—they are working very efficiently—but we will not have the consultant role, Don Beckman, as he is ready to move on,” Olson said.

No decisions will be made until feedback from the Willamette community is received.

An open forum will take place Thursday, Mar. 5 at 3:30 p.m. in the Human Resources Training Room in the Executive Building.

“We are having the open forum to let people speak directly who have an interest in it. From a holistic perspective, we’re trying to get the best service for the least amount of cost that is a long-term sustainable enterprise,” Rimai said.

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2 ASWU senators call for more cameras on campus

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Junior senator Anastasia Fedorova announced plans to place security cameras in campus parking lots at the ASWU meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26.

According to Fedorova, not all senators are required to take on their own project, but she said she felt strongly about this issue and wanted to make a difference.

“Nobody’s really doing anything about it,” Fedorova said.

Thirty-two cars have been broken into on campus since the beginning of December. Students said they had items stolen out of their cars in at least 18 of those reports.

The last known break-in occurred almost a month ago.

Associate Director of Campus Safety Rich Dennis said the Salem Police detective he’s been in contact with thinks that the perpetrators are probably in jail on other charges.

Regardless, Fedorova said that she thinks it’s important to increase security measures on campus to keep break-ins from happening in the future.

According to Fedorova, the project is still in its preliminary stages, but she said that she would eventually like to put up signs as well as security cameras.

“I’m seeking opportunities to get more information. To step up and do something, and use my position for

good,” Fedorova said.

Fedorova said that she thinks a single camera would cost over \$100. She said that she will look into funding this project through the Green Initiative Fund.

For her own senate project, freshman senator Maya Gordon is also looking into security cameras for the campus bicycle racks. Fedorova said that she hopes to work with Gordon because their projects are so similar.

Fedorova was sworn in as a senator this semester; she said her biggest reason for joining ASWU was to make campus a safer community.

She hopes to meet with Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout this week in order to discuss the next steps.

ASWU spent the remainder of the meeting discussing which voting system they will use this semester for executive elections.

Senators voted and approved a run-off election system. Smyth clarified the reason for a run-off style election system in an email.

“In the event that we have three or more candidates for any single ASWU executive position, it is unlikely that one of those candidates will receive over 50 percent of the vote,” Smyth wrote. “So, in that situation we would have a run-off election the following day between the top two vote getters.”

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As part of the restructuring within University Services, the Willamette Bookstore may be leased to a third party or could be subsidized by tuition.

Speaker: ‘Are we willing to engage, encounter and critique our own ideas?’

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GUEST WRITER

“Memory of the past is more than just history. It influences our capacity to make decisions in the present,” Kirt Wilson said in his presentation at the University on Monday, Mar. 2.

Wilson, an associate professor of rhetoric and political communication at Pennsylvania State University, presented part of his current research project, “Re-membering the Civil Rights Movement, Re-making Cosmopolitan Relations” to students and faculty.

His research examines how Americans remember the civil rights movement as a domestic—rather than international—event, and also the narrative by which many Americans choose to communicate these collective memories.

During his presentation, Wilson played voice recordings from poet Robert Penn Warren’s original interviews with civil rights leaders, including Claire Collins Harvey, Malcolm X and Stokely Carmichael.

Wilson told the audience that in order to communicate across cultures, individuals must first understand themselves as part of a larger cosmopolitan community.

Wilson defined cosmopolitanism as: “discursive practice that becomes possible during an encounter with an other...that involves critical reflection, dialogue and judgement through an ethic of openness, personal

risk, deliberation and a commitment to a shared future.”

This discourse, Wilson said, is only one strategy that can be used, instead of an all-encompassing solution for change.

In an interview earlier that day, Wilson said it is everyone’s responsibility to interrogate their own understanding of the world.

“Are we willing to engage, encounter and critique our own ideas? For a cosmopolitan future, there is not a need for sameness, but instead a need to interrogate the norms—to work toward a shared future,” Wilson said.

He added that the classroom is a great place to “practice challenging conversations” that will un-

doubtedly arise in everyday life.

Junior Yasmine Genena said she connected with how Wilson’s argument is applicable at Willamette in on-campus interactions.

Matthew Bost, a visiting assistant professor of civic communication and media, said that Wilson’s work can be seen as a model for a liberal arts campus.

“I see [Wilson’s] version of cosmopolitanism as about engaging the experiences of others (and of the past) in order to actively try and change our sense of who we are, and how we relate to other people,” Bost said.

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In his speech, Professor Kirt Wilson of Pennsylvania State University said the classroom is a place to “practice challenging conversations.”

Campus Safety questions utility of blue light phones

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Despite the demand for blue light phones, Stout said that their actual utility is yet to be determined.

“[My] experience is people don’t use them,” Stout said. “They may have been used, but so infrequently that it’s basically zero.”

Stout said this is due to the fact that almost everyone on campus has a cell phone.

“We don’t have the kind of environment where people feel the need to use them,” Stout said. “So that’s good news.”

Willamette Watch employee senior Evan Gordon said that even if the phones are never used, it is better to have them than not.

“You never hope to have to use your airbags in your car,” Gordon said, “but you wouldn’t want to drive a car without them.”

According to Stout, people are comforted by the visual aspect of the blue light phones on campus.

Senior ASWU senator Jerome Sader, a member of the President’s Working Group on Sexual Assault and Harassment, said that preventative safety is better

“Gender-based violence isn’t something that happens just when you’re walking home at night.”

Jerome Sader
President’s Working Group member

than nothing.

He worries, however, that these kinds of measures are missing the point.

“I mean if it makes people feel safe, that’s good,” he said. “But I’m less interested in making people feel safe and more interested in making sure they’re actually safe.”

The President’s Working Group talked about the blue lights in the context of preventing sexual assault. The problem, according to Sader, is that the University misrepresents sexual assault at Willamette.

“Gender-based violence isn’t something that happens just when you’re walking home at night,” Sader said.

According to Sader, the goal of the blue lights is to deter violence, of which sexual assault is only one form. In his experience, however, conversations about the blue

lights have focused on sexual assault.

“It could very well reduce crime on campus, but it doesn’t seem to reduce sexual assault,” Sader said.

Preventative measures, in his opinion, should focus on changing the culture surrounding sexual assault on campus.

He is hopeful that the administration is listening, but thinks both students and administration could be doing more.

What the phones do provide, Sader and Stout both said, is an alternative route to help when cell phones are not accessible or clear communication is not possible.

Looking forward, Stout said he hopes to see one to two new phones installed per year until his goal is reached.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

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Information provided by Campus Safety

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

February 27, 9:46 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety received a report that one of the cubbies had been broken into by prying at the metal clasp with cutlery. It is unclear at this time if anything had been stolen from inside the locker.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

February 28, 12:31 a.m. (Montag Center): Campus Safety received a report concerning an intoxicated student who was disrupting other students. The student was asked to leave the premises, but continued to return. The reporting party stated that the student was bothering multiple people and was clearly intoxicated.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

February 24, 4:43 p.m. (Brown Field): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student with an injured knee. Officers arrived to evaluate the student and confirmed that the knee was dislocated. Paramedics were called and the student was transported to the ER by ambulance.

February 26, 10:45 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student with a high fever. Campus Safety and WEMS evaluated the student and it was determined that they did not need immediate medical attention. The student was advised to make a follow-up appointment the next day.

February 27, 5:03 p.m. (Ford Hall): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student with a dislocated shoulder. WEMS and Campus Safety evaluated the student and determined that the student would need to be transported by ambulance for further medical attention.

February 27, 8:10 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student who was feeling lightheaded after taking prescribed medication. WEMS and Campus Safety evaluated the student, who was then taken to the ER by Campus Safety for further medical treatment.

February 28, 4:38 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student with a fever. WEMS and Campus Safety evaluated

the student and determined that they did not need immediate medical attention. The student was advised to make an appointment with Urgent Care at a later time.

February 28, 12:22 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student who was experiencing severe abdominal pain. WEMS and Campus Safety evaluated the student and determined that the student did not need further medical attention. The student agreed with the assessment.

February 28, 1:51 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student with a sprained neck. The student reported pulling muscles in their neck while waking up. WEMS and Campus Safety determined that the student should be taken to the ER to ensure that no damage to their spine had taken place.

POLICY VIOLATION

February 27, 10:20 a.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): A student received their 23rd parking citation, and their 14th for the school year. Due to multiple restricted violations, the vehicle was towed. A report was forwarded to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

February 25, 11:53 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a report regarding students who were smoking what appeared to be marijuana. The officer made contact with the residents and observed some paraphernalia on the balcony. When asked about the incident, the students admitted to smoking and surrendered their marijuana and paraphernalia.

THEFT

February 26, 4:47 p.m. (Terra House): A student called to report that their rear bike tire had been stolen. The student reported locking up the bike for dinner the previous night; when they returned a few hours later, it was gone.

February 26, 4:47 p.m. (Terra House): A student called to report that their bike’s tires had been stolen. The student reported locking up the bike for dinner the previous night; when they returned a few hours later, the tires were gone.

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

ARTS

If you or a friend have been affected by interpersonal violence, please consider attending Take Back the Night on Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m. in Cat Cavern. This open-mic event, geared toward supporting survivors, will conclude with a candle-light vigil in Jackson Plaza.

For those in the dancing mood, Alianza Club will host Latinidad, an exciting night of hip-moving music and free fruit, on Friday, March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Montag Den.

Students interested in food sustainability should come to Lentil Underground: Renegade Farmers & the Future of Food in America, a discussion about a group of determined farmers in Montana moderated by professor Wendy Petersen Boring. Liz Carlisle, author of "Lentil Underground," and entrepreneur/activist David Oien will appear and sign books on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in Cone Chapel.

Got culture?
Contact Juliana Cohen
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MUSIC REVIEW

Duo THEESatisfaction makes stellar moves

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THEESatisfaction, a musical duo hailing from Seattle, combines the talents of Stasia Irons and Catherine Harris-White, both ex-students at the University of Washington.

Their first album, "awE naturalE," was a mixture of down-to-earth R&B vocals and jazz rap production reminiscent of artists like Lauryn Hill and Digable Planets.

Though their influences weigh heavily upon the record, the album is confident enough in its direction and masterful enough in its blend of those influences to stand on its own.

Coincidentally, THEESatisfaction is also closely linked to the hip-hop outfit Shabazz Palaces, one-half of which, bandleader Ishmael Butler, is a former member of Digable Planets. Both artists have collaborated on each other's albums and toured with one another several times.

On the duo's latest album, "EarthEE," Butler contributes a guest verse on songs "Blandland" and "EarthEE," which prove to be some of the best lyrical spots on the album.

Whereas "awE naturalE" seemed to be more influenced by '90s downtempo, "EarthEE" ventures closer to R&B and neo-soul than anything else. The chord progressions and beat production certainly take pages from the books of

Erykah Badu and D'Angelo.

At the same time, the duo has crafted their own psychedelic and laid-back sound while blending a wide variety of influences.

Much like the look of their album cover, "EarthEE" features production that is on the whole more atmospheric—the synths are more spacey, while the harmonies float and echo limitlessly.

The downside to this spaced-out production means that some tracks can get lost in their own ambience, either cutting off without having really developed their sound or wandering aimlessly for too long.

The opener, "Prophetic Perfection," is a creative and intriguing invitation to the album, but seems, quite literally, to float away into itself after less than two minutes.

Meanwhile, "Post Black Anyway" just lingers in dark-flavored synths and Harmon-muted trumpet sounds for three and a half minutes without ever figuring out its direction.

Despite the misguidance on certain tracks, the intergalactic instrumentation on many songs does manage to create a unique sound.

The track "Planet For Sale" grooves hard, incorporating verses on environmentalism with gorgeous vocal textures.


The lead single, "Recognition," does repetition right, using a subtle beat over the chant "You believe

when you blink, you think that it is insane / Your faithfulness, your dedication / But no work goes without recognition."

Unassuming yet thought-provoking, THEESatisfaction brings a lot to the table on "EarthEE." Though at times a little too heady and disconnected for its own good, the bright spots on the album are a perfect meld of past influences and futuristic sounds.

THEESatisfaction will be opening for Sleater-Kinney at the Crystal Ballroom in Portland on May 5. In addition to THEESatisfaction, Stasia and Catherine operate "Black Weirdo," a blog documenting and celebrating black culture while also hosting parties and running a line of apparel.

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SHAYNA WEIMER

The ladies of THEESatisfaction once worked at Costco together.

These authors feel your pain

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My favorite solution for malaise is a visit to the bookstore.

When I wander up and down the aisles and pause, specifically in the fiction section, I feel comforted. I may have 99 problems, but someone has already written about every single one of them.

The average Book Bin employee may have great recommendations, but you don't really want to pour out your life issues to a total stranger. These ideas should save you the trouble.

If you feel depressed over a rogue who broke your heart: **"Jane Eyre"** by Charlotte Brontë. This novel will let you relive your initial infatuation, torrid love affair and tempestuous breakup while allowing you to exorcise your demons of sadness.

If you are having an existential crisis: **"The Catcher in the Rye"** by J.D. Salinger. Holden is a classic case of teenage angst and rebellion; someone who definitely does not have his shit together. His existential ramblings are pertinent to the collegiate crowd as well—who says we have to act like adults? An alternative, more religious suggestion: **"Franny and Zooey."**

If you want to get better at blogging and/or are in a long-distance relationship: **"Americanah"** by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. This novel explores race and identity through the star-crossed relationship between Ifemelu and Obinze, both immigrants from Nigeria. The novel features long excerpts from Ifemelu's blog, entitled **"Racial Disorder Syndrome"** while also managing to be really funny.

If you want to pretend to be a white, affluent girl from New York City: **"Not That Kind of Girl"** by Lena Dunham. Her memoir is an interesting and diverse collection of essays that detail her college years (where she spent lots of time wearing a sleeping bag coat and not going to class), her turbulent and sometimes triggering love life and her experiences working as a woman in Hollywood.

If you want to break free from social constructs: **"Fear of Flying"** by Erica Jong. The narrator, Isadora Zelda Wing, ditches her husband for a suave jerk of an English psychoanalyst and discovers her sexuality and independence. This novel is famous for introducing the term "zipless fuck" into the cultural lexicon, a sexual encounter free from ulterior motives or emotions, sort of the ancestor of the one-night stand.

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COMEDY CLUB REVIEW

Cherry City’s laugh factory

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Last Friday, in continuation of my quest to find something to do on weekends, I ended up at an open-mic comedy night in downtown Salem.

As it happens, the Capitol City Theater holds this event every weekend for people like me (who have no other plans), as well as for aspiring



Gabe Dinger has been active in the Northwest for a decade.

comedians, who want to test their material in front of an audience eager to laugh.

None of us want to admit where we are at 9:30 p.m. on a Friday night.

Fully aware of what I was doing, I set my expectations as low as possible and then slightly raised them by a later-regretted Four Loko.

Despite my cynicism, everything really went much better than expected. There were no awkward or nervous first-timers.

Some of the best jokes were locally themed, with one comedian observing that everyone from Salem looks like they have a really good chili recipe, and another equating the sun’s presence in Oregon to a deadbeat dad returning after a nine-month absence.

“Go back to your real family in Phoenix” really is the best response to the sun’s brief presence in the Northwest.

Observational and self-loathing anecdotes hit every demographic, while jokes about peeing on cats only made me wish I could afford more drinks at the bar, which was conveniently located in the back of the room.

The night’s headliner, Portland native Gabe Dinger, delivered his set with a sharp wit and quick pace that put



Amateur and professional comics step up to the plate at Capitol City Theater.

him a step above the rest of the performers.

It felt kind of weird being one of the only Willamette students in the room (aside from the friends that were brave enough to join me).

However, the host and organizer of the show, Ray McMillin, doesn’t want me to be the only student in attendance forever, and told me the comedy show could

pique the interest of Salem’s bored youngish adults.

McMillin may be on to something here, because, all things considered, I can say that I’ll end up at one of these shows again at some point in the future, even if the \$10 cover charge puts a dent in my wallet.

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BEARCAT BULLET

Mafia matriarchy



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About a year ago, my good friend from back home introduced me to the insane, outlandish VH1 reality show “Mob Wives.”

If you don’t “get” reality TV—or believe it’s a complete waste of time—go watch a documentary, but as Jim Gaffigan says, “we all have our [form of] McDonald’s.” It’s expected and understood that consuming something useless unites humankind.

For those who have watched even a couple of episodes of “The Sopranos,” “Mob Wives” instead delivers by reminding viewers that organized crime actually exists.

Each “mob wife” has a connection to a violent mobster that has or is serving time in federal prison. Only some of them, like Drita or Renee, are related to crime bosses by marriage; others, like Big Ang and Karen Gravano, were born into this lifestyle.

On “The Sopranos,” women in the mafia are painted as perennial victims, suffering either emotional trauma or physical harm in the sex trade.

Meanwhile, the protagonists (and antagonists) on “Mob Wives” all have day jobs running businesses in the fashion industry. A lot of interesting dialogue emerges from discussions between the women about their burgeoning enterprises.

Aside from crassly-mentioned sex partners (the wives feel an understandable disillusionment regarding the felonious men in their lives), male personalities rarely make it on screen or factor very deeply into their friendships.

The Bechdel test, popularized by a feminist cartoonist in 1985, deems a piece of entertainment “not sexist” if it meets one simple requirement: a conversation between two women that isn’t about a man.

“Mob Wives” goes above and beyond. For the most part, the older women on the show (Drita in particular) worry about the happiness and well-being of their children. Their husbands’ prison sentences are discussed in terms of being detrimental to the kids left behind.

Conversations get the most heated, though, in regards to the egos and attitudes of woman-to-woman relationships. Friendships are highly valued and respected, since the ladies confide in each other often, share interests and are united by similar histories.

When the dominoes of drama fall, punches (and tables) are thrown. Fueled by alcohol, the women attack each other with more rage than a UFC cage fight.

What’s novel, however, is that these battle royales never pick apart appearances; Big Ang’s surgically-enhanced breasts or Renee’s comically vivid eyeshadow are never targeted for a low blow.

Rude commenters on the Internet—prone to saying horrible and demeaning things—would never faze these reality stars, who retain blinding confidence in the face of a suspicious world.

After facing real suffering, fear and possibly deeper issues of existential frustration, the mob wives are more level-headed than they might immediately seem. Wisdom guides their strategic posturing in verbal conflict, but passion gets the best of them at least once an episode.

Aesthetically, the scenes in “Mob Wives” appeal to me—even if I don’t personally want to live in a bedazzled house.

I don’t know how much longer this show will be on the air, but for the time being, “Mob Wives” provides a fascinating look at a hodgepodge of broken, yet durable families living unbelievable lives.

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Cat shelter has feels, sweet deals

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I openly admit that I am more homesick for my pets than my parents.

I can talk to my parents on the phone, Skype with them, exchange emails and look at them in pictures, but there is nothing like burying your face in your pet’s fur with the comfort of knowing an animal’s unconditional love.

There’s a hole in my heart that only pets can fill.

Writer Anatole France once said, “Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”



It’s not just kitten season at Friends of Felines: the facility has cats of all ages.

For anyone else missing a beloved pet, the Salem Friends of Felines thrift store provides a lovely oasis of clothes, books and, most importantly, cats.

Located at 980 Commercial St. SE, Friends of Felines is a no-kill rescue that rejects government support, relying solely on their thrift store and adoption fees to pay for the care of their cats.

Their mission statement is “[t]o help as many homeless cats and kittens as we can by placing them in loving permanent homes; to reduce feline over-population through education

and our spay/neuter assistance program; and to bring more public awareness to the plight of homeless and unwanted cats.”

The thrift store, while small, has an impressive offering of inexpensive items, from shoes to board games.

When I was moving into my first apartment last spring, I bought a rice cooker and George Foreman grill from Friends of Felines for a combined total of \$9.

While the thrift shop itself is a great resource, the real appeal of Friends of Felines lies in three cat adoption rooms, where the critters socialize with each other—and with humans.

At every turn, there is a new cat to play with, cuddle and love. It’s quite easy to sit in the small rooms for hours surrounded by cats and forget all about the homework and exams and adult responsibilities that exist outside this heavenly furry wonderland.

These magical rooms make it possible to get a taste of the “cat lady” lifestyle without actually having to commit.

But I was a lost cause to begin with; last year, I adopted my (first) cat from Friends of Felines, and it was honestly one of the best decisions of my life.

Hamlet loves to fetch, go on walks and play hide-and-seek. He is one of my best friends and I know he will always be there for me.

If it weren’t for him, I would be at Friends of Fe-

lines every day.

Salem Friends of Felines is a great place to look if you’re thinking about adding a new furry family member.

With an adoption fee of less than \$100, each cat is screened for feline leukemia, receives vaccinations, is spayed/neutered, gets a microchip and is treated for fleas and worms.

Clearly, Friends of Felines is a place that cares deeply about their animals, sometimes even turning potentially irresponsible adopters away.

But if ownership isn’t in the cards for you right now, Salem Friends of Felines thrift shop is still a great organization that would really appreciate your support, whether it be through visiting the cats, volunteering, donating or even simply buying a new rice cooker.

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At the Institute for Co



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The group of five sat down in Goudy with their lunches on Thursday, talking about the lecture they had just heard. They had about half an hour to eat until their next lecture began.

“We had a fellow come and talk about the history of the Revolutionary War from the perspective of a little town in Connecticut. It was a lot of details about not-so-famous people, how regular people had to deal with the war,” Ken Panck said.

Panck is the executive director of the Institute for Continued Learning (ICL), the program for retired men and women living in or around Salem to attend special lectures on a variety of topics twice a week at Willamette.

“You look at a topic that doesn’t sound particularly interesting, and you come away knowing a lot more than you did and being really interested in it,” ICL member Janet Adkins said. “It does pique your interest in a range of topics.”

And that’s the premise of the ICL. No tests, no papers, no homework. Just learning.

“Well, we do have homework,” ICL member and former executive director Gary Beck said.

“Sometimes,” Janet Adkins added.

Gene and Kathy Fletcher formed the ICL in the early 1990s. In an interview, Kathy said she started the program as a retirement project.

Kathy had worked for Elderhostel (now called Road Scholar), a travel study program for retirees

that was encouraging local continuing education chapters to form.

She created a committee with Jerry Hudson, who was then president of Willamette, and other community leaders to discuss the concept.

Gene Fletcher said that the University was looking for a community outreach program at the time.

“From the very beginning, Willamette was very cooperative, and that continues to be the case now,” Kathy Fletcher said.

Instead of creating semester-long courses on one topic, the Fletchers said they wanted a program where people could skip a class or two if they felt like it, and not miss out on parts of a whole course.

“When we set this up, we decided that we wanted each class period to stand on its own,” Gene Fletcher said. “That’s unique as far as this program is concerned.”

Lectures officially began in the fall of 1992, with 29 people attending. A few of them are still in the program over 20 years later, including Wes Robinson, who turned 90 last Tuesday.

Today, the executive board caps membership at around 160 people, and there’s a waiting list almost four years long to get in. But even with the limited amount of space (the lectures are in the Ford theatre or Kaneko, which hold less than 200 people), the ICL has no plans to move off campus.

“Everybody wants to be on campus,” Kathy Fletcher said. “They love the energy.”

And here, ICL members are considered students by the University. Each has their own student ID

card and receives the same discounts as CLA undergraduates.

The lecture schedule follows the same academic calendar as the CLA. Their tuition—\$165 a year—is just a bit lower than the average student’s.

With that annual membership fee, ICL members have the opportunity to attend four lectures a week. Willamette professors teach one-third of the lectures, guest academics teach another third and ICL members teach the remaining part.

But the classes that are taught by ICL members aren’t just travelogues of someone’s latest trip to Spain or a new oatmeal cookie recipe, according to Beck, the ICL board member.

Instead, presentations have to be academic and well-researched.

“Even when [ICL members] do a presentation, it’s a learning experience for everybody, because there is a wide variety of well-educated people in this group,” Panck said. “We’ve even been known to ask good questions of speakers.”

As executive director, Panck writes a report for the CLA dean every year outlining the Institute’s curriculum and objectives.

“We do try to model it after the College of Liberal Arts, and have a similar subject matter,” Panck said.

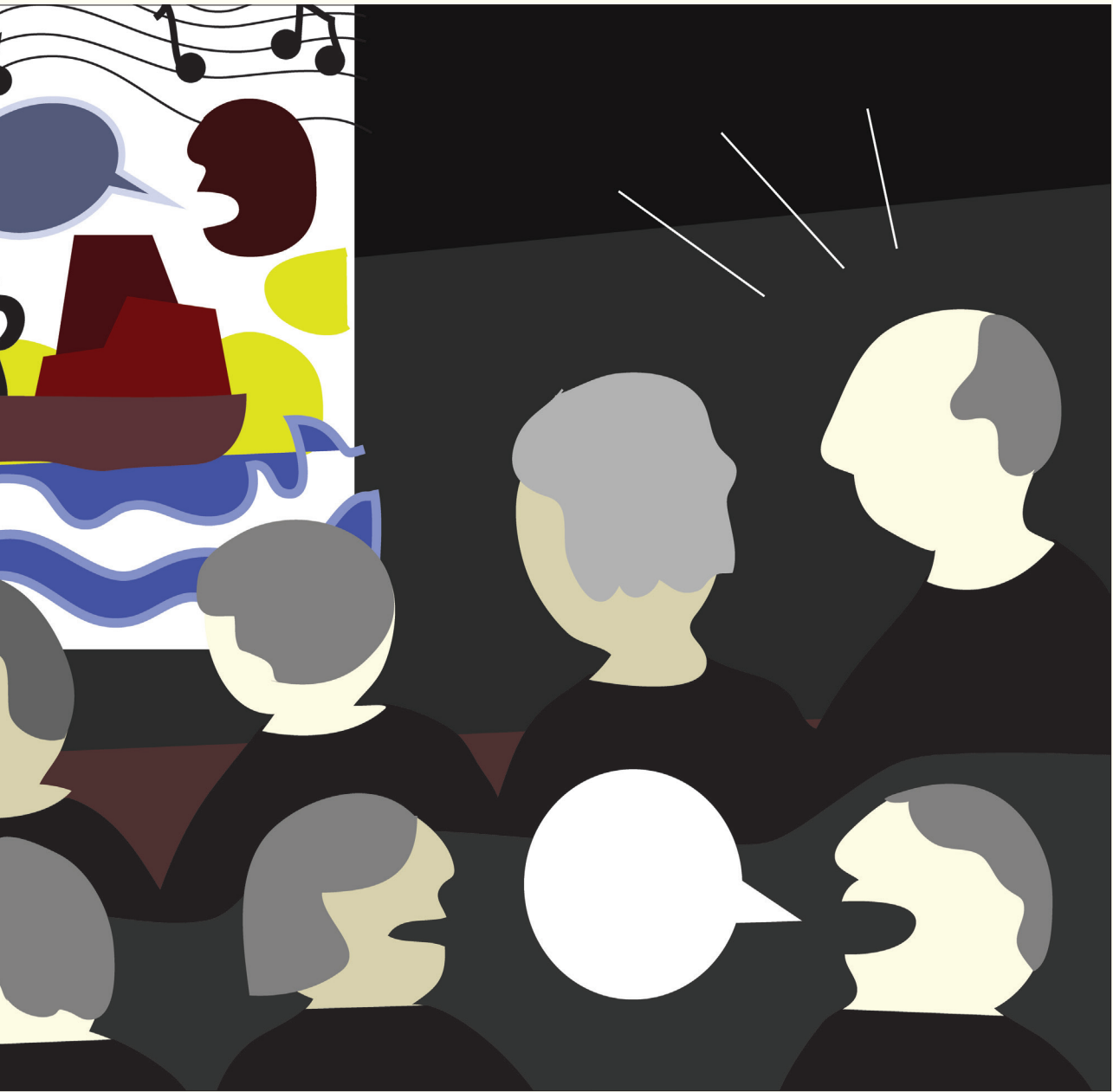
The ICL’s curriculum committee tries to fill the 120 hours of lectures each semester with subject matter taken from a wide variety of academic disciplines.

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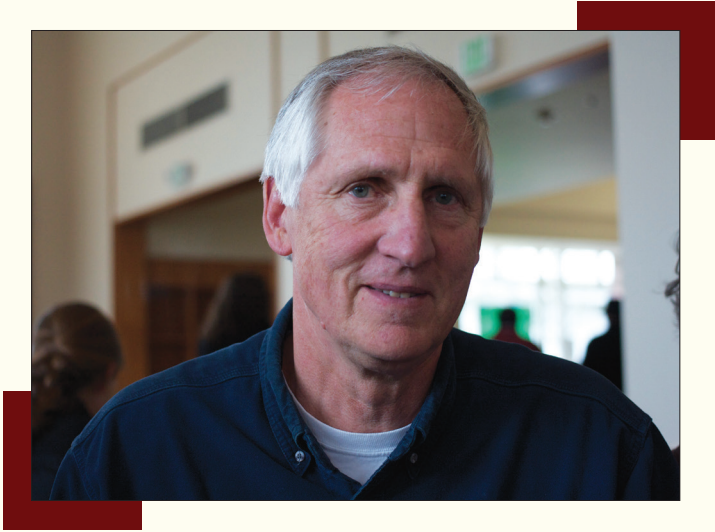
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GEORGE ADKINS



a poet. She told the history of some of the black poets, which was fascinating, and read some of them. She had a two hour lecture on it,” ICL member Ruthann Panck said.

Most of the ICL members are from Salem and the surrounding area, but many said being on campus twice a week has broadened their knowledge of the city.

Janet Adkins said she wouldn’t know about a lot of the events happening in Salem if she and her husband weren’t on campus.

ICL members also take advantage of all the events at Willamette, from the plays to the musical performances.

“We take major advantage of that music department,” Beck said. “We listen to all kinds of great presentations from those folks.”

“It’s so much easier and cheaper for us than the general public, because we’re treated as students,” ICL member George Adkins added.

The ICL has given this group more than just a chance to continue learning throughout their retirement, though everyone at lunch agreed that it is one of the major reasons they joined the program.

But it’s also about having a social network during retirement.

“I think part of it is not only gaining education in areas you may not have studied before, but it’s also the association with other people,” Janet Adkins said. “I think when you retire, you are missing a lot of association with others, and this way you’re inter-

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GARY BECK



acting with them.”

The group goes on field trips together off campus once a semester.

They’ve visited the Oregon National Primate Research Center, Zena Forest & Farm, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Reservation, Hatfield Marine Science Center and the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument, which was an overnight trip.

They also read and discuss two books each year. This semester it’s “The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt’s Darkest Journey.”

At the end of March they’ll present a reading of “Twelve Angry Men.”

“Except it’s ‘Twelve Angry Jurors,’ because there are women involved,” Ruthann Panck said.

The members celebrated the program’s 20th anniversary in 2012. While the ICL is still very successful, the members see opportunities for innovation. The executive board meets once a year to talk about how they want to improve the program.

“We’d like to take a look at the diversity or inclusiveness of the group, both in terms of curriculum and in terms of the membership,” Ken Panck said. “So we’re trying to put some plans together, as I believe the University is, by the first part of April to make that happen.”

Beck said that they’re like any other group of students, and the ICL is trying to incorporate different styles of learning.

“Some people would rather just sit and listen to a lecture and never say anything. Some people don’t want a lecture, they want to talk the whole time,” he said.

The ICL is also considering creating more small, seminar style classes to bring in people who are on the waiting list.

But beyond that, the ICL wants to be more involved with CLA students, who might not even know that the program exists.

“The part I like is that sometimes they think we’re professors or something. They think we’re really smart people,” Beck said.

The ICL set up a scholarship program for CLA students last year. Students can present their academic research to the group and receive a \$300 grant. Members of the ICL are also major donors to the University, contributing to the Hudson Book Fund and Willamette Academy among other programs that need financial support.

Last year they donated money to the music department to repair instruments.

Above all, ICL members just want students to know that they’re here. And that they’re students, too.

“Age is of no consequence,” Kathy Fletcher said.

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GENE FLETCHER
(left)

The magic sports bus



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Some of the most meaningful relationships in my life have been built on busses and in hotels.

A few weeks ago, I boarded a bus with 20 strangers—and hopped off the same bus a few days later with 20 friends. Such is the power of the bus-hotel weekend combo.

I had gone to play in a soccer tournament in Cork, Ireland for the team at my school this semester, NUI Galway. On the bus ride before our first game on Friday, I hardly spoke; I didn't really know anyone's name.

Everyone knew my name, though, because apparently I talk different. But come game time it didn't matter how I sounded—I could have been speaking Dothraki.

What mattered was that I was wearing red and those Trinity College wankers were in white.

On the bus after the win, and at dinner right afterward, I didn't feel much different. I knew a few more names, had a bit more to talk about, but was still pretty quiet.

Under the surface, however, the hotel and the bus were working their magic. That night we didn't do much—went to the pool, watched some TV, some guys played cards...while the hotel's hidden gears turned.

The next day we were knocked out of the tournament in the semifinals. This disappointment didn't quell the bus/hotel magic in the slightest.

To be fair, this being Ireland, bus and hotel got a little help from their friend: pub.

However, things had changed before drinking even entered the equation. My initial silent bus ride from Friday felt years earlier as I joked with my teammates at dinner and, afterward, as we drank in a hotel room, singing Irish drinking songs.

We all went to the pub (even the coaches), but the work was already done. The meals and the swimming and the jokes about our coaches and the bus rides had forged a bond between 15 Irishmen, three Brazilians and one American, without any of us even noticing.

All of the sudden we were friends, and we were going to let everyone on the street and at the bar know it.

We got thrown out of the pub. I'd throw 20 twenty-somethings drunk off hotel magic and beer out of my bar, too.

It didn't matter; it just meant we could return to our bro-base and eat pizza. We christened our newfound friendships with Facebook acceptances and promises to get thrown out of more pubs in the future.

Whether we do or not, it is pretty nice to walk by a lad on campus and receive the sort of smile and nod that only two people who have spent a weekend in busses and hotels can give each other.

What a comforting experience this was, to learn that Irish busses and hotels are just as magical as the ones at home. The memories I have of scoring game-winning goals for the Bearcats are side by side with memories of prank calling people in the Tacoma Red Lion with my teammates, laughing until we cried.

The power of the hotel is transcendental—the force of the bus is universal.

One of the best bus rides I ever had was after losing 8-0 in the state playoffs my sophomore year of high school.

That's the thing about busses and hotels. They don't care if you win or lose, they just care about everyone getting along and having a good time.

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Men's golf squad wins title at Willamette Cup



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Junior Collin Fuller practices his three-footers as the team prepares for their next tournament on March 14.

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Last Saturday, the men's golf team won the Willamette Cup at Quail Valley Golf Course, besting Linfield and Pacific.

The Bearcats finished with a team score of 301, while Linfield and Pacific finished with scores of 304 and 342, respectively.

The team championship was the second in a row for the Bearcats at the Willamette Cup. Last season, Willamette took first place

when the event was held at the OGA Golf Course in Woodburn, Oregon, with a score of 312.

Sophomore Clark Wilson led the Bearcats with an individual score of 73, which earned him a share of the cup title with Linfield's Taylor Klopp.

Junior Steven Rodriguez was close behind with a 74; sophomore Peter Mittel finished with a 75; and senior Ryan Kukula, junior Chase Lamothe and senior Jonathan Ross each finished with a score of 77.

"This weekend was a good start to the season. It feels good starting out with a win," Wilson said. "Overall, our team performance was good for our first tournament back. We are going to build on this win, and do the same thing for our next tournament."

The Bearcats will wait until March 14 to compete again, where they will participate in the Pioneer Invitational in Portland, Oregon, which will be hosted by Lewis & Clark College.

"Our team came out very

competitive in this first tournament, which showed that we are all up to the challenge of making a run for the NWC title," Kukula said. "We're just taking it one tournament at a time right now and not overlooking any stop on the schedule—but our ultimate goal is to win the NWC."

The Bearcats will play in four more tournaments before they compete for a Northwest Conference title in late April.

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Basketball playoff run cut short

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After a hard-fought regular season, the 2014-15 men's basketball team's postseason run came to an end in the first round of the Northwest Conference (NWC) playoffs at the hands of Whitworth University, 89-64.

Coming into the contest, the Bearcats felt confident, especially considering that they had lost by only seven points in a final-minutes fall to the Pirates the last time the team travelled to Spokane.

Early on, the Bearcats looked sound on both ends, and led 12-7 five minutes into the game. However, that would be the largest lead they would attain.

From that point, Whitworth outscored Willamette 36-17 to end the first half and put them up 14 points going into the break.

Needing to stage some sort of comeback coming out of the tunnel, the Bearcats began the second half well, as senior forward Kyle McNally nailed a jump shot and the team clawed their way back to within 10 points with just 7:43 remaining.

McNally led the way with a career-high 18 points and a game-high 10 rebounds, but Willamette was unable to stop the final Pirate push as they went on a 23-8 run to end the game and the Bearcats' season.

Despite losing to the team with the best record in the NWC, the Bearcats held their heads high after finishing a season that saw them accomplish what they had set out to from the first day of practice.

"We made it our goal to get back there in the post-season," freshman guard Brendon McCullough said. "I am most proud of the

fact that we made the playoffs while remaining true to our identity and motto."

For Willamette, the team identity and motto was defense, which was something they made a concentrated effort to improve on after last season.

Throughout conference play, the Bearcats ranked in the top five teams defensively, limiting opponent's field goal percentage to just 42.5 percent and three-point percentage to 33 percent.

The most impressive feat was that they forced an astounding average of 18.2 turnovers a game, the second highest in the NWC.

"We were one of the top defensive teams in the conference," McCullough said. "But the most important thing was we improved every day."

And their improvement on the court was on full display, as this season saw Willamette transform

themselves—from a team that won just three games last winter—into a playoff contender.

The team's 10 wins on the season and eight in conference also marked the most victories in a single season in seven years.

Looking back on the season and seeing a bright future in the years to come, McCullough was proud of what his team was able to accomplish, but was even more proud of how the team's chemistry brought the squad together.

"Our team this year was resilient and really close-knit. We had some tough losses this year, but we reached our goal of making the playoffs," he said. "We really enjoyed playing with each other and hanging out during travel and team functions. We were truly a family."

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My rich archnemesis: Why I'm a dick to Nick

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I don't usually make enemies, but when I do, I ensure that they are made through social media. Especially by antagonizing Olympic athletes. Allow me to explain.

Nick Symmonds is perhaps one of the better-known Willamette alums, graduating in 2006 with a degree in biochemistry and seven national track and field titles hanging prominently around his neck.

Symmonds has since gone on to race in two Olympics, win a large handful of USA championships and, most importantly, got to go on a date with Paris Hilton once.

He was also a brief holder of the American beer mile record (5:19ish), invented a caffeinated running gum and has recently announced he is going to compete on "American Ninja Warrior."

He's even (already) written an autobiography called "Life Outside the Oval Office: The Track Less Traveled," that largely chronicles the exploits of his love life.

The list of his "accomplishments" continues on, and has provided me and fellow Willamette cohorts endless ammunition to harass him on the Twittersphere.

The roast of Symmonds began about two years ago, when he went through a spree of tweeting pictures of himself holding astonishingly large trout.

I would leave comments about how the only thing missing from these pictures was an Olympic medal, or that if he spent nearly as much time running as he spent fishing and perfecting the large-mouth bass selfie, then he would have won a World Championship by now.

Eventually these comments got under his skin and he responded, telling me to find a hobby, and then blocking me.

My proudest moment?

Maybe.

Not that I condone it—all right, I kind of do—but more Bearcats have started to harass poor Symmonds in the past year.

Now why do we feel the need to do this to Symmonds?

Admittedly, he is the best runner to have gone through Willamette; in person, he seems well-spoken and pretty smart.

What personally irks me is that he refuses to give Willamette virtually any credit for turning him into a professional runner.

He arrived at Willamette as an above-average high school runner—but he left as an Olympian.

It wasn't his notorious partying regime that did the trick, but the athletic and academic standards pressed upon him by coaches and professors.

Since the initial blocking, my friends and I have had two more Twitter accounts blocked by him; most prominently our parody account, @DickSymmonds, which tweets pictures of Symmonds doing douchebag type things.

After he posted a picture of himself tightly holding what looks like a hose nozzle last week, (obviously showing off his forearm strength for "American Ninja Warrior,") several Bearcats tweeted at him, inquiring if he really needed to grip that tight to turn on a faucet.

Symmonds replied personally to each of these tweets, noting that he was glad our Willamette educations were being put to good use, visibly hurt that his dreamy forearms weren't striking all the right chords with the girls.

The bottom line is that he takes himself a little too seriously.

We would have stopped poking fun at Symmonds long ago if he didn't personally jump to defend his pride and machismo every time we did.

If anything, Symmonds should be thanking me!

Us Bearcats are merely providing a reality check that, just because he can run half a mile ridiculously fast, and maybe got lucky with Paris Hilton, doesn't mean he has conquered the world.

So you are welcome, Mr. Symmonds. Rest assured that as long as you keep shamelessly promoting yourself, I will keep creating Twitter accounts to get your goat.

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Women's golf team takes second at Quail Valley

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Willamette's women's golf team began their spring season last Saturday, hosting the Willamette Cup at the Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks, Oregon.

At the Willamette Cup, the Bearcats placed second in the team title, with a combined score of 388. Linfield College won the Cup with a score of 373.

Pacific University scored 451, putting them in third place.

Individually, Willamette's junior Taneesh Sra tied for first with Linfield's Madeline Rice with a score of 82. Sra thought that her round was a good start to the season.

"I thought the round went well—the conditions were good. I felt my overall round could have been better, but I now know what to work on for the rest of the season," Sra said.

Willamette freshman Maddi Barnett finished third at the Willamette Cup, with a score of 89. Tied for fourth were

Willamette's junior Letty Gallup and Pacific's Madeleine Ottosson, each with a score of 90.

The team's performance in the Willamette Cup shows improvement since last October, when they placed fifth in the NWC Fall Classic.

Looking ahead, Barnett thought the team's performance bodes well for the remaining season.

"The round started the [spring] season off well and helped get the whole team excited for the rest of the season. It also helped to show what I need to work on before the upcoming tournaments," she said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how much both me and the whole team can improve and seeing what we can make out of the season."

The Bearcats next compete at the Pioneer Invitational hosted by Lewis & Clark at the Heron Lakes Golf Club in Portland on March 14–15.

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LEFT: Freshman Maddi Barnett looks to keep improving during her practice rounds. TOP: Junior Taneesh Sra tied for first with Linfield College's Madeline Rice.



OUTDOORS

15 ways to enjoy an early spring

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Ready to enjoy spring? Here are a few simple ideas to help you find the feeling for the season.

1. Give yourself a mental break and set up a hammock (or use the Outdoor Program's, located by the Mill Stream).
2. Do some school reading in said hammock.
3. Turn lunch into a picnic at Bush's Pasture Park, and maybe even be productive and read a book.
4. When going out for meals or coffee, take every opportunity to eat outside.
5. Take a study break to walk around Riverfront Park.
6. Wear Chacos, Birkenstocks or similar foot attire to everything.
7. Go for a bike ride in Minto-Brown Island Park.
8. Grab some friends and play soccer, Frisbee, baseball, volleyball, etc. outside for an hour.
9. (In April) turn your grocery run into a fun adventure, and buy your produce at the Wednesday or Saturday farmers' markets.
10. Take 10 minutes when you wake up in the morning to enjoy your breakfast outside and breathe in the lovely spring air.
11. Make a pot of sun tea, so you can take advantage of the sunshine even if you don't have time to go out and be in it.
12. Join the slack-liners. Those crazy people that seem to be walking on some sort of tightrope between two trees are actually very friendly.
13. Distract yourself from your own problems (and provide moral support for someone else) by watching your friends' sports games, matches, meets, etc.
14. Open the windows and do some spring cleaning. Because, if you're not going to do homework, you might as well do something useful.
15. Take your yoga mat outside and carve out a nice 30-minute session sometime during your day. It makes everything just a little bit better.

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The Islamic State isn't our problem

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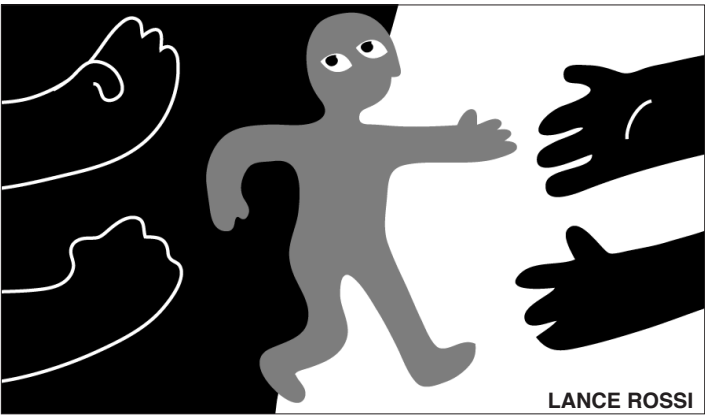
The Islamic State group. An out of control organization? Yes.
The United States' problem? No.
Like a majority of the world's population, I'm terrified by the beheadings featured on the news almost daily, the inhumane treatment of those captured and the resentment IS espouses toward those who disagree with their ideology.
However, I commend Jordan and the United Arab Emirates for taking the initiative and starting the campaign to end Islamic State.
I cannot, however, support anything President Obama has done (or will do) in regards to the Islamic State.
This is an issue that the Middle East faces, not the United States or any other country in the West. No country in the West continues to face the daily threat of IS more than those in the Middle East.
I'm sure many of you are thinking that I'm discrediting the attacks in Sydney, Paris and, most recently, Copenhagen.
But I am not.
Rather, I am focusing on IS in Iraq and Syria and the response of the Middle East. I cannot disagree that the Islamic State is a problem, but what I can do is shed some light on my experiences spent in the Arab world.
Last semester I was in Morocco studying abroad and I visited many cities with Islamic State cells or places where IS fighters used to live. Many people in Morocco continue to live in fear of what IS can do at any given moment.
However, the Moroccan government has found ways to prevent IS from spreading any more inside of Morocco. Whether it was at the airport or in the major cities, two soldiers with rifles and a police officer in the middle walked side by side, patrolling the area and deterring any extreme actions.
Furthermore, Jordan has announced their intention to dismantle the Islamic State, with the UAE and many other Arab countries following closely behind. No call to the United States has been made.
Matters in the Middle East need to be settled by their own constituents, rather than by outside brute force that does not understand their way of life.
What US foreign policy fails to realize is that simply killing people infuriates survivors, creating more resentment against the United States.
The US is not wanted in the region, and American soldiers have the potential to be put at risk—and for what?
Another failed war in the region? NATO troops just recently pulled out of Afghanistan after 14 years. In addition, in the 1980s the US funded both Iraq and Iran to fight one another in the Iraq-Iran War.
In the past 23 years, Iraq has been invaded twice and Iran is moving toward nuclear warfare. The Rumsfeld doctrine failed to institute a stable government, and the war in Iraq created the instability faced in Iraq today.
I am lead to believe that we will fund another organization that, in a few years, we will feel the need to take down.
I am also tired of the United States' habit of involving themselves in Middle Eastern affairs that we clearly don't understand how to solve.
Until the Middle East invokes a consensus to invite the United States in to help combat the Islamic State, I cannot and will not support a war against IS.

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Blood—not always thicker than water

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I've been very lucky in my life. I was a happy kid.
I grew up with two parents who supported my decisions and dreams, regardless of what they were.
They cared for me immensely and never asked for anything back. I never felt as if the love of my parents somehow had strings attached.
Some people in this world do not have my good fortune.
They say that blood is thicker than water. That you should prize your family above anything else. That be-



cause they are your family, anything should be forgivable.
For a long time, I believed that. My parents are good people who have sacrificed monumentally so that I can be where I am now, and most people in my family are just as kind. I love them dearly, so it made absolute sense that I should value them over all my other relations, and that others should appreciate their own families in the same way.
But as I grew older, I heard more and more stories that did not match up with my ideal vision of what a family should look like. They were tales that often ended in tears and emotional cruelty—on more than one occasion, they even developed into physical aggression.
In the beginning, though their accounts left me considerably distressed, I justified my belief by writing their experiences off as individual glitches in the masses. A margin of error in the overall happiness of general society, if you will.
Yet, as an increasing number of people close to me divulged secrets I could never have guessed, I grew to the troubling conclusion that the idea I had been carrying of supporting your family regardless of the circumstances was a truly unhealthy concept.
There are too many people in the world who stay in emotionally or physically abusive situations because their abuser is family, as if that status somehow authorizes their actions. Some stay because they are manipulated into believing that because they are family, they somehow owe them something—their loyalty, their forgiveness, their tolerance. Some are aware of their situation, but stay because they are afraid or do not have the resources to leave.
I can't offer solutions to this epidemic. I can't even offer total understanding because I have been lucky enough to never know those kinds of situations firsthand. But on the off chance that someone reading this has resonated with what I've written, I can offer some food for thought that I hope will better your safety and wellbeing.
You do not owe someone anything because the universe randomly decided that you had a biological connection. You cannot choose who you are related to, and their shortcomings are not your fault.
You do not have to commit yourself to people who abuse or take advantage of you because of arbitrary happenstance.
Your love and devotion should go to those who reciprocate and validate your emotions, regardless whether they share your DNA.
Please stay safe and know you're not alone.

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Expecto patronum on a roommate

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Below are a few points that may help you if you are able to produce a corporeal Patronus of your own.
1. If you know your Patronus is a cat, you know that you are the kind of person that says, "fuck the rules." Notable witches/bitches with the cat Patronus include Minerva McGonagall and the vile Dolores Umbridge—so you can really go either way.
2. If your Patronus is a snake and your boyfriend's is a mouse, then obviously he will die if you stay together, because eventually you will devour him. So choose your partner carefully, folks.
3. You can use it to possibly ward off the Kiss of Death, otherwise known as "finals week." Yes, it is possible to hide underneath a table on the second floor of the library and/or camp out with some Red Bull and large pizzas, but it would be much more entertaining to cast a Patronus Charm and watch your deadlines run away shrieking in the face of your magnificent turquoise butterfly Patronus.
4. You can use your Patronus as a nifty way to subvert the cult of the iPhone by using it to communicate with your friends, or alert them of when and where you saw their crush last. Having a sneaky type of animal Patronus works best.
5. In an alternate universe where the Internet doesn't exist, you could have your Patronus play-fight your friend's Patronus in a weird sub-genre wizarding "Fight Club" type of way.
This is all theoretical but highly useful information to know before you enter the real world, where there will be many Dolores Umbridge-types afoot, not to mention Dementors—otherwise known as incorrigible colleagues or odorous roommates.

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I'm Willamette's reckoning



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I've been feeling this new intrinsic connection to Tom Hardy's portrayal of the villain Bane in "The Dark Knight Rises."
If you have no idea who Bane is, go find an empty coffee mug, hold it up to your face and say: "Now's not the time for fear; that comes later!" or "I'm Gotham's reckoning!"
That's Bane's voice almost exactly (which should serve as enough context for this column).
Now, I'm not Bane in the "I'm necessary evil [breaks a man's neck with his bare hand]" way, but in the grand orator who's doing what he believes is right in a highly aggressive manner kind of way.
This isn't the best parallel that I've found between myself and a fictional character, but I know it has stemmed from a stressful bout of confrontation that's come up in my life recently and effected the way I understand my role in the Willamette community.
Two Fridays ago, I stumbled upon a girl who was left alone near unconsciousness in a basement bathroom at a house party.
It was within my power as a person to make sure she was safe, so I did what I knew to be right and helped her.
So, I spent the majority of my night attempting to coax her upstairs with two of my friends.
After a solid 90 minutes of Kate and co. assisting this girl solo, her friends did show up, and she was finally driven home.
As girl, DD and car left the party, some people joked on the porch about how they all hoped that the car would be OK—like this inanimate object was the thing to be truly worried about in this entire situation.
After everything we'd done at this point, I'd had it.
So I did what my inner Bane would have been proud of: I let them have a verbal tsunami of my disapproval.
The group's resounding response? Gesturing to one specific girl and saying repeatedly, "But it's her car!"
I was silenced by my rage, so one of my friends stepped in and said, "Are we equating the value of a personal possession to a person's life? Are you telling me that



you're more concerned with the safety of that completely replaceable vehicle rather than the person inside it?"
They weren't satisfactorily gobsmacked by our logic, so we left pretty much immediately after that because I was fairly certain I wanted to throw a punch.
All and all, though, I am really proud of myself and my friends for doing the right thing that night.
But, I am still astounded by the audacity of this girl's friends and their ability to disregard the needs of someone else because it impacted the fun of their Friday night.
If you were still unaware, our university motto is "Not unto ourselves alone are we born," which includes taking care of your friends, even if their actions somehow inconvenience you.
Show concern and compassion for others.
Hold people accountable for their words and actions.
Work to be decent and care for each other. Get it?
Good.

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Should artists preserve, create or imitate?



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I’ve developed a fondness for art over my college career. I’m quite the novice in terms of actual analysis, but I’ve begun to identify what constitutes my favorite kinds of art.

Given my love for history, the art I truly appreciate is generally much older than me.

That’s not to say nothing in the modern sphere excites me, but if you gave me a choice between two galleries, one featuring Jacques-Louis David and the other featuring Jackson Pollock, I’d choose the former in a heartbeat.

One of the styles I’ve developed a fondness for is what’s known as the “neoclassical” movement—in which artists (starting during the 17th and 18th centuries) sought to

emulate the classical styles of Rome and Greece.

For some, it was similar to a reactionary movement—the recent changes in politics, philosophy and art made people feel that the ideas, knowledge and culture that had been developed during the classical period were going to be lost during the Enlightenment.

In a sense of both preservation and defiance, artists wanted to make sure that what had been learned in the old days would be remembered for generations.

In order to portray these ideas artistically, they sought to emulate great examples of Roman and Greek art in sculpture, painting and architecture.

In some sense, this is a very conservative movement in art—looking to the past for inspiration and pushing back against progressive notions of what constitutes ar-

tistic merit.

However, neoclassical art seems to have a selective lens—it ignores much of what happened in the Middle Ages, for instance. And even then, the art that fits into the neoclassical style doesn’t draw from the entirety of Greco-Roman art—just what was deemed aesthetically representative of those classical art styles for neoclassical artists.

The problem that neoclassical art can run into is becoming merely a pale imitation of past artistic merits. As I’ve said before, proper conservatism promotes the spirit of the past—it does not merely seek to imitate history.

Falling into this trap will inevitably produce poor results for society, and sometimes, the same principle can be applied to art.

Anything that just seeks to reproduce what has already

been done will inevitably result in forgettable art that will be lost to time.

Neoclassical art does not always fall into this problem, but it is risky to simply look back at what has been done and repeat the process.

Good neoclassical art takes what has been done previously and expresses it in a modern setting.

It is at its finest when it focuses on what was amazing in the past, and then extrapolates.

Society should focus on this sort of improvement as well. By using history as a blueprint, we can follow some of the processes that humanity did well, and we can identify and ignore ideas that set us astray.

Even as we move away from the past, it’s important to keep it (personally) close.

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Oh, brother

EVANN ZUCKERMAN
GUEST WRITER

It’s been whispered in classrooms and on Bistro couches, mentioned in frustrated ventings and sarcastic conversations, but I never thought that the day would come; the day when fraternities would be welcomed to live on campus.

A quick refresher: In spring of 2013, screenshots of the Sigma Chi Facebook page were leaked, revealing threats of “cunt-punting” a female administrator and evidence of domestic violence.

Student protests abounded and national media outlets paid attention—but the boys were merely kicked out of campus housing and suspended from recruiting activities for one semester.

Beta Theta Pi on the other hand, was essentially disbanded in 2011 for drug and alcohol policy violations.

While a Facebook page may seem inconsequential, these posts were deeply disturbing for more than just their content, (which should have been enough to cause dismay).

Many Sigma Chi members held prominent campus leadership positions, and it was alleged that their on-campus housing was a site for policy breaking.

Though policy is broken all over campus, it is important to note that a established institution behaved this way and, in turn, recieved little backlash from University administrators.

In fact, it is interesting how much support is shown to our Greek organizations in general, when they are exclusive groups not accessible to “just anyone.”

Unlike clubs, membership is earned; dues range from \$300–\$900 with limited access to scholarships and social demands that are often described as “exhausting.”

What is to be gained from entering a Greek organization as opposed to other campus groups? To an outsider, the benefits seem small: a good set of biology notes, a promise of love from people you don’t know and maybe a resume booster.

Perhaps it is not what Greek life does for our student body, but what it does for Willamette.

Currently, the sorority houses on campus are required to fill a housing quota. Failure to do so augurs the loss of housing privileges.

Because they are required to fill a quota, they keep members on campus who could otherwise live elsewhere, filling space at the University so that it does not lose money.

While the current housing proposal does not directly implicate this process, it indicates that the administration does not take seriously the actions taken by students to remove Sigma Chi from campus.

Though it is proposed that certain blocks of campus housing will be devoted to fraternities, it would be easy to transition fraternity housing into a money-making machine.

I argue that it is not in the interest of the general student body to house any fraternity on campus, but in the economic interest of the University to keep students dependent upon on-campus housing.

Further, if the protests of the students who pay for their education and work to improve their campus are unimportant, then what is important to this University?

If we are keeping organizations on campus that endanger our student body—as I suggest fraternities do—to attract donors, why are we not marketing ourselves to different donors?

Housing fraternities on campus will only reinforce their presence on campus, and as we have seen in the not-so-distant past, that presence is not needed.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

In 2013, Sigma Chi lost their house because of comments made on their Facebook page. These comments included statements about hazing, as well as sexist and misogynous conduct.

One member wrote about domestic abuse. While some admonished their brothers, only one decided that it was our right to know.

Willamette’s punishment included an un-enforced yearlong recruiting ban. Sigma Chi recruited during the 2013–2014 school year.

Now, they will have a house. The *Collegian* article (“2 fraternities approved for housing on campus,” page 2) detailed changes to Greek housing. The truth remains that two years after an offense that should have earned Sigma Chi a lifetime ban, they are back exactly where they started.

In 2011, Beta’s charter was revoked by the national organization. Beta’s official statements since say that their 4-year revocation came from “issues with substance abuse.”

After the *Collegian* ran an article about

Beta’s return, I made a Facebook post detailing my own frustration. Soon, I received a phone call from Jeff Betz, Beta’s expansion consultant. He first asked me to remove my Facebook post. I refused. When I asked him why he failed to mention cocaine trafficking, he denied this was the reason for Beta’s ban.

Beta’s suspension came from their national organization, not Willamette. If their own punishment is stronger than ours, Willamette University must rethink the way it reviews and punishes misconduct.

The injustice tells us everything we already knew; Willamette University is owned by fraternities. We have buildings named after Betas and Betas on the board of trustees. In 2013, Sigma Chis were heavily embedded within the administration.

I have no stomach for corruption. Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi should not have houses at Willamette. They should not recruit. They should not exist here.

Brian Highkin

Dear Editor,

I was distressed upon reading the article regarding the Jewish Student Union budgetary debate (“JSU defends budget,” page 2).

Vice President Colleen Smyth’s claim that senator Maile Symond’s motion was an arbitrary amount is either false or wildly misinformed.

Smyth is correct in that a motion must be made to debate something, but the motion made was for less than the requested amount.

Debate could have been opened with a motion to approve all of the budget, none of the budget or some amount in between.

Therefore, either senator Symonds did not, in fact, support fully funding JSU’s Passover Seder—or Vice President Smyth is misinformed regarding the “Robert’s Rules of Order” used while running her chamber.

Respectfully,
Jacob Van Baalen

Dress mess



Corrections:

OPINIONS

An opinions article published last Wednesday (“Kate Brown takes office,” front page) misidentified former Governor John Kitzhaber’s challenger in the 2014 gubernatorial election. Kitzhaber bested Republican Dennis Richardson in the race, not Monica Wehby.

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