

An open letter from WEMS exec

Dear Willamette Community,
Lately there have been many questions regarding confidentiality and WEMS. Last school year, WEMS was advertised as a completely confidential resource, one in which students could call for help and not fear any repercussions for doing so. While that is true, we would like to clarify the confidentiality process involved during a call so that everyone knows what to expect when calling WEMS.

First and foremost, WEMS is a confidential organization. We will not share any information acquired during our calls with anyone. Your medical information, and anything else that is said to WEMS during a call is kept between the medics and you.

Once a call is completed, WEMS does write a report detailing the situation; however, the only people who see our report are our advisor at Bishop and our medical director. The purpose for this revision is to make sure WEMS responders acted within the scope of their medical licensure. The only two instances in which WEMS must share call information with others is if an individual is considered to be a danger to themselves, or a threat to others.

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Women's soccer battles through the storm



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Top left: Senior Madelyn Ellis looks to throw the ball in to her teammates.
Top right: Senior Emma Sanders (26) and sophomore Liz Stewart battle a Linfield player for the ball.
Bottom: Senior Kinsey Keene, first year Annie Stromand and first year Jenae Arnold form a wall to block a free kick against Linfield on Saturday.

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The women's soccer team braved the typhoon conditions this last weekend as they tied a game against Linfield on Saturday and won against Pacific on Sunday. After the weekend, the team's record improved to 6-6-2 overall and 3-5-2 in the Northwest Conference.

On Saturday afternoon, the Bearcats took on the Linfield Wildcats at Sparks Field. This game was all defense, as the game ended after two overtimes, and was left tied at 0-0.

Most of this game was played in a torrential downpour and extremely high winds.

"The rain and the wind made balls travel in the air differently, when we were with the wind we had to take a little off of our kicks and vice versa when we were against the wind. We'd try to not let it affect our style that much, but we just had to focus on our touches and passing more," sophomore Amanda Fong said.

The game was mainly played in the midfield as neither team could really get much offense going. Willamette's best chance to score came on a shot from senior Emma Sanders that caused the goalie to make a diving stop. Willamette led Linfield in shots, 15-10, with six of them being on goal.

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Folks and fun: Campbell kills it at Family Weekend

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LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Smith Auditorium was graced with the comedy of Jesse Campbell on Saturday night as a part of Family Weekend. Campbell focused primarily on low-brow topics, but did so with refreshing taste. Some of what makes her humor really effective is a high degree of authenticity. She is crude and folksy, but does not do a Larry the Cable Guy or Jeff Foxworthy type shtick. At no point did it seem like she was pandering.

Part of what made her humor especially refreshing was it covered topics in an accessible manner that is usually only explored thoughtfully in academic settings. While making jokes about being fat, a tired trope in American comedy, she also subtly avoided stereotypes about fat people and poked fun at the medi-

cal establishment that often erroneously presumes fat people have diseases they do not have. She won a huge round of applause from the audience when she talked about how she "married up" to a man she found more attractive than herself.

Topics for ridicule included the CVS shoplifting policy, which apparently mandates that store employees not intervene in cases of theft if the merchandise being stolen is valued under \$50. Additionally, she mocked the overreaction to storm warnings that monopolized reporting on the weather this weekend, claiming that the only thing she noticed upon landing in Portland was that she immediately grew a handlebar mustache and was holding a ukulele.



SANJAY KAPILA

See JESSE Page 4 Jesse Campbell performed for parents and students on Saturday, Oct. 15.

On-campus rave shut down

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On Oct. 7, junior Michael Chen and senior Kees McGahan held a rave in the basement of Walton Hall which was quickly shut down by Campus Security. At one point, Campus Security blocked the exits and took pictures of the ID cards of each student.

Chen and McGahan got the idea for the rave when they discovered the Walton basement two years ago.

"We went down to this little basement, and we realized that when you go down the staircase it was only the classroom there," Chen said. "We go in. We turn on the lights. We turn on the projector and we just blast the speakers and projected party lights on YouTube. This was the perfect place for a party room."

Chen said it wasn't until this semester that he and McGahan, now roommates, remembered the basement and decided to throw a dance party there.

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The University challenges itself to be more environmentally aware in the latter half of October.

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Students swap books for bars as they debate within the Oregon State Penitentiary.

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Get to know sophomore Trent Jones off the the golf course in the Bearcat Spotlight!

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However, WEMS is not the only entity that responds to a medical call. Campus Safety officers accompany WEMS responders on every call for the medical personnel's safety. To maintain confidentiality, WEMS responders will often ask the campus safety officer to wait outside the room while the medical evaluation is performed, but depending on the nature of the

call, WEMS may need assistance from an officer, who, by protocol, must report what that assistance entailed.

Unlike WEMS, Campus Safety is not a confidential resource. Campus Safety is there to evaluate incidents and report to Campus Life of potential security risks. An officer's incident report may be read by the senior associate dean of Campus Life or the director of Housing and Community Life. If either has con-

cerns regarding the individual's safety they may ask them to set up a health and wellness meeting with the Office of Campus Life. One of these meetings would rarely end in ramification. Instead, they are intended to ensure the individual's well being.

We hope that this clarification on WEMS's confidentiality help the student body better understand the reporting process that is taken during medial calls.

The bottom line is this: WEMS is a great resource. Willamette is the only college in the northwest that has a student run organization like WEMS. That being said, you have the right to know what will happen if you call us and accept our care.

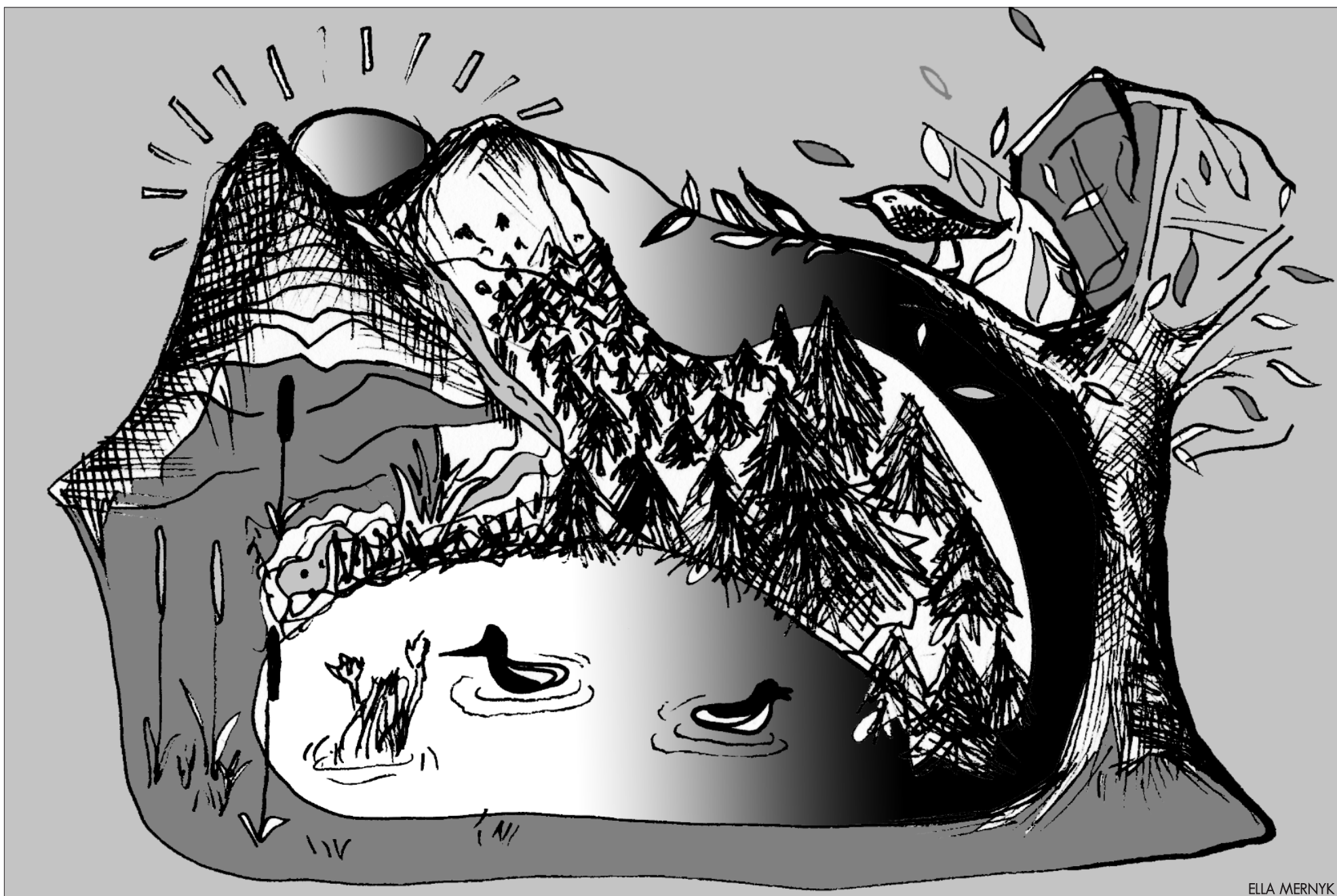
We as an organization want to be as open as possible with you, because ultimately if we don't have your trust, then we will fail as a resource to the community, and, more importantly, you. Thank

you to all of those who have placed your trust in us, and allowed us the opportunity to respond to your medical emergencies. If you have any further questions regarding WEMS, or our confidentiality policy, please email us at wemsdirector@willamette.edu and a member of our exec team will reply to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Willamette Emergency Medical Services Executive Board

University celebrates sustainability on campus



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Between Oct. 12 and 30, Willamette community members will be participating in a number of sustainability events. The timing coincides with the international Campus Sustainability Month, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and Global Climate Change week. It was organized through a partnership between the Community Service Learning Office and Joe Abraham, director of the Willamette Sustainability Institute. Abraham remarks that the timing of these events in October is much better than Earth Day on April 22, when students are “checked out.”

Events included the EcoChallenge, in which students have the opportunity to challenge themselves to be just a little bit (or a lot) more sustainable in their daily lives, guest speakers, including Desiree Williams-Rajee of the City of Portland, Gary Ferguson, author of 22 books on science and nature and five local climate activists including junior Nic Shipley of Willamette's Divestment effort.

There are, as usual, Outdoor Program trips scheduled throughout the month, as well as a few service events. The CSL office sponsored a trip to clean up Row River Trail on Oct. 15, and on that same day the Food Recovery Network helped glean 747 pounds of apples

for the Marion-Polk Food Share. Also, the Office of the Chaplains held a mindfulness meditation program on Oct. 18.

Sustainability week has happened at Willamette since the early 2000s, with a brief break around 2012, mostly due to burnout. However, sustainability remains an important issue to students, staff and faculty, so finding new ways to engage people and interest new groups in environmental issues remains a challenge. Abraham and the Sustainability Advisory Board identified “community engagement” as a “goal and a priority.”

For Williams-Rajee, who is the equity specialist for the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sus-

tainability, it is her job to engage marginalized groups — and other people who would not otherwise be interested — in sustainability.

A large part of her work has been about the importance of talking about race in addressing poverty, and then bringing the results of that work into Portland's Climate Action Plan. Specific issues that Williams-Rajee has worked with include addressing the lack of buses in lower socio-economic neighborhoods and looking at how house efficiency ratings might affect rental prices.

In her view, working with marginalized groups can lead to solutions that work for the greater community as well because they get

at root issues. She spoke about getting to a place where environmental work is not only “transactional,” which includes things like getting a better lightbulb, using less gas, getting a higher efficiency rating on an appliance, etc. but “transformational,” meaning that sustainability can help us rethink systems and how we do things, as opposed to simply what we do.

With these improvements in mind, the University can think about improving sustainability in key areas over the course of the next few years.

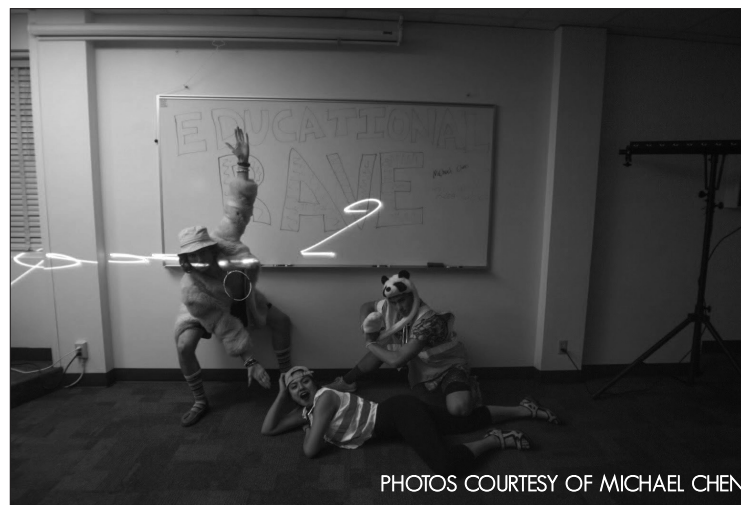
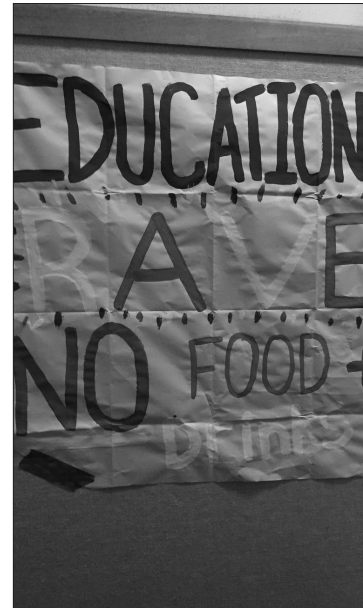
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You can't touch this - but campo can

Educational rave in Walton shut down after campus safety intervention

Monica Rimai attends ASWU

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL CHEN

Michael Chen and Kees McGahan's educational rave in the Walton Basement lasted less than an hour before being shut down.

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"Three weeks before the event, on a Sunday night at like 3 a.m., we set the event. We called it an 'Educational Rave.' The premise of the event was only to provide a dance party with rave music."

The Facebook event grew until over 200 people were invited. The event was private, but had spread enough to make it a badly-kept secret.

"The day of, apparently, someone actually walked into Campus Safety and reported us, saying that there was an Educational Rave," Chen said. "They basically were stalking the Facebook page."

Chen admitted he expected people to come already intoxicated, but emphasized that was due to it being the weekend and not

because of the party itself. McGahan made a Facebook post that Chen believed was misinterpreted by Campus Security to imply drinking alcohol.

The post read: "Rooms 231, 232 and 135 are all excellent rooms for any form of refreshment consumption [...] that you may desire #itsfriday."

Campus Security, who refused an interview, allegedly locked the doors to those rooms. Despite this apparent indication of knowledge of the event, Campus Security didn't stop the party.

The event started at 10 p.m., with Chen greeting people at the door with glowsticks. The music was loud, but Chen believed the room was relatively soundproof. Campus Security disagreed and entered later after "receiving a

report of a loud party going on in Walton Hall" according to the Campus Safety information in the *Collegian*.

Over a half hour later, Chen reported that there were over 100 people enjoying themselves before Campus Safety arrived.

"Around 10:45 I see a flashlight in my face and I was told to turn it off," Chen said. "They had someone at both exits and they told us to turn it off. They said 'Ok we're going to write everyone up.' Everyone was pretty collaborative."

"I'm the only person who would've said they had a positive experience with Campus Safety," said Chen. "The issue on campus is that gap between students and Campus Safety. I think our event has expanded that. Campus Safe-

ty knew the event was happening and shut it down to get everyone in trouble, but it takes 20 minutes to report for a gunman on campus."

Chen emphasized that the event was meant for fun, and not to encourage drinking. He intends to keep trying to set up similar events as the year goes on.

"I plan to do a campus-approved event in Cat Cavern with the same playlists," Chen said. "The amount of positive feedback I got from students encourages me to do something that is approved by the University."

Chen hopes to set up this event by November.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Oct. 15, 7:02 p.m. (On Campus): Campus Safety received a call asking that a student be transported to the ER. Campus Safety and WEMS responded. It was determined the individual needed further medical attention. Campus Safety transported the student to the ER.

Oct. 15, 9:25 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who appeared to be in need of medical assistance. WEMS and campus safety responded. After an evaluation WEMS determined further medical analysis was needed. Paramedics were called and

determined the individual was stable enough to be left in their own care.

THEFT

Oct. 15, 11:09 a.m. (Campus Safety): An employee reported that the rear tire of their bike had been stolen. They had left their bike locked to a bike rack and upon return found the

wheel to be missing. A report was filed.

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Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Monica Rimai attended last week's ASWU meeting to give a presentation about the school's budget.

Rimai started off by discussing the newly formed Student Budget Advisory Committee, which was created to engage students in conversations based around what happens with the money brought in from tuition and student fees, which together make up 90 percent of the University's income. The other 10 percent is comprised of outside donations and gifts.

The committee was formed as a result of dialogue over the summer between Rimai and ASWU President Liz Gill.

"I want it to become institutionalized at Willamette," Rimai said. "I want it to be very clear as a way to create positive change and influence at here."

Rimai emphasized the necessity of involving students in budgetary conversations on campus.

"The students are the University's biggest clients in that sense, and you're not here just to get an education," Rimai said.

Rimai focused on the five factors that influence the entirety of the budget: the planned class size, tuition, the discount rate, funds for paying workers and how much to spend on everything else.

"Our philosophy for deciding those five things is decentralizing and strict accountability," said Rimai. "We give authority and power to where the money is spent."

Rimai discussed the University's current financial position, and what needs to happen in order to level everything out. The University is currently significantly behind on its projected revenue budget, and, as such, it is forecasted that it will not make the projected revenue.

"A budget is an educated guess, and we want to compare that to reality by checking on our actual spending at least monthly," Rimai said. "We missed our mark on the size of the incoming student population and retention rates the past two years."

Rimai noted that students would probably understand why the population size would be decreasing these past few years just as well as her, but brought the factor of finances into the discussion.

"It's expensive to go to college here, and sometimes students and parents have to make really hard decisions," said Rimai.

Junior Senator Derek Lund asked Rimai what would happen should retention rates continue to drop and the school population doesn't increase. Rimai went over why cutting faculty wouldn't be an ideal option.

"We can't just cut faculty because of tenure," Rimai said. "We could cut by attrition and not replace positions, but that would be incredibly unpopular and I don't think anyone wants to go that route."

Rimai brought up changing class sizes as a possible solution.

"Most of the faculty will say that smaller classes are better," Rimai said. "Students need to get involved in the conversation at that point. What is the difference between 10 students in a class or 11? It's a big difference financially, and that's something to discuss between students and faculty."

Rimai said that the most important thing to retain is the student experience, and that all changes would be made with an eye toward preserving it.

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Meditation at Willamette



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Willamette ranks particularly low in national surveys of student mental well-being and stress. Students often complain of being overcommitted and spread thin by the responsibility that rests on their shoulders.

To cope, many feel compelled to ignore both experience and hard science and forgo the regular, adequate sleep schedule necessary for healthy growth and development. To compensate, they drink coffee all day to stay awake and alert enough to complete tasks and then drink on weekends to blow off some steam. But what happens when blowing off steam creates more steam?

Many students know, on some level, that they can't sustainably neglect their physical and mental well-being for the sake of school, but sometimes that self-neglect feels so second nature that to act otherwise feels alien and can even cause anxiety over not being productive enough. At times like this, it can be helpful to step back, take a seat on a cushion and meditate for a bit.

Meditation has no universally accepted definition. The chaplain's website says of the sessions it hosts, "The practice of mindfulness (meditation) refers to our efforts and discipline at being fully present in the now, of living in the present moment. Mindfulness practice nourishes an understanding of the interconnectedness of our lives with the larger world we inhabit, allowing us to develop an enhanced awareness of the present, a stillness that cultivates a mind of love, compassion, kindness and peace."

Right now, Willamette has two regularly meeting meditation groups. One is held in the Montag loft on Mondays from 12:15-12:45 p.m., the other on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m. in Cone Chapel. Participants are encouraged to enter a state of deep calm and relaxation, and are guided to this either through

deep breathing exercises or internal chant. The goal of meditation varies somewhat by the person meditating, but students often focus on letting go of stress and anxiety in healthy ways.

Many cultures from all over the world have meditative practices and customs dating back millennia. Its role as a method of self understanding, cultivating compassion and coping with the difficulties of life have been appreciated by many millions of people spanning class, culture and time period. While many people meditate as part of a particular religious or philosophical system, the sessions led in Cone and Montag are not focused on a specific belief system.

In some instances, students are asked to focus on their breathing. This can be particularly helpful for people who have too many activities, relationships and interests all vying for their attention. Focusing on the breath allows for the mind to set all those other concerns down for a moment take stock of what is important, and better prioritize what to pick back up at the end of the session.

Many students are extremely critical of themselves, in part because of Willamette's culture of achievement even at the cost of self-care. These students may find meditations focused on thinking compassionate thoughts first about themselves, then others they feel close to and care about, and finally those whom they find difficult to be around helpful in developing a kinder, gentler disposition toward themselves as well as those around them.

Beginners are welcome and encouraged to attend both groups, whether for just one session during one week or both sessions every week of the semester, or anything in between, whatever would best serve the person coming to share in the meditation best.

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Jessi Campbell - even better than the soup

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Campbell gave voice to what she felt many people think but do not express. This embodied an interesting issue that seems increasingly prevalent in entertainment, especially humor. For example, she joked about her outward politeness toward the elderly while wishing she could rudely tell them to move faster. On the one hand, by giving voice to these thoughts in this setting allows for a sort of social catharsis where the audience can feel "ah good, she said it, now I don't have to." This is useful because it lets people still be polite without feeling like they have to consciously conceal their less virtuous selves.

On the other hand, similar "we're all thinking it" narratives have played out in more harmful ways in art, entertainment and politics. Of course, Campbell was not actually saying anything harmful about the elderly. If anything, this was an invitation to examine our

own spoken and unspoken impatient moments with others.

This seemed to be part of a broader theme in Campbell's performance: she invites critical thought not through being edgy or trying to be overtly intellectual, but through discussing the banal but silly absurdities that people take extremely seriously.

By doing this she is an especially effective performer because her humor works on the level of light entertainment while also inviting the audience to be thoughtful about their own experience.

Overall, Campbell provided a delightful and entertaining set, perfect for Family Weekend. Students who find themselves needing some silly humor to get through homework are highly recommended to watch some of her sets on her site, jessicampbell.com.

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Jessi Campbell shares her take on life, CVS, and handlebar moustaches in Smith Auditorium Saturday night.

Ferguson and Dr. Clare talk environmentalism and more

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Even before beginning their talk Wednesday evening, Gary Ferguson and Dr. Mary Clare were busy chatting with students and professors, asking and answering questions and bringing a warm and conversational atmosphere to the Hatfield Room. With this approachable and friendly tone, they tackled issues ranging from social justice to spirituality in the sciences in what proved to be an engaging and enjoyable chapter of the Hallie Ford Literary Series.

Though Professor Scott Nadelson's introductory remarks established Ferguson and Dr. Clare's credentials, Ferguson's reading of a passage from one of his novels proved the more valuable introduction. Recalling a defining moment of his childhood, Ferguson set the tone for the rest of the evening by emphasizing his particular relationship with the nat-

ural world. Throughout the talk, he examined how that relationship intersects with his uniquely privileged or limited position as a straight white male.

When Dr. Clare joined him for a guided dialogue after the reading, their conversation felt open-ended and casual even as she brought up relevant concepts from her work in social and cultural psychology. Google-able terminology like "strong objectivity," "full ecology," and "functional humility" drifted in and out of the couple's discussion amidst stories about spending time in nature and gently endearing jokes.

Dr. Clare and Ferguson spent the bulk of their talk discussing the connections between race, gender and environmental activism, arguing for a fundamental connection between all three while exemplifying a strong model for how to incorporate an awareness of racial or gendered privilege into environmental activism.

During this main portion of the event it was evident that these kinds of ideas were relatively new to them, as they sometimes struggled with finding the right language to express their ideas. However, when the couple began taking questions, their talk blossomed into what felt like a more productive and interesting dialogue.

Students enthusiastically put forth a wide variety of intriguing and probing questions, which inspired not just interesting answers but also funny or poignant tangents, in addition to questions from Dr. Clare and Ferguson aimed back at the audience.

A slightly over-the-top question like "Is the Earth conscious and trying to shake us off?" led into a lengthy discussion of how guilt over our role in harming the environment can be unproductive when it comes to fixing the problem, our fundamental human need for connections to beauty,

community and mystery and an anecdote about a field scientist who, after several drinks, opened up about the spiritual connection he felt with the wolf pack he was researching.

On the whole, the pair's talk worked in a couple different ways: not only did they bring up thought-provoking ideas and connections, but they also demonstrated how to live and breathe those ideas in the ways they interacted with each other and with members of the audience.

With liveliness and charisma, Ferguson and Dr. Clare effectively overcame the stilted and overly formal atmosphere that typically pervades the Hatfield Room. Instead of groundbreaking or dramatically inspirational, I found the couple quietly affecting in their sincerity and enthusiasm, and their talk worth attending.

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Yes we Can...ada

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Relationships between countries are often compared to those between people. We talk of nations as being 'close friendships' and 'bitter rivals'. Nations are described as 'partners' or 'neighbors.' Political metaphors aside, if countries are friends then America is truly blessed to have such a compassionate friend as Canada. We can learn a lot about friendship from Canada, especially the recent use of the hashtag #tellamericaitsgreat.

Many Americans are understandably not feeling too hot about their country as we near the election. There's a lot of negativity surrounding the past several months, which others have written about at length. I want to write about Canada and why you should be the kind of friend Canada is to America.

The hashtag #tellamericaitsgreat has been trending recently, mostly in tweets from Canadians who have nice things to say about the USA. It's the sort of rare phenomena that makes social media feel slightly less like the soul sucking abyss of time wasting and data collection we have all come to know and live with.

Looking at American media it would be easy to conclude that this nation is essentially one giant dumpster fire. But these benevolent northern neighbors are here to tell us that we're great anyway. Twitter user Sarah Bessey @sarahbessey tweeted "Your arts & culture, your optimism & hope, your diversity & ideals - all brilliant. Plus you have @FLOTUS #tellamericaitsgreat." Others referred to America's literature, NASA, national parks and diversity. Dozens of Canadians collaborated on a YouTube video called "Tell America It's Great" that honestly made me tear up a bit. Canada is truly too good for this world.

These tweets are incredibly nice. In fact they're probably nicer than America deserves, but that's the point. Canada is the friend we should all aspire to be. They could easily join many in the U.S. and around the globe in ridiculing the current political state of affairs, but Canada knows better. Canada knows that when your friends aren't their best is when they are most in need of help and affirmation.

Of course, friends critique each other. I certainly hope that Canada does not coddle America into complacency with its ills just as I hope that my friends do not coddle me. But even in support there is a hidden critique. When Canada says America is great when clearly parts of it are exceptionally not great, it is an invite for America to remember its better self and commit to living as that better version of itself. Likewise, when you remind a friend who is moody, distraught, short tempered or otherwise unpleasant to be around that you really like a positive feature of who they are, then you remind them that their current malaise is by no means who they are or will be forever while also encouraging them to embrace and embody their better qualities.

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Correction:

The Oct. 12 issue featured an interview with the editors of QT Collective. Alexis Jimenez's name was incorrectly spelled "Alex Jimenez." The Collegian regrets this error and hopes that it did not take away from the story or QT Collective. The Collegian would like to apologize to Alexis. The editorial staff will work hard to ensure that this type of error does not occur in the future.

JoJo's back on the job

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Back in 2004, JoJo's memorable hit "Leave (Get Out)" topped international charts for weeks — the soulful breakup anthem with a 90s beat showcased the vocal talent of a 13-year-old from Vermont. That catchy single wasn't an accident: "Baby It's You (ft. Bow Wow)" came out later that year, and, in 2006, JoJo delivered another sultry, yet defiant earworm about falling out of love, "Too Little Too Late."

Starting from such a young age, JoJo's changes in maturity and style are quite visible from one year to the next (as is the case with Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus, etc), and a bit of growth helps her sound more believable when singing about, frankly, adult situations.

Since the release of her second studio album "The High Road," JoJo has been caught up in legal disputes with labels and executives that prevented her from releasing music, aside from a couple of mixtapes. Much like Keshia's horrific predicament with Sony, this is a case of an artist holding back from new projects through no fault of their own, and it would be unfair to blame either of them for not seeming relevant in the recent past.

Now 25 years old, JoJo looks very much the same, with the same zeal for hamming it up as an old-fashioned video vixen. During her time between labels on the brink of collapse, she could only share her gift by releasing covers of popular songs — lately, she's been doing soulful renditions of "Pillowtalk" by Zayn, her viral "response" to Drake's "Marvins Room" and "Planez" by Jeremih.

There's something distinctly borrowed, unfortunately, about the title of her latest LP, "Mad Love": immediately, Taylor Swift's "Bad Blood" and Katy Perry's perfume in reference to that song and friendship-ending beef come to mind. Neither this connection nor the periods after each song title should, ideally, cheapen this release, but those details do seem



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played out or unnecessarily bold.

JoJo must feel the way Rihanna feels about having a lifetime achievement award at 28, in the sense that both young women (millennials, at that) seem like veterans in the industry long before either of them probably intend to retire and stop performing. But unlike RiRi, JoJo has to both make a comeback and define herself as an actual grown-up.

Her vocal affectations were compared to her tone while speaking in interviews, which left the question of labeling her sound as "blue-eyed soul" open for discussion for some. JoJo certainly wants to be in-your-face on this record, like in the pumped-up jam "FAB. (ft. Remy Ma)" or at other moments that sound like the con-

fidant, breathy lead-up on Rihanna's "Needed Me."

There is a sense of both specificity and vagueness in her Demi Lovato-esque affirmational bops and ballads that allude to another side of JoJo, but such messages of personal evolution don't do much for most listeners, who don't know much about her to begin with.

Alessia Cara, a relative newcomer known for the 2015 alt-pop "Here," joins forces with JoJo for a vocal flexing competition on "I Can Only," and ultimately the two of them waste their efforts on a flat filler track. Wiz Khalifa gets a feature in "Fuck Apologies," remaining in the background of the track after his verse with ill-fitting hype man vocals and his signature giggle.

"FAB." doesn't bring out the best in Remy Ma, and much like Missy Elliott and Pharrell's "WTF (Where They From)," this awkward attempt to reclaim slang for a song-specific acronym has failure in its DNA.

JoJo's powerful voice is best presented in "Mad Love.," a somewhat retro romantic ballad that has the singer at parts crooning in a sexy whisper before belting out the track's sweeping chorus.

Overall, the album exhausts itself and rips off too many popular hits released fairly recently, and the track list of "Mad Love." isn't catchy enough to signal JoJo's impending comeback.

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Willamette Debate Union at Listening to the voi

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No phone, no wallet, no keys. Please wear a bra, but not one with underwire in it. Sweatpants are fine, but try not to wear any with PINK written across the ass. And, most importantly, don't wear blue jeans. If you can stick to this dress code (and pass a pretty intensive background check), you've got your ticket into the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP).

A seven minute drive from campus, OSP houses a fair portion of the state's most violent offenders, with approximately 2,000 inmates serving time for various felony charges. Some of these inmates will be released eventually. Many will remain at OSP for the remainder of their lives, where they will either die of natural causes, internal violence at the hands of other inmates or guards or by way of lethal injection (a measure which is still legal in the state of Oregon).

OSP is a branch of the broken system

The penitentiary has been in operation since 1851, and in that time it has seen many acts of assault and aggression within its own walls. These occurrences are, unfortunately, unsurprising. Nobody expects prisons to be lovely or even livable, and there are plenty of people who believe they should be just the opposite.

But in more recent years of the penitentiary's lifespan there have been movements to address the brutality of corrections facilities by creating spaces for inmates to apply themselves, receive group support, invest in religious or cultural values and hone skills. They take the form of clubs, special interest groups and support meetings. One such space is the Capital Toastmasters Club, a branch of Toastmasters International, a nonprofit organization, which meets routinely in OSP.

According to its mission statement, Capital Toastmasters seeks to "provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment [for inmates] in which every individual member has the opportunity to develop oral communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth." It's method? Public speaking and competitive debate.

Did you know that glossophobia (fear of public speaking) is the most common phobia in the world? Plenty of folks openly call for the cold embrace of death if it means they don't have to stand at a podium before a room full of people. But for these men, it's a shot at regaining their voices in a society which has long rendered them silent.

Allow me to put this in perspective. The total incarcerated population in the United States in 2014 was 2.4 million people. This number has undoubtedly grown, as incarceration rates in the U.S. have been steadily rising since the 80s with no sign of stopping. Our country has been in the lead for most incarcerations globally since 2002; though the United States comprises 5 percent of the global population, it holds 25 percent of the world's prisoners. One could say we have something of an incarceration problem — a bad habit that began for us way back during the Reagan administration.

But this is the big picture. When we break down these huge numbers, we find that particular communities are more represented in our criminal justice system: people who are impoverished and people of color. Frequently, these categories overlap.

Penitentiary problems persist after release

According to the Sentencing Project, on any given day, 1 in 10 Black men in his 30's is in jail or prison. Over half of prison occupants are People of Color, and white men are 2.3 times less likely than Latino men to be incarcerated (and this number is even higher in comparison to Black men).

Though this inequity has plenty to do with overt racial bias present in our criminal justice system, blame must also fall upon the sheer lack of resources afforded to individuals who are in financial need. Public defenders, for example, are routinely overburdened and underpaid while private attorneys have smaller caseloads and are able to robustly tackle the needs of each client.

And the problem doesn't lie only in the ravenous nature of our privately-owned prisons, or the systemic discrepancies which land vulnerable peoples in less favorable circumstances. Policies and legislation have targeted and impaired felons' ability to reintegrate, even after they've served time. Only two states in the nation completely preserve voting rights for felons, while several states don't allow felons or ex-felons the right to vote at all once they've been convicted. This means a felony conviction in your 20's renders you politically mute in your sixties.

Boxes on job applications which ask whether the applicant has been convicted of a crime dramatically reduce an ex-offender's chance of becoming gainfully employed after their time in prison, which is huge, considering a paying job is the single biggest step to reducing recidivism for past offenders, according to the National Institute of Justice.



at Oregon State Penitentiary

ences behind the bars



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All of these factors, these institutionalized obstacles, contribute to the disenfranchisement which smothers ex-felons even after they've supposedly "paid their dues" to society. They are not only isolated from the world for months or years at a time for the sake of punishment, but are then left without resources and deprived of any means to enact beneficial change on behalf of themselves or their communities. The cycle of impoverishment turns and turns.

Not your typical debate

That is the very reason Capital Toastmasters is valuable: it's rewriting the script of hopelessness for men who serve time. It's a program run for inmates, by inmates, proving that a felony conviction, or a handful of mandatory minimum sentences, do not deprive someone of their ambition, talent, and eagerness to lead when given the opportunity. And while inmates are taking a stand and investing in themselves, it's important that we invest in them also.

This is how Willamette's partnership with the Capital Toastmasters Club began. This school's Debate Union has been routinely visiting the prison on Friday nights to compete, participate in poetry slams and learn with the inmates for years now — and you'll be hard-pressed to find another program in this country that does the same.

On Oct. 1, the men of Capital Toastmasters invited collegiate debate teams from across the country to the penitentiary grounds for a tournament. Willamette's Debate Union made a showing, along with teams from as far as Miami. This was the 6th Annual Capital Toastmasters Tournament held at OSP.

A competition in a maximum security prison looks and feels a bit different from the competitions most collegiate debaters frequent. Where there is usually the clacking of heeled shoes on tiled classroom floors, there is the sound of sneakers scuffing cement. Great big windows overlooking lush college campuses are swapped for sheets of fogged glass looking out to a barren prison yard. There are no bulletin boards coating the hall as you enter boasting esteemed guests and upcoming academic lectures. But there is a single sign which reads "HAVE A SAFE DAY."

Behind the bars

Myself, my teammates and most other collegiate debaters have given numerous speeches

about the school-to-prison pipeline in tournaments. We have advocated on behalf of the disenfranchised when critiquing policy proposals and rambled at length about the pros and cons of mandatory minimums. But before opportunities like this had been opened to us, we had been largely disconnected from the people we so desperately wanted to protect, who were the greatest stakeholders in these discussions about mass incarceration and justice. We were people who didn't understand, telling what we know to other people who didn't understand.

It's not that I think these discussions are only valuable when an inmate is present, just that they become exponentially more informative, more real and more important. The ivory tower is pervasive in academia and in our spaces of learning, and elitism thrives when we forget that issues connect to people. Even worse, when we neglect to include these people in our discussions, we lose out on the perspectives which arguably matter most.

So when we sit down and learn alongside people who are behind bars, as was done at the OSP tournament and will continue to be done through events sponsored by the Toastmasters Club, the benefits are undeniable. Inmates are given a chance to express themselves on issues that are pertinent to them, a platform they have been deprived of. They learn skills which will hopefully equip them to do good and lead others in the future, whether that means within penitentiary grounds or in the communities they hope to return to someday.

For us, these events at the Oregon State Penitentiary deconstruct boundaries that have kept us from considering the alternative outlooks and perspectives that academic spaces so clearly lack. They put us in touch with the people we've been missing out on. They teach us that there is plenty we don't know. They inform our education and our activism with compassion, rather than mere statistics.

First year Emilia Cubelos, a teammate of mine who competed at the OSP tournament, stated it best: "When we don't invest in our inmates, and give them chances to grow, it's costly. Not just in terms of the money spent housing them and discharging them and then taking them back when they have nowhere to go. But we miss out on so much potential. We miss out on wisdom. We paint these pictures in our heads of 'people who do bad things.' We need to start making room for humanity in those paintings."

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The women's volleyball team competed in two conference matchups this past week. Last Wednesday, the Linfield Wildcats were able to defeat the Bearcats in three straight sets. Senior Alexa Dowdell recorded a match high of 12 kills, which put her second in the NWC. She now has 207 kills this season and averages a total of 3.51 kills per set. Sophomore Kaylen Higa continued her outstanding defensive performance with a team high of 25 digs.

The first set was a very close battle. With the score tied 21-21, Linfield was able to gain a two point advantage on two blocks. With the score 23-21, Dowdell responded with a kill, followed by a service ace. The score was then tied 23-23, but the Wildcats won the set on a kill following a hitting error by the Bearcats.

In the second set the Bearcats

came out strong with a 5-1 lead. Linfield responded by surging a 9-0 run, and the score was then 10-5. Later on, Willamette was able to mount a comeback and get within one point of Linfield thanks to a kill by freshman Jennifer Lane and a block by senior Taylor Lum. The Wildcats pulled away and won the second set 25-22. Linfield led for the majority of the third set, and wound up on top, 25-19.

This last Friday, Willamette hosted Pacific Lutheran University for another conference game. Dowdell led Willamette in kills with nine, while Higa registered a total of 18 digs.

In the first set, the score remained close at 9-8, but the Lutes went on a 9-0 run to pull ahead of the Bearcats.

The second set was much closer, as Willamette reduced PLU's lead to 22-18 after a combination block by Dowdell and freshman Madison Haley. PLU ended up winning the set 25-22.

The Lutes took a 12-4 lead in the third set. The Bearcats tied the score at 14-14. Senior Riley Fawcett registered a kill and tied the set at 18-18. However, PLU mounted a 6-0 run and ran away with the set, the final score being 25-21.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

This past weekend, members on the men's and women's track teams took a trip up to Wisconsin to compete in the UW-Oshkosh Kollege Town Sports Invitational. Both the men's and women's team entered the competition ranked nationally at No. 35.

Senior Olivia Mancl finished sixth out of 528 runners in the women's 6 kilometer race. Her performance aided in the Bearcats finishing in 11th place in the team standings. Junior Hannah Swanson followed Mancl by placing 20th overall and senior Ami Boucher placed 63rd.

Junior Patrick Loftus claimed 66th place out of 551 runners in

the 8 kilometer race, which put the men's team in 12th place in the team standings. In addition, sophomore Ryan Morris-McDermott placed 90th overall and sophomore Keith Carlson took 95th.

The Lewis and Clark Invitational was also held this weekend for another group of Willamette runners. Freshman Kyla Shade finished on top for Willamette, as she placed 14th in the women's 6 kilometer race. Freshman Schafer Wilson placed 32nd in the 8 kilometer race and was the top finisher for the men. Sophomore Robbie Melhorn, junior Jack Kobylka and freshman Matt Taylor finished 38th, 39th and 40th, respectively.

MEN'S SOCCER

On Saturday, the men's soccer team lost a nailbiter against Pacific Lutheran University. The Bearcats outshot the Lutes 6-1 in the first half, although no goals were scored. In the second half, senior

Josh Fuentes made three saves for the Bearcats. However, with 7:05 left in the game, PLU scored on a cross by sophomore Eddie Na. The Bearcats battled back, and recorded two corner kicks in the remaining time, although they were unable to generate a shot.

The Bearcats played in another NWC matchup on Sunday against the Puget Sound Loggers. Near the end of the first half, the Loggers took a 1-0 lead on a corner kick, with senior Josh Sonico finding the back of the net. In the second half, the Bearcats fought back, but were unable to tie it up. They outshot the Loggers 9-1, but the Loggers held on for the win.

The Bearcats record now stands at 7-5-0 overall, and 5-4-0 in the NWC.

The Bearcats will host George Fox on Saturday, Oct. 22, for their next NWC matchup.

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Bearcat Spotlight



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Bearcat Spotlight interviews personalities, captains and talents from Willamette varsity and club sports teams. Learn about these athletes, and what they do when they're not at practice or playing for the Bearcats!

Up this week: Trent Jones

Sophomore Trent Jones is from Kenmore, Washington. He is a physics major, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, was a Jump Start Stepping Out leader this last year and is a member of the men's golf team. Jones recently placed first in the NWC Fall Classic tournament, which was his third first place finish in his golf career at Willamette University.

Sydney: Who is your celebrity crush?

Trent: Emma Watson, because it's a childhood, on-going thing.

Andrea: What's your favorite type of cheese?

Trent: Pepperjack, because it's like the best sandwich cheese.

Andrea: Would you ever eat a whole block of cheese?

Trent: Yeah.

Andrea: Have you?

Trent: Not a whole block, but...

Sydney: [Disgusted noise]

Trent: ... but I've eaten a lot of cheese.

Andrea: Would you rather eat cheese or candy?

Trent: That's tough, definitely depends on what mood I'm in and how hungry I am. But sometimes I definitely crave fruity candy. Definitely crave that more than chocolate.

Sydney: [Louder disgusted noise]

Sydney: Can you fit your whole fist in your mouth?

Trent: Hell no.

Andrea: Have you tried?

Trent: Uh huh.

Andrea: Can you try right now?

Trent:

Andrea: Who would you let punch you in the face?

Trent: I never thought of that before.

Andrea: I'd let Aaron Carter punch me in the face. I'd honestly

probably pay him to punch me in the face.

Sydney: That's embarrassing.

Trent: If I like felt really bad about something I did like to a good friend of mine, that would be when I'd want them to punch me in the face. Just for like my own guilt.

Sydney: What would we find in your fridge right now?

Trent: An old bowl of oatmeal.

Sydney: [Even louder disgusted noise]

Andrea: If you were a salad, what kind of dressing would you be?

Trent: Vinaigrette, because I love vinaigrette. Balsamic's really good.

Sydney: [Another disgusted noise, almost makes you question whether SydWil knows how to make any other noise] I like ranch.

Sydney: What kind of conspiracy theories do you believe in?

Trent: Um, national treasure.

Andrea: Do you want to expand?

Trent: I think there is a treasure that is hidden in the history of America.

Andrea: Do you think that "National Treasure" the movie is actually a documentary?

Trent: I think it is, but they're making it seem like it's not.

Sydney: If you were to get rid of one state in the United States, which would you choose?

Trent: Probably Maine. It's basically Canada. I just don't hear anything about Maine. The only connection I have with it is I know people who go to Bowdoin.

Sydney: What is a Bowdoin? It sounds like a water buffalo. You know those big things?

Andrea: Bison?

Sydney: Yeah! That's what first came to mind. Whatever.

Andrea: Pick two celebrities to

be your parents.

Trent: Tom Hanks is definitely my father. I was just thinking about this the other day.

Andrea: What?

Trent: Not that I want him to be my father, I was just thinking about Tom Hanks.

Andrea: Have you ever dreamed of Tom Hanks?

Trent: No?

Andrea: Who else would be your parent?

Trent: Robin Williams as Mrs. Doubtfire.

Sydney: My favorite part of that movie is when she's cleaning the house and she starts dancing and I'm like, nice. [laughs] Good times.

Sydney: What do you smell like?

Trent: I smell like Goudy Commons.

Andrea: What does that smell like? Like hot dogs?

Trent: It smells like bad food. You know when you walk out of Goudy and you can literally smell the food on you?

Andrea: You want that in print?

Trent: That's not my natural scent.

Andrea: What is the weirdest thing you've eaten?

Trent: I've had sushi made with sea urchin, and the sea urchin was like a tongue. It seemed like a tongue.

Sydney: That's not like the pokey thing is it? Like the pokey ball things? They look like porcupines. Is that what that is? YOU CAN EAT THOSE?

Trent: It's in sushi.

Sydney: Interesting...

Andrea: What is an overrated liquid?

Trent: What sort of liquids do you think are overrated?

Sydney: I mean like, water. I mean it has no taste to it, so like kind of.

Sydney: What is your ideal first date?

Trent: What about like skydiving or something?

Sydney: The first date ever?

Trent: You'd see their true colors.

Sydney: And then you die. That would be a memorable first date.

Sydney: What's your favorite spot on campus?

Trent: There's a really nice hammock spot by the trees by Eaton and Waller, like that spot with overhanging chestnut trees is super pretty, especially during the fall.

Sydney: My number one fear is one of those hitting me in the head and then I'd pass out.

Andrea: That would be pretty funny. You'd have to transfer.

Sydney: Yeah, probably.

Andrea: What's an overrated article of clothing?

Trent: Scarves.

Andrea: Scarves? Why?

Trent: I don't know, they just seem like they're just for show. I just never felt like my neck was super cold.

Andrea: What are you going to be for Halloween?

Trent: I don't know yet, I'm not good at planning ahead.

Andrea: A sexy cat?

Trent: Nope, but that's always an option.

Sydney: What is your question for next week?

Trent: I don't know, isn't that your job?

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Loss against Linfield not what Bearcat football anticipated

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On Saturday, Oct. 15, the football team traveled to McMinnville, Oregon, to face No. 8 Linfield College on Maxwell Field in a NWC matchup.

They were looking to give the Wildcats a run for their money, although that is not exactly what happened. We all know that road games can be hard, even if it's only an hour away. Fewer fans showed up to cheer on the Bearcats and the approaching was the storm tough to play in. Not many people wanted to drive an hour to sit in the wind and rain, but some of the best football games are played in the rain.

It was Family Weekend, and there were plenty of parents in the stands to root on their Bearcats, but overall it was a disappointing turn-

out, which was reflected in the 40-0 score.

Linfield powered through the entire game, rushing for a total of 218 yards on 49 carries, with 149 yards through the air. Senior Taylor Wyman of Willamette ran 21 times for 65 yards, which was low in comparison to his other games this season, having averaged 118.2 yards per game prior to Saturday.

Senior Nick Brickous led the Willamette defense with seven tackles. Senior Rayvon Owens intercepted two passes during the game, although the Bearcats were unable to score on these turnovers. Though these players stood out for Willamette, Linfield was still the dominant team.

The Wildcats scored on the first possession of the game after driving 58 yards in only eight possessions. On the Bearcats' first drive, they

did move the ball down to Linfield's 21-yard-line, which looked promising, but Wyman was stopped for a four yard loss on fourth-and-1, which really hindered the Bearcats. These two first drives by each team framed how the overall game would be played out.

Right after that turnover, Linfield drove 75 yards in nine plays to add another touchdown. At the end of the first quarter, Linfield had already taken a 14-0 lead, and it kept building.

In the second quarter Linfield added nine points. Willamette just could not push through and make it to the end zone, and they ended up punting on fourth down every prime opportunity they had to get on the scoreboard.

The final score of the game ended up being a tough 40-0 loss, with Linfield resting easy that night and

Willamette taking a sad bus ride back home in the stormy weather.

The Bearcats prepared as best as they could and they knew this game wouldn't be easy, but in the end they just fell short.

Linfield College is ranked No. 8 by D3football.com Top 25 in the nation, and they definitely displayed that against the Bearcats last Saturday. Linfield moved to 4-1 on the season, and are now 3-0 in the NWC, while the Bearcats fell to 2-4 on the season, being 1-3 in the NWC.

The Bearcats are looking to come back strong in the upcoming game on Saturday, Oct. 22, against Pacific University at 1 p.m. with the Willamette fans in the home stands to support them.

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THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

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MLB

The race for the World Series is now down to four teams. In the American League, the matchup is between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Cleveland Indians. The Indians currently have a 3-0 lead in the series. These two cities also met up in the NBA Eastern Conference finals in the spring, with the Cleveland Cavaliers defeating the Toronto Raptors. The Cavs went on to win the NBA finals last year.

The series is best out of seven games and the Indians already have a commanding 3-0 lead. The only team to come back from a deficit like this was the 2004 Red Sox. The Boston Red Sox ended up winning the World Series that year, which ended the curse of the Great Bambino.

In the National League, the matchup is between the Chicago Cubs and the Los Angeles Dodgers, with the series at 2-1 for Los Angeles. The Cubs have not won a World Series since 1908. It has also been a long time since the Cubs even made it to a World Series, the last time being in 1945.

For the Dodgers, it is all about pitcher Clayton Kershaw and how he needs to perform in the post-season. Kershaw is known for dominating during the regular season, but performing subpar in the postseason. He has already made one start in the series proving everyone wrong.

NFL

This week we will focus on the local favorite football team, the Seattle Seahawks. The Seahawks played the Atlanta Falcons at CenturyLink Field in Seattle on Sunday. They won by a very close score of 26-24. After their win, the team's record is now 4-1 and they are on the top of the NFC West Division with a two game lead. This season has been rather smooth sailing for the Hawks so far, other than quarterback Russell Wilson being injured for most of the season.

In this upcoming week, the Seahawks have a big matchup with their division rivals, the Arizona Cardinals. The Cardinals are 3-3 this season, so it is also a big game for them to bounce back.

NHL

Taking a break from college football this week, let's look at the start of the National Hockey League. The season started on Oct. 12, and the Pittsburgh Penguins are looking to defend the Stanley Cup.

A notable performance has already come from the rookie center Auston Matthews, who scored four goals in a single game. Scoring four goals is very impressive on its own, but Matthews did it in his first game as a professional hockey player. He is the only NHL player to ever do this. His parents were in the stands to see all of this happen, and were quite emotional throughout the entire game.

Until next week, K DEN!

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Women's soccer braves the elements



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Sophomore Liz Stewart fights for the ball against Linfield freshman Natalie Amara on Sparks Field Saturday.

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Sophomore Liz Stewart led the Bearcats with four shots and Sanders added three of her own. The Bearcats almost scored at the end of the second overtime, when freshman Annie Strom took a corner kick that Stewart headed just wide of the goal. Freshman goalkeeper Kristan Barclay held the Wildcats scoreless with four different saves.

On Sunday afternoon, the Bearcats headed to Forest Grove, Oregon to play against the Pacific University Boxers. They came out on top with a 1-0 victory.

Junior Emmy Manset provided the offense for the game, as she scored the only goal of the game eight minutes in. Manset was extremely efficient with her shots that day.

Leading in shots again was Stewart as she added five, while sophomore KayLyn Stirton chipped in three shots and Sanders added two more. The Willamette offense dominated the game as it totaled 16 shots compared to Pacific's six. They came close to extending their lead as Stewart hit the crossbar with a shot with 35 minutes remaining, and soph-

omore Kate Matthews hit the post in the second half. Barclay again was a force in the goal as she had two saves and did not allow a single goal.

"Our team did well this weekend and everyone's really proud. While we tied with Linfield in a double overtime, even though we should have scored, we kept them to a shutout. Then we came out the next day and played a great game against Pacific where we were able to control the game, getting a goal and a win," Fong said.

The Bearcats' goalkeeping and defense this season has allowed the third lowest amount of goals in the NWC. They are giving up fewer than one goal per game, and their goals against average is also the third lowest in the NWC at 0.8. Fong attributes this to "a really strong and fast backline that plays really tough and is able to shut down most of the opposing attacks. We've also got great keepers, Kristen and Emily, that have made some really key saves."

The next women's soccer game is on Saturday, Oct. 22, on Sparks Field at 12 p.m.

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Goodbye "Big Papi" Ortiz

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My father is not someone who cares about sports. His interest ebbs and flows as the seasons go on. Intermittently getting caught up in the current championship chase of whatever playoff happens to be on at the moment.

He doesn't wax poetically about the glory days of the Lakers or the Dodgers, what would be his hometown teams. He is someone who subscribes heavily to the idea that sports don't have all that much meaning beyond entertainment.

"It's not your life," is generally the short answer he gives when pressed about this. He almost never becomes emotionally invested in a team's success. This is rational, and when you look at it, it is probably the course that one should take when watching a game.

Fandom is being emotionally tied to a group of people that you don't know, that have nothing to do with you and are paid massive amounts of money to play for an organization that you happen to have some vague

connection to. The one exception that I can remember to my father's very logical approach was the 2004 Boston Red Sox.

I was young at the time, and don't remember many specifics, but something that sticks out clearly to me was when my father bought the commemorative championship DVD. They're all the same, produced every year by the leagues in order to capitalize the demand for "owning a piece of history." I didn't understand.

As a child I didn't really like sports, and couldn't figure out why my dad was so excited by this one team that I'd never really heard of before. He was caught up in the drama of it all. The theatrics really. So many storylines that all came together at the perfect time infatuated him.

The only narrative that I really understood was the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Even an eight-year-old knows everyone hates the Yankees. There was also the Red Sox 86-year-old championship drought, and reckless brilliance of Johnny Damon and Curt Schilling's

bloody sock. The Red Sox, down 2-0 going into game three, letting up 19 runs and then winning four straight in dramatic fashion, became the first team in MLB history to win a series after losing the first three games.

David Ortiz was in the middle of it all, again and again coming up clutch when he needed to. He had a walk-off two-run homerun in the 12th inning of game four, and followed that up the very next game with a walk-off single in the bottom of the 14th inning.

It's the kind of story you could never write, and Ortiz was the ultimate truth-is-stranger-than-fiction hero. Coming over from the Minnesota Twins only two years before as something of an unproven commodity, he quickly endeared himself to baseball die-hards and casual fans alike with his bravado and obvious joy. He was unapologetically himself, something that can be said less and less about athletes these days.

That American League championship series was his magnum-opus. He lived and died with

every peak and valley of that series. He was just as elated by his late game heroics as the Boston faithful were, and though there is obviously investment beyond the money for most professional athletes, for Ortiz it was almost childlike. Ironic for a man nicknamed "Big Papi."

He will easily be a Hall of Famer and one of the greatest Red Sox of all time. By far the best designated hitter ever, his reach and popularity extend far beyond baseball.

I'll always remember him, though, for his lasting effect on my father. Every time we would be watching TV and the Red Sox were playing, my father would inevitably put whatever else it was we were watching on hold, and we would wait for "Papi" to bat. They were normally random regular season games with no massive stakes or significant storylines, and if there were any, we certainly weren't aware of them.

There was just something about Ortiz that made it possible for my father to be a fan, and whatever that something was, it made him truly special.

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Kim K is not OK: Why the Oct. 3 robbery is not a joke

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Despite what her social media and reality television show empire might lead her audience to believe, Kim Kardashian-West is a mere mortal.

On Oct. 3, thieves dressed as police officers broke into the Paris hotel where Kardashian-West was staying, bound and gagged her in duct tape and threw her in the bathroom. They then stole \$10 million worth of jewelry.

Now, in light of Ryan Lochte's ridiculous lie about being robbed at gunpoint in Brazil during the 2016 Olympics, the superheroes of the internet are investigating to see if Kim K similarly faked her traumatizing experience. Even more alarming, comment sections all across social media and online news articles about the robbery sport suggestions that the perpetrators should have killed and/or raped her while they had the chance.

Kim left Paris to go back home as soon as the ordeal was over, and Kanye West stopped his show mid song. He then flew to New York to meet her. Yet these are the very things that make people question the story. Does it really seem impossible that someone consumed by fear was unable to free herself from duct tape? Many wonder why Kanye flew to New York instead of meeting Kim in Paris, but why would he fly to Paris? Kim was leaving as soon as she could, and Kanye going to Paris would only keep them apart longer. Yet, somehow this is used as evidence for the robbery being faked.

There is a plethora of evidence by the paparazzi that strange men were following Kardashian-West around for days before the event, and they even reported the men to Kardashian-West's security team. But these narratives have been ignored because it is easier to call Kim a liar and say she staged this for fame than listen to the evidence. This is often dismissed as fake because many believe that Kardashian-West paid the paparazzi to say that they saw something suspicious.

Not many people like Kardashian-West because she made a fortune by doing nothing and everything, because her face and butt are everywhere, because she has the audacity to love herself when millions of people call her stupid and vapid and a whore. But in what world should that warrant being killed or raped, or even being called a liar, because of someone else's malicious ignorance?

Even Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer added his opinion to the mix on the legitimacy of Kardashian-West's reports of theft, saying in court, "Kardashian's thief, if there is one..." Why if? There was no "if" for Lochte, whose intelligence and ingenuity (or lack thereof) has never been a question.

Why support the man until he is caught crying wolf, but call the woman a liar from the get-go? That's not wisdom, or learning from past experiences—that's sexism.

If there's one thing Kim K has proven, with her \$74.3 million made on her app "Kim Kardashian: Hollywood" alone as reported by MarketWatch.com, it's that she's not stupid, we are.



ELLA MERNYK

She's not stupid enough to try to pull the same stunt Lochte did after only three months, we're just stupid enough to believe it.

Any person should feel safe no matter where they are, whether it be a poorly-lit street or a luxury hotel. Kim Kardashian-West getting robbed is not a problem of her vanity, her success or her lack of security. Never blame the victim.

This is a problem of violence, especially violence against women.

The robbers were the original perpetrators, but the commenters and disbelievers are simply furthering the cycle of abuse in which women are targeted for physical and emotional attacks.

The Kardashian-West robbery shows problems endemic to how women are mistreated. They are criticized for how they act if they choose not to be submissive, and when bad things do happen to them, it is somehow the woman's fault.

Kardashian-West did not come out of the ordeal unscathed. She is badly shaken and reportedly has not left her home for weeks after the robbery. Notably, the last time she posted on social media was Oct. 2, the day before the attack.

As with any person who thought they were going to die, Kim has still not recovered, and the accusations against her character might finally have taken their toll. When asked

about Kim's absence from social media on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show," Khloe Kardashian said Kim and the whole Kardashian-Jenner family are reevaluating their use of social media, which means the social media giants we know today might never be the same.

Many will see this as a blessing. Kim is annoying, self centered and likes to take nudes of herself just for publicity. However, for others, this is the downfall of one of the only women in contemporary society that was not afraid to be herself.

Kim K may be a goddess, but she is also a mortal woman.

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Bud Pierce believes only impoverished women are victimized

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[Content warning: domestic and sexual violence.]

As this election season drags democracy's increasingly rotting corpse along, it's important for everyone to reflect on the rampant sexism happening on all levels of the election process. Because, as it turns out, there are multiple old white dudes vying for control in politics who know nothing about the lives of women but feel the need to speak about them anyway, and most of them aren't Cheeto-like reality TV manbabies.

If you missed the Oregon gubernatorial (which is an unnecessary word for "governor") debate recently, Governor Kate Brown, the nation's first openly bisexual governor, bravely shared that she "knows what it feels like to be a victim of domestic violence" following an audience member's question about high rates of sexual and domestic abuse in Oregon. Governor Brown's campaign office quietly confirmed this and added that the perpetrator was not Gov. Brown's current husband.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Bud Pierce, the nation's 1000th white man to have the name of a golden retriever, quickly followed Gov. Brown's lived experience with some eye-opening facts that he just made up.

"A woman that has great education and training and a great job is not susceptible to this kind of abuse by men, women or any-

one," Pierce mansplained, eliciting boos from the audience. (Mansplaining, for the blissfully unaware and/or ignorantly perpetrating, is when a man with incomplete knowledge on a subject attempts to patronizingly explain that subject to a non-man person under the assumption that he

His point, according to a Twitter statement apologizing to Gov. Brown and others who "may have taken [his] comments the wrong way," was that working class women living in poverty are the most vulnerable to domestic and sexual abuse because of their lack of resources.

other aspects of social justice, become too focused on middle- and upper-class women. Yet perhaps someone—a living human female, if he knows any—should tell their boy Buddy (Can I call you Buddy? I'm going to go ahead and do it without paying attention to your preference or experience, just like you would!) to take a seat while she deconstructs a few things.

Since we can't wait all day, I'll go ahead and start.

Bud Pierce, do you truly believe that a college education and a high-paying job create some sort of violence-proof shield for women? If so, Anita Hill is calling from the 90s and she wants you to shut the hell up. (Actually, while she's got you on the phone, the 90s as a whole wants you to know they are cringing at your ignorance on the subject of violence against women.)

Pierce's comments came in response to an audience member's question regarding a recent report that showed that over 50 percent of women and girls in Oregon have reported being victims of domestic and sexual violence. In your mind, Bud, are all of those people either living in poverty or lying? Will that violence disappear once all of those survivors obtain diplomas and job offers?

When I was in high school and I was sexually assaulted by someone I considered a friend, was it because I just wasn't educated enough? I'm so glad I've been able to pursue a higher education, if for no other reason than the anti-vio-

lence booster shot that Willamette provides me every semester. That must be why there is absolutely no sexual or interpersonal violence on our campus!

Of course that was sarcasm, Buddy, but do you really believe that the 1 in 5 women in college who face sexual violence, domestic abuse and stalking (among other forms of violence) are simply too poor or too uneducated to not be victimized?

Naming economic inequality as the one and only source of violence against women ignores the real, complex power structures at play. Women living in poverty do have less access to lifesaving services and resources designed to help trauma survivors or enable them to leave abusive partners.

However, more access doesn't negate the culture of misogyny and violence that shapes the abuser and the rapist. Class plays a part in making someone vulnerable, as do race, religion, sexuality, citizenship and every other intersection of identity. We will never solve the problem by focusing on just one.

It can all get a little confusing, so here's a good first step to figuring this stuff out, Buddy: sit down, wag your tail and be a good boy while your overnorn and the other adult women explain to you what life on today's Earth is like for us.

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knows more about it than they do. Popular topics for mansplaining include sexual assault, rape culture, the wage gap, why tweeting rape threats is harmless, etc.)

To his credit, it's absolutely true that economic class is an incredibly important dimension to the conversation on gendered violence, which can, like many

Being a woman and having a body: Size feeds sexism

ANONYMOUS
STUDENT

Being in this body of mine has not been easy since before I can remember. Truth is, I don't remember very much. I've had to extrapolate the most intimate details of my life because so much is hazy. I am fairly sure of some of the things that have happened to me; others, I might never know for sure.

So, how much does it really matter if I have trouble with men because my father raped me, or because my uncle did, or both? Does it matter whether I'm actually fat at this point in my life, or whether I simply feel it?

Well-meaning people, from therapists to professors here, have told me that what matters most is what I feel to be true. That's a nice sentiment, but when your brain is a morass of half-clear images and stories you've been telling yourself for so long you can't recall whether they actually happened or whether you just think they

did, what really happened starts to seem essential, like the most important thing in the world.

Essayist and brilliant person Roxane Gay spoke of the difference between "Lane Bryant fat" and other kinds of fat. To be honest, I'd never considered the distinction until she said that. I've never been beyond Lane Bryant fat, regardless of the fact I've been obsessing over being fat since I was nine years old. At the same time, being fat has become such an inextricable part of my identity that I'm no longer sure that the physical component of fatness is really the defining factor.

I'm lucky enough to be someone exposed to the term "fat-shaming" at a young enough age to make a difference. Reading Naomi Wolf interfered with the progression of my anorexia, the second of my bouts of eating disorders, sufficiently to keep me alive. Thus, I know intellectually that I started to believe I was not good enough to be loved because I was bold and brave and brassy, and these are not qual-

ities encouraged in women. I know my parents emotionally disowned me because I talk about the horrors of my childhood, not because of my weight.

Heck, I even know that sometimes boys I really like start ignoring me or refusing to meet my eyes not because they've "suddenly realized" I'm fat, but because they're scared of being caught staring at my breasts. The problem is that all still feels like abandonment to me. It still feels like betrayal.

There are other, more practical things to think about. Most of the time I can speak up for myself, but sometimes power dynamics are in place that make this difficult. Sometimes very thin girls exert the sort of social pressure they expect to work because their thinness offers them privilege I do not have. Occasionally a professor gives me a slightly lower grade than I know I deserve, and as I gaze at their rail-thin body and carefully asexual bearing, I have my suspicions as to why.

Moreover, the in-betweenness of my body renders my skin an uncomfortable place to be at times. The idea of taking off my clothes brings up issues I don't want to have to think about. I think my belly curves the way it does because I was once pregnant, but I can't prove it and don't know for sure. My pelvis is incontrovertibly displaced, but I could not tell you why with any certainty; it pains me, enough that I blame my fatness on that. I insist to myself that I am fat because of what was done to me, as though having an excuse means I am not to blame, not bad or lazy or selfish, not really fat at all.

Gay talked about acknowledging the obvious, about the fact that it is important to name what is visible. I agree; it is when one is forced to leave unspoken what is most important to that person that she begins to feel she is going mad. That is what personal experience has taught me.

The trouble, however, lies in what can never be named, in what must never be named.

Sooner or later, friends, and particularly would-be boy-friends, want to know things I don't like to talk about. When did you lose your virginity? What are your parents like?

I wish my life came equipped with a manual to tell me what to say. Explaining that I lost my virginity sometime before my fifth birthday, that I don't remember it consciously but my body does in such a deep way that anything to do with sex terrifies me, is kind of a mood-killer.

Saying that my father is a monster, that my mother has chosen to stay with him because of financial incentives, is even worse. Inhabiting a body that has survived this reality is bad enough; it is reminder enough to those around me that horrible things have happened to other people and not to themselves. Choosing to speak about it would be, in a society steeped in rape culture, could be seen as a terrorist act.

Not above the fray: Trump's sexism is our sexism too

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There's been a fair amount of agreement both in the media and among politicians that the recently leaked comments by Donald Trump about women are reprehensible. Numerous Republican politicians have withdrawn support from his campaign, including Ted Cruz and John McCain.

Meanwhile, several others have spoken harshly about the comments while still maintaining a "full speed ahead" approach to their wildcard nominee: "both sides have sinned," said New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, while Ben Carson expressed suspicion that liberals "had knowledge of this conversation for a long time" and strategically timed its release.

Many people are obviously satisfied with the most explicit reveal yet of the disgusting attitude that Trump has towards women. Yet, we have to realize that the blatant misogyny he expresses is also a product of the normalized sexist language that is used day-to-day in this country (and in other countries too).

It is kind of bizarre to see this recent backlash when Trump has been continuously quoted using sexist language. So many people, — mostly men — have suddenly decided that as husbands and fathers they cannot condone this language after supporting a man using it (and who they knew used it) for months. How convenient.

However, the fact is, whether or not Trump's comments are extreme, they are also a byproduct of what men say in men-only spaces all the time. I work at a progressive summer camp where frequent talk among counselors is how males and females on staff can model positive gender behavior for kids. This often means that men are trying to take up less social space, while women attempt to take up more.

Yet, when the males, including myself, did have a space to ourselves, the conversation would shift to complaints about "being

silenced," undermining the silencing that women experience efforts against on a regular basis. To react so strongly to recent revelations from celebrities is to ignore the normalization of the awful language that is used in regard to women all the time. Take, for example, Ed Schultz calling conservative radio host Laura Ingraham a "right-wing slut."

As men, we tend to get defensive when called out for misogynistic behavior. We often cite "feeling attacked" when being told that we are taking up too much space or that we are using offensive language. Yet if we are going to get up in arms about all the horrible things that Trump has said, we also have to be open to criticism from others regarding the things we say. On campus, I have heard expressions like "PMSing" tossed around to mock men for expressing sadness or moodiness. Language like this is degrading to the individual man, sure, but also to all women.

I understand the defensive response; I am a man, after all. Whenever I have received criticism for perpetuating the patriarchy through my language, I have been inclined to explain why I wasn't doing that. I had an experience where I dismissed a television show with a female lead as "for girls" without truly watching it. When my close friend critiqued me for it, my first response was to claim I had done no such thing. That impulse hasn't gone away, but here's the thing: I don't really understand where these women are coming from, do I?

I can never deny the experience of someone who comes from a group that has been marginalized in a way my demographic hasn't. As a result, the response should not be to be defensive when getting called out, but to ask questions, sit back and learn.

It also makes sense that we would be horrified at even being mentioned in the same sentence as Donald Trump. This is a terrifying thought, and most men are not at that level of shameless



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sexism (at the very least they will try to hide it in public spaces). Yet just because he is more guilty than us, does not mean that we are innocent. If we seek to prevent men of Trump's caliber from reaching the highest possible level of public office, we should think about how we use comments that send a similar message, even if they are more subtle, in order to gain status among our friends.

For example, think more about using slang that involves genitalia in general (and at least think about the message it sends before you use it). That doesn't necessarily mean don't say things, but think about why you are saying it and how else it can be phrased. Be willing to call out others as well, which is often scary and can be met with resistance. As horrible

as it is, sometimes men respond better to being called out by other men than to being called out by women.

The most common praise Trump's supporters have given him is for his supposed "honesty." They claim that he says what "everybody" is thinking. What that means is that the people who share Trump's thoughts are as responsible for the perpetuation of these sexist ideas as the person who says them.

Of all of Trump's attitudes and policies, this is the one that has been the most consistent, even prior to his run for political office. The issue isn't that people didn't know about it, it just didn't stand out before. This leaked interview was released over 10 years ago, and yet it didn't spark

a reaction until now when it was re-released. Howard Stern himself has defended Trump by saying the comments were made "in an effort to be entertaining." This is not an excuse, but it shows that the language used was promoted by the masses as much as the man himself.

As Rudy Giuliani said, Trump, at the time, "was not running for public office."

We shouldn't be arguing that a man who says such things has no place in the Oval Office, we should be arguing that he has no place in society at all. If we want to cease this kind of behavior, we can't only criticize public figures for taking part in behavior that we promote as well.

Humans of Willamette

A professor wants to know: Why don't you read your emails?



Kayana Barriger
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Yeah, I read like all of my emails. I have them all sorted. I only have 18 in my inbox right now. I label everything and put them in there after I read them. I get about like 50 emails a day because I'm on WEB and I work for Tokyo International University and I'm dance team captain and I sort them all. I do it periodically throughout the day, and I check my email at least 50 times a day. That depends on if I'm looking for things in my email. Sometimes I check it just to look for stuff.



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Just text me. We're friends, right?

If you could be any sea creature, what would you be and why?



Mariam Baig
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Either a sting ray or a great white shark. I think they are really lovely creatures and they tend to mind their own business. I just love them a lot. I would probably choose to be in warmer water, but I would migrate. Anywhere would be fine with me because I like to travel.



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I'd be a seahorse because those are one of the only animals where the males have to take care of the babies. Also I used to be obsessed with horses, and since seahorse has horse in the name, I really used to love them. I never owned a horse, and I was never allowed to have horse-riding lessons, but I was obsessed with horses. But I think it's almost because I wasn't allowed to be around them. I also used to watch a lot of horse movies, like "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron."

What is your favorite set of stairs on campus?



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So there's a set of stairs in the theater building that go down like past the shop. One time I fell down all the stairs and everyone freaked out, but I thought it was kind of funny. It was a really eye-opening experience because I wasn't being as careful. It was like "Oh, you know, I'm OK, and now I need to be more careful." It's just kind of one of those things that happens. I was inspired by the stairs; I'm more careful everywhere.



Devon O'Donnell
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Lausanne, like the stairs up to the second floor. Like the main Lausanne staircase that's got the really cool railing. I just like that staircase because it looks cool. You walk in from where Campus Safety used to be, and you walk around to the stairs. And it's just the spiraling thing at the bottom. You could just play with it like when you're walking around and it just looked cool. I was a CM of Lausanne first, so I saw them a lot. I'm not huge fan of stairs in general, like the Ford stairs or stairs you have to climb all the time. It's something I can appreciate and not really have to like fuck with.