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It's getting warmer outside—move your feet into the fresh grass of a Salem city park.

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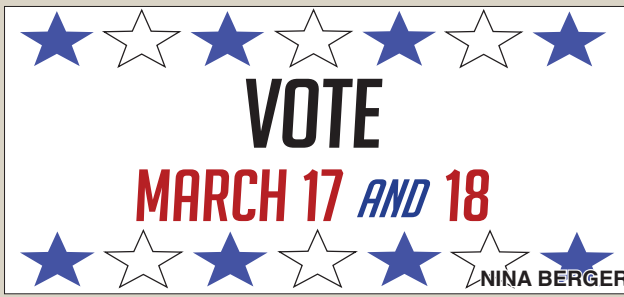


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ASWU elections will take place next week on March 17 and 18. Who will you vote for?

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SPORTS

Track wins big at season opener



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LEFT: Junior distance runner Nathan Conrad (No. 397) competed in the men's 5,000-meter race in the opener. RIGHT: Freshman Jessica Talbot tallied two points for the Bearcats.

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After 54 days of training since the semester began, the track and field team finally took to Charles Bowles Track for the 2015 Willamette Opener with impressive performances from both the men

and women's squad, including six first place finishes.

In the meet, the Bearcats competed against Western Oregon University, University of Portland, club teams and unattached runners.

"This meet gives us a starting point with which we hope

to build over the next few months," senior Tyler Higley said after recording two of the six top finishes. "But at the same time, the opportunities are limited, so it's important that we take advantage of all of them."

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NEWS

Out of 100+, only one adjunct walks

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Throwing rallies, teach-ins and sometimes marching out of the classroom, hundreds of part-time and temporary higher-education teachers participated in National Adjunct Walkout Day last month.

Over 300 gathered at the University of Arizona, where adjuncts in the English department teach over 100 courses of English to 2,500 students annually.

Meanwhile, at Seattle University, hundreds took part in a walkout that ended in speeches and picket-line protests. Students held placards and donned t-shirts in support of their contingent faculty.

The event was observed at Willamette, too, but the celebration was a lonely one.

Out of the hundred plus adjuncts working on a contract-to-contract basis at the University—41 percent of the total teaching faculty—Professor of Anthropology Scott Vandehey said he was

the only instructor who protested publicly.

Instead of his regularly-scheduled curriculum, Vandehey spent February 25 showing his students clips from a PBS documentary on adjuncts and speaking about his own experiences working at the University.

Vandehey earned his Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at the University of California, San Diego in 2009, during the tail end of the Great Recession.

Graduating with "no clue" as to stable career path, he started filling in for professors on sabbatical at his undergraduate school, Linfield College.

Since then, he's been working off the tenure track, teaching online courses for Oregon State, San Diego-based National University and Linfield's adult degree program to supplement his income from Willamette.

And he said it's got to stop.

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OPINIONS

OD doesn't want me

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Decisions for Opening Days (OD) leaders came out last Friday, and judging solely by what I saw on certain social media sites, people were pretty upset.

My reliable sources (read: Yik Yak) tell me that around 160 people applied and only about 80 were hired.

My math major friends tell me that's 50 percent. I'll have to confirm the exact numbers later when I have a calculator.

Bearcats, the truth is this: 50 percent is pretty selective.

Our whole university accepted 57.8 percent of applicants in the fall of 2013.

Opening Days is more selective than Willamette University.

And that's not even taking into account the returning leaders who reapplied. Barring really serious issues, returners are most likely going to get rehired.

If you applied and didn't get accepted this time around, don't sweat it.

I applied to be an OD leader my freshman year and was honestly a little too optimistic about the whole thing.

I was pretty sure I was going to get the job. After all, my own OD leader was on Lead Team. I had been recommended. I had held leadership positions. I was responsible and detail-oriented and punctual. My résumé and references all said so!

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NEWS

Profs to vote on Turkey Day break

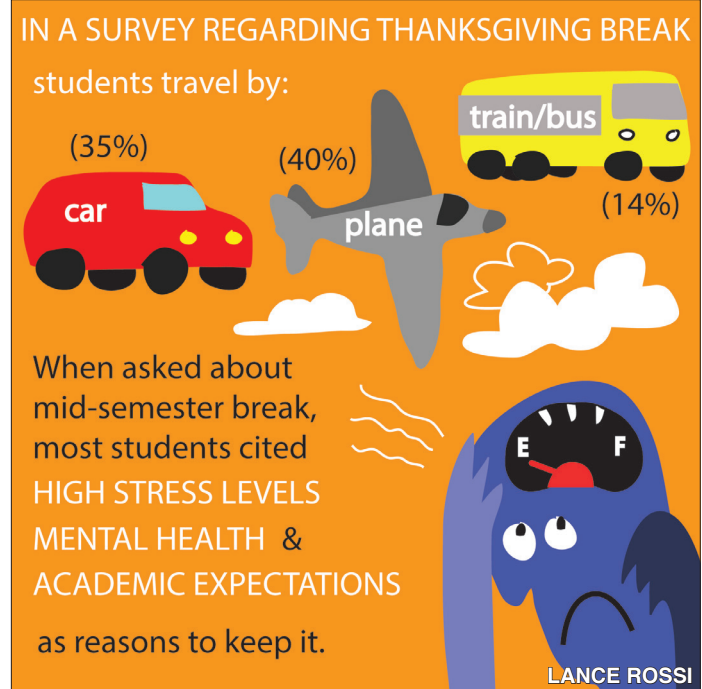
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After reviewing ASWU's proposal to extend Thanksgiving Break to a full week at the faculty meeting on Tuesday, March 10, the CLA faculty will vote on their final decision in April.

Scott Pike, a professor and member of Academic Council that received the proposal, said that there was both support and opposition for the extended break at the faculty meeting.

Though he said he does not want to make any presumptions about how the faculty will vote in April, the Academic Council—the faculty governing group that oversees CLA academic and curriculum policies—does endorse the proposal.

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Adjuncts comprise 41% of Willamette's faculty

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"The basic issue is the students aren't getting the same amount of attention from their [adjunct] professors," Vandehey said. "When I have seven other classes that I'm grading, and they all have essays, I can't give the amount of feedback I like to give, or the level of detail I want to give."

The 37-year-old said many of the students in his 100-level anthropology

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Scott Vandehey
Visiting Professor of Anthropology

classes were shocked when he described adjunct working conditions.

"A lot of them were just in awe," Vandehey said.

And despite the ubiquity of adjuncts—there were 131 working at the University in 2013, compared with 190 tenure-track professors, according to data from the Service Employees International Union—Vandehey said most of his students didn't even know the University employed part time or temporary faculty.

"The University doesn't want to make it clear," he said. "They want to promote themselves as, 'We have the best faculty, we take care of our community,' so it's in their best interest not to make this a big issue."

Adjuncts face perils and perks

Adjunct policy at the University is complicated. Part of the problem is that two instructors with wildly differing hours, pay scale and job security can both broadly qualify as adjuncts.

At Willamette, non-tenure track faculty who teach four or less classes a year make a flat per-course rate—about \$4,100, according to Adjunct Liaison Scott Nadelson. These adjuncts don't re-

ceive medical benefits, and the number of classes they teach each year is at the discretion of the department chair.

This year, Vandehey was scheduled for six classes, so he doesn't fall into the above category. He's still a temporary employee without the option of earning tenure, but he's working full time.

That means he'll receive a larger salary (an adjunct in a different department said the pay for full-time contingent faculty is roughly \$40,000) and University-provided medical and dental benefits.

There are other perks, too. Besides two introductory courses designed primarily for underclassmen, this semester Vandehey is also teaching a 200-level class on understanding suburbia, the subject of his doctoral thesis.

And last year, the University standardized some aspects of adjunct policy, including a mandate that all contingent faculty receive their own office, dedicated phone line and work computer.

Nadelson, who served in the English department as an adjunct before winning promotion to a endowed tenure-track position teaching creative writing, said it was part of a conscious shift by administrators to treat contingent faculty more humanely.



Professor Scott Vandehey was the only adjunct at Willamette to participate in National Adjunct Walkout Day.

"The people that we do hire, we hire them for as many courses as possible, preferably full time," he said. "It's a survival thing, too. We realize that we have to be different. People come here and pay a lot of money. We can't be a place that exploits people with high degrees."

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ASWU remains neutral on proposed smoking ban

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In response to smoking policies on campus being reconsidered, ASWU senators decided at the meeting on Thursday, Mar. 5 they would not take a formal position on tobacco policies, but agreed there should be more student input in the decision.

Freshman senator Cameron Wright and sophomore senator Maile Symonds both sit on the University's Tobacco Review Policy committee. Wright said the group is developing ways to change the smoking culture here.

"The charge of the committee is specifically to A) limit smoking, or B) to completely ban it. Last meeting, the members of the committee voted to [recommend] banning smoking on campus," Wright said. "However, there were no student representatives at this meeting, so that begs the question: What do the students want?"

Senior senator Natalie Pate said it is crucial to have student representation on committees like this because their decisions primarily impacts students.

Pate said the students she talked to about the issue preferred to have designated smoking areas on campus.

Wright said other small liberal art colleges, such as Whitworth or Lewis & Clark, typically don't have any smoking restrictions.

Senior Gabby Klein said that University administrators are trying to restrict what students can do with their bodies.

"To be honest," Klein said, "If I'm going to smoke, I'll smoke wherever I fucking want to, as long as it's 25 feet from a building entrance, window or bus stop."

In the same meeting, senators voted in favor of conducting a survey about campus readership of the *Collegian* and attendance at Willamette Events Board events in order to adjust funding for both organizations.

Klein said she thinks the *Collegian* is popular on campus.

"I see students reading it, but most

notably I see visitors picking up the *Collegian* and reading it," Klein said. "If they want to learn more about our campus, a lecture [or] a speaker, it's good to be able to pick up the *Collegian* and see the regular humor of our campus."

During senator project reports, sophomore Kate Steffy said she was very happy with her project. She organized a self-defense class for Willamette students on Mar. 4 that 11 people attended.

"We learned seven different self-defense moves that everyone should know, and the instructor is really interested in coming back and putting on another one," she said.

Junior Caroline Brinster is currently working with the Health and Wellness Board to bring healthier vending machines snacks to Sparks and the library.

Brinster said there is already a vending machine with healthier food options in Kaneko Commons.

"The plan is to take some of the really popular items from those vending machines and bring them over here to the main campus vending machines," Brinster said.

"We'd replace slower selling items with those more popular items that we don't really see over here because they're all in that vending machine in Kaneko."

At the meeting, senators also discussed the future leadership of ASWU Sound, an external program that provides free sound and music at campus events. The current manager of ASWU Sound, Jonny Saunders, will graduate at the end of the semester, leaving the position open.

Senators think that those applying to the job who currently work for ASWU Sound should receive first priority for hiring.

But senators also agreed that ASWU shouldn't rule out applicants not currently working for the program.

An application for the position will be sent in a campus-wide email.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

March 1–8, 2015

Information provided by Campus Safety

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 1, 3:39 p.m. (McCulloch Stadium): Campus Safety received a report regarding vandalism on the baseball field. The officer arrived on scene and observed that the field had been spray painted on and large tractor tires were placed on all of the bases. Additionally, extra batting cages were set up on the field and bleachers were pulled out of place.

March 2, 9:45 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a report regarding a plaque that had been pulled away from a wall. The officer documented the damage done and a work order was submitted to have the wall and plaque repaired.

March 2, 2 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report regarding damage to a fence in the parking lot. The officer surveyed the damage and found that it was most likely due to someone backing up into it. A work order was placed to have the fence repaired.

March 5, 4:47 p.m. (University Apartments Parking Lot): A student reported that their vehicle had been broken into. The rear passenger window was broken but no items seemed to be missing from inside.

March 7, 8:40 p.m. (University Center): Campus Safety received a report concerning drawers and a cabinet that had been tampered with at the information desk. Officer were shown several drawers and a cupboard that had been forced open, damaging the locking mechanisms.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

March 5, 2:44 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call concerning the welfare of a student. The officer met with the student and, after a brief conversation, it was determined that they needed professional medical attention. The student

was transported to the emergency room at Salem Hospital.

March 8, 5:30 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a report from 911 asking for help locating a student who may have harmed themselves. The officer met with police and first responders and escorted them to the residence of the student. First responders evaluated the student's condition and determined that they were in need of further medical attention. The student was transported to the ER by ambulance.

POLICY VIOLATION

March 2, 9:35 a.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): A student received their 15th parking citation, their 12th of the academic year. A report was forwarded to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities.

March 5, 8 a.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): Campus Safety booted a vehicle attempting to use a forged parking permit. A report was forwarded to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities.

March 5, 2:30 p.m. (Mill Street): An officer witnessed a vehicle speeding along Mill Street and made contact with the owner after they parked, warning them about excessive speeds on campus. The student became extremely defensive, accusing the officer of racial discrimination; they repeatedly told the officer to "go do your job."

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

March 7, 8:37 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report concerning two naked males in the Sparks Parking Lot. The males were yelling and making "catcalls" to women as they were walking through the area. When asked, the caller reported that that it had happened roughly 10 minutes prior. Officer responded but found no one matching that description.

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Students for Feminism hosts Take Back the Night

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"During the Take Back the Night program, in this space, any story you tell will not be considered a report. It will be your truth."

These words—taken from a letter written by the University's Title IX coordinators—were read aloud at Take Back the Night, which was held on Thursday, Mar. 5 in Cat Cavern.

The annual event is organized in over 30 countries, and offers survivors of sexual assault, rape and interpersonal and dating violence a platform to share experiences.

During Willamette's event, the open mic lasted over three hours, longer than organizer and director of Students for Feminism senior Courtney Neubauer had scheduled Cat Cavern.

But the event continued until everyone who wanted to had a chance to speak.

"Take Back the Night becomes a really important space to know that you're not alone and [to feel] acknowledged that your experience was legitimate and worth talking about and worth taking up space, and it isn't something you need to feel embarrassed or ashamed about," Neubauer said in an interview.

Second-year law student

and opening speaker Nina Nolen has been involved with the event since she attended University of Oregon as an undergraduate.

"At Take Back the Night and in the space created by Take Back the Night, the microphone is meant to honor the voices of survivors and realize the importance of what it's like to tell your story and have it be heard and have it be honored," Nolen said.

After the open mic, participants carried lit candles to Jackson Plaza where there was chalk available for them to write messages on the ground.

At this point in the event, a group of men gathered around some of the messages that expressed anti-Greek sentiment.

"It was just frustrating that

they ignored and walked over other people's messages," Neubauer said, "and created an atmosphere that wasn't interested in understanding why people felt this way and where this frustration was coming from."

In the daylight the next morning, the chalk messages could still be seen on the ground.

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For more information, Bishop Wellness Center and Sexual Assault Response Allies are confidential resources on campus for those who have been affected by any of these events.



During one portion of Take Back the Night, students walked outside holding candles and wrote messages in chalk on Jackson Plaza.

900 respond to survey

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ASWU President Andrés Oswill developed the idea to extend Thanksgiving Break with junior Bethany Hladick and sophomore Maddie Gordon.

Hladick, who is the ASWU clerk, said she was particularly passionate about the project.

"I'm from Alaska, and I've never been home for Thanksgiving Break because it's not really feasible to travel that far for that amount of time [and] for that expense as well," Hladick said.

ASWU received over 900 responses to their campus-wide survey.

According to the results, 40 percent fly during the break; 35 percent said they drive.

Eleven percent of students said they remain on campus during Thanksgiving break.

Students also expressed that they would not want to eliminate mid-semester day, typically held in the middle of October, in exchange for having a week-long Thanksgiving break.

While there is not much opposition to the proposal, Hladick said, there are faculty and administrators who are skeptical.

"There are just so many different dimensions that have to be considered," Hladick said. "I think that the challenge was presenting a set of cohesive plans, and laying out the pros and cons of each one."

In order for Thanksgiving Break to be extended to the full

week, the fall semester would have to begin earlier to make up the credit hours.

CLA classes are currently scheduled to begin on Tuesday, Aug. 25. If the faculty votes in favor of the proposal, and the week-long Thanksgiving Break is implemented in the next academic year, classes would begin on Monday, Aug. 24.

Pike said some faculty voiced discontent over not only the loss of time in class, but also over the loss of momentum students have going into finals.

According to the survey, the break already has an impact on students.

Seventy percent reported that a professor has cancelled their class during Thanksgiving week. And a portion of students who travel leave before Wednesday.

As the proposal is written, the fall semester would lose two days of classes. But Pike said that Willamette would still reach its federally-mandated amount of hours.

Pike said he appreciates that this is a student-driven proposal. It's not the first time that the proposal has been made, but it is the first time that it has made it as far as a faculty vote.

"Willamette has worked on consensus," Pike said. "Although I do believe that the faculty would have the final say, we want to make sure that other aspects of the institution's concerns are met."

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Too much on their plate ASWU closes Late Night Eats

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ASWU's year-long experiment providing late-night food on campus concluded last semester.

It was considered unviable in its current state, according to multiple sources.

Chris Linn, general manager of Bon Appétit at Willamette, oversaw the staff that worked for Late Night Eats. He described the program as little more than a subsidized catering event paid for with ASWU funds.

Linn said that Bon Appétit doesn't see programs like this as a cash cow, but as a partnership with ASWU to see how feasible it would be for students to organize a stand-alone late night meal option.

On Nov. 6, the program generated \$343.13 through 84 transactions, which was an example of a typical night, according to Linn. But that figure is not a net profit, and does not factor in energy, labor and product costs.

ASWU appointed sophomore Yulya Yakubovsky director of Late Night Eats early last semester with the directive to generate new ideas that would attract more students.

According to Yakubovsky, students seemed fairly happy with the food and said that the prices were fair. It was limitations with Bon Appétit's meal point program that was students' main problem.

"[Using meal points] just doesn't work out with their system," Yakubovsky said. "That difference could've made more people come."

Yakubovsky presented these

and other findings to ASWU on Oct. 30. But even after her presentation, Yakubovsky said ASWU failed to amend the situation in the short term.

"I just said what we could do and nothing changed," Yakubovsky said.

ASWU President Andrés Oswill said that Late Night Eats was a trial program.

"If it was something that we could make financially sustainable, we could make it permanent, and if it wasn't that we could return to thinking of how to do late night food on campus," Oswill said.

Oswill did not reveal why the senators ultimately chose to end the program without attempting to make any changes to it this semester.

Though Late Night Eats wasn't able to sustain itself as an independently-organized student event, Oswill said senators are currently looking into more financially sustainable late night food options on campus for the future.

In conjunction with Vice President for Administrative Services Jim Bauer, ASWU is working to see if Bon Appétit could add a late night option to their existing program, rather than try to support something that is independently organized.

"It's the concept of having Goudy expand their service in some way so that it's incorporated as part of the meal costs," Oswill said.

This would mean a late night food option that allows for meal point payments and wouldn't have to pay an overtime wage to its employees.

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Chemawa students tour WU

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On an unusually warm and sunny day for early March in Oregon, a group of students from Chemawa Indian School visited Willamette for Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) day.

For some, it was the first time they had ever been to a college campus. They were here to explore their academic areas of interest, but most importantly, to learn about college and the different experiences available to students.

The Chemawa Willamette Partnership Program began in 2005 after the Chemawa administration asked Willamette to help the Native American high school implement a college preparatory curriculum.

Now, every Monday through Thursday, three to five Willamette students volunteer as tutors on the Chemawa campus.

This is senior anthropology major Joyce Moreno's fourth semester as a Chemawa Program tutor.

"I'm there every Thursday, so the students who know me come back every Thursday. It's a lot about being consistent," Moreno said. "It's not just about doing homework, it's about becoming mentors and developing a mutual relationship."

She said that programs like AVID are meant to

[AVID] made me realize that education is really important.

Alyssa Orosco
Chemawa Sophomore

help kids go to college, and the tutors can help reinforce that—one homework assignment at a time.

"I relate to a lot of the kids because, as a first generation college student, it's really important to have those people who are like, 'You can do this,'" Moreno said.

On this AVID day, March 9, the group of Chemawa students started their Willamette visit at 9 a.m. with a campus tour followed by classes and hangout sessions at the Bistro. The students also attended classes in a variety of academic departments.

During a lunch break in Montag Den, several Willamette staff members, including Director of Campus Recreation Bryan Schmidt, talked to the students about Willamette.

Later, while the high school freshmen did a scavenger hunt with Moreno and other tutors, the sophomores talked to Admissions about what Willamette looks for in potential students.

Then, students spent time in the sun and with the University's rugby team.

Chemawa sophomores Alyssa Orosco, Jolyce Armenta and Monique

Moody all find the program helpful.

"[AVID] made me realize that education is really important" Orosco said.

"It feels like one big family, like another reservation," Armenta said. "With AVID, there's more time to bond."

Moody said she is thinking about attending Willamette after she graduates from Chemawa.

"I'm really liking it so far because of the languages and different clubs, along with the way the campus looks."

Liz Bahe, director of Native American Programs, said the overall purpose of AVID day is to bring students to campus to answer questions about applying to Willamette and what life is like for students enrolled here.

"It was very surprising for them to actually see what a college campus is like and to see what a college class is like," Bahe said. "It gives them a perspective that they may not have or may not be provided elsewhere. It's an opportunity for them."

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ARTS

Wondering what drives people to a career in education? Find out at Professors Profess, this week's convocation in Cone Chapel, on Thursday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m., where professors Emma Coddington (Biology), Emily Drew (Sociology) and Bill Duvall (History) will offer wisdom from their respective academic paths.

Indie pop band Yassou Benedict will perform in the Bistro for free on Thursday, March 12 at 8 p.m., presented by Willamette Events Board. Come check out student Theo Quimby on drums and piano in an intimate yet familiar setting.

The 13th annual Social Pow Wow, hosted by the Native and Indigenous Student Union, will take place in Sparks Athletic Center on Saturday, March 14 from 4 to 10 p.m. This exciting free event offers up local food vendors and artisans, the White Eagle Singers (and other Native music) and a grand prize drawing for a Pendleton blanket.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Kelly Clarkson croons on "Piece by Piece" Can a new mom still deliver riot grrrl rock?

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From "American Idol" to mommyhood—with an interesting tangential dive into raccoon-eyed sass—Kelly Clarkson's new album "Piece by Piece" delivers the pipes we expect, with some added verve.

Ultimately, her classic 2011 record, "Stronger," will always be this reviewer's foremost favorite Clarkson album, due to its girl anthem, fuck-them-all attitude.

But "Piece by Piece," her first non-Christmas or collaborative work since '11, boasts a roster of inspirational songs that are all radio-worthy.

Perhaps the birth of her daughter, River Rose, and the advent of a happy home life has stripped Clarkson of some of her vehement spark.

This raises the question: Can the happy person still produce deep work, or is the stereotype of the "tortured artist" too sacrosanct?

Her hit singles "Since U Been Gone," "Stronger" and "Never Again" were righteous declarations of independence.

On "Piece by Piece," each song aims for a 2015 smash, and sometimes this ambition feels a little overwhelming.

The title piece rips apart

her dad's behavior, though the song indicates that she has since found another man (her husband, one hopes) onto whom she can project her problems with the patriarchy.

One of the singles on the album, "Heartbeat Song," sounds typically Clarkson with its catchy (co-written) lyrics.

The statement that she will "turn it up all night long" seems disingenuous given the context of her six-month-old baby.

But the facade of pop must carry on.

Another golden lyrical turn of phrase, "I can't believe I ever breathed without you," calls into question what exactly Clarkson can believe.

Could she in fact believe in Newtonian physics or traffic laws?

Another banger, "Take You High," has a palpable EDM influence and a glitter-coated battle cry for women supporting women.

Perhaps it is about her daughter River Rose, and a literal reference to the "high" of the physiological connection between them.

Beneath Clarkson's flowing Victoria's Secret locks and her voluminous eyelashes, she speaks emotional truth.

Even if her lyrics are

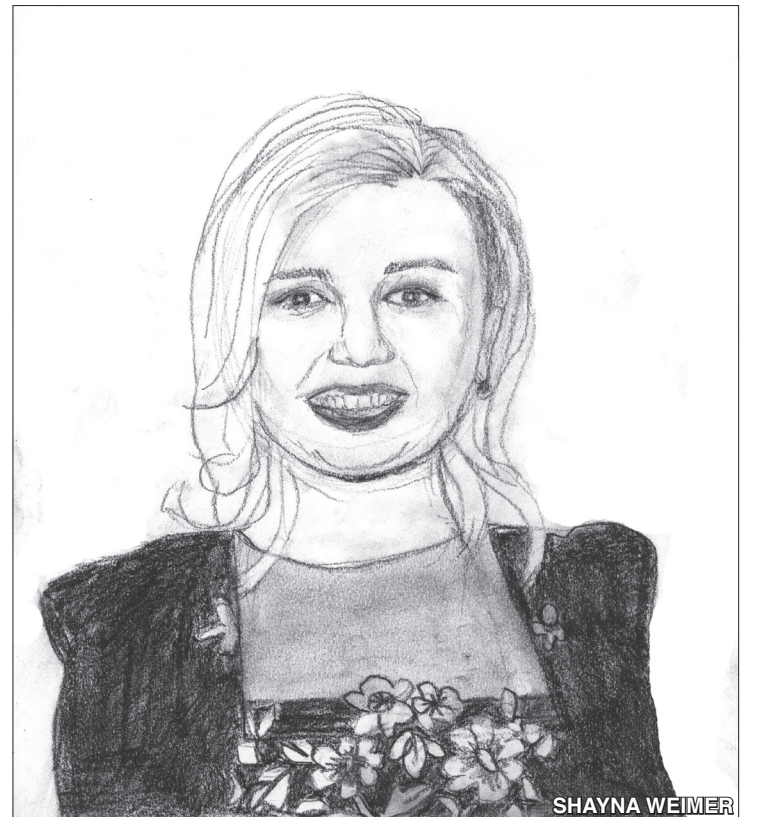
sometimes incomprehensible, such as "When your angels fall out of the sky, I'll be the wings that make you fly," she has the vocal range to throw her emotional heft behind them.

She is definitively the child of "American Idol," yet rebels with an edgy haircut and fizzy soda pop lyrics that proclaim love matters above all else.

It is possible that "Piece by Piece" is her comeback album, in which she gives all of her haters the subtle finger through living her jewel-encrusted rock mama lifestyle.

That is the best we can ask of Kelly Clarkson, queen of sugar and not-so-nice.

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Kelly Clarkson recently brushed off rude comments about her baby weight like a champ.

No ghost zone

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Save for "Owl Capone" of Bush Park, late night Muchas Gracias food and occasional run-ins with meth-heads, Salem rarely strikes me as a spooky place.

But a city over 150 years old is bound to have a profound history filled with ghoulish secrets.

Luckily, Salem Ghost Tours offers a two-hour, guided walking tour of downtown Salem, a mix of the city's rich oral tradition and eerie occurrences.

The tour costs \$20 and runs Thursday through Saturday night. With high hopes for some scary sightings, I signed up.

After dusk, I walked across the street to the Capitol building, where each tour begins at 7 p.m.

Along the way, I saw a group of people on the Capitol lawn flashing green lights in the distance. Thinking this was it, I hurried my pace, the "Ghostbusters" theme song pumping through my mental speakers.

On closer inspection, these people were not hunting ghosts, and Bill Murray was not among them. It was just a camp of high schoolers on a scavenger hunt using green glow-sticks as meager flashlights.

Soon after, I found my group. The tour guide's name was Tim King, a longtime journalist and former staffer at KATU Channel-2 in Portland.

Perhaps he was a ghostwriter at some point, I thought to myself. But I hesitated to ask out loud.

Though most of the tour is spent downtown, a stop by Willamette revealed some interesting stories. One example talked of a robber who, evading police pursuit, scrambled to the

top of Lausanne Hall.

Once cornered, he fell off the roof and died. Reports from the maintenance crew say he continues to haunt the building late at night.

Other tales about local buildings were equally fascinating: Apparently, the ghosts of old actresses linger around the Elsinore Theatre, and the Ike Box sits above an old mortuary.

The tour also reveals many parts of Salem's underground, a once integral part of the city that has since been almost entirely closed off.

During the tour, I spotted some friends coming back from a meal at O'Sushi that would surely haunt their stomachs later that night.

With much shame, I avoided all eye contact. There is something mortifying about an activity like this that kept me quiet and aloof, like Casper the Socially Awkward Ghost.

Disappointingly, the tour focuses more on mundane history and falls short on paranormal investigation.

Time was spent outside the discussed buildings recounting others' ghost stories—it felt more speculative than spectral.

While the information given is engaging and well researched, the only chills I got were because I accidentally left my jacket at home.

After the tour, I passed by Lausanne and heard loud, incongruous voices drifting through the air.

I stopped dead in my tracks and looked up, hoping to find spirits.

Instead, some noisy people were imbibing spirits, a different group of shadowy figures moving across the dormitory walls.

I continued home, underwhelmed and cold.

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Parks in Salem: not wrecked

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WEBMASTER

I like to chill in public parks. It's true.

Concentrated blocks of open space litter the Capitol city.

Salem boasts 48 city parks and 23 undeveloped park properties.

These designated wilderness zones, offerings from city government, are reserved for your pleasure and recreation—a place to engage the wild within.

Go ahead, throw your temper tantrum. You're a big kid now.

No one's gonna kick you off the swing until at least five Mississippis.

ENGLEWOOD

Englewood City Park, located at 19th and Nebraska, is my favorite park in Salem. Gentle jungle curtains the crushing Capitol city skyline. Urban urgency is stranger to the undergrowth.

The plot of land, acquired in 1926, was the first park space purchased by the city. It's rumored to be seven acres.

Park amenities include play equipment, picnic tables and a walking path; no jogging.

A multi-use court is located alongside 19th Street. Its multiple unspecified uses invite creativity—perhaps basketball?

Englewood encloses a court of another kind: a horseshoe court recognized by the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association. An up-to-date set of rules, guidelines and specifica-

tions can be found on their website.

Continually refresh the webpage.

Englewood also has a spray pad, which is not something purchased at Rite Aid, but is less cryptically referred to as a seasonal splash fountain.

ALDRICH

I ride my bike down 14th to State and keep biking.

Aldrich Park is located at 14th and Mill adjoining Bush Elementary. This 1.25-acre park dates back to the mid-20th century.

Facilities include play equipment, a ball field and a picnic shelter—a safety device installed after the release of the blockbuster thriller "Why Picnics Attack," instigating picnic panic citywide.

Lawn covers the northern half of the park and trees scatter the perimeter.

Aldrich has one more horseshoe court than Englewood Park.

Almost magically, your wait time is halved.

It has no splash fountain, regardless of season, but this by no means signifies a reduction in splashing good time.

Are these urban nature reserves sounding too untamed?

Don't despair.

The City of Salem highlights park protocol in Salem Revised Code, chapter 94, forbidding acts such as bathing in public bodies of water and excavating, blasting, etc.

Dig your antipodal earth tunnels elsewhere.

Whether it's urban for-

estry you fancy, or an increment in recreation intake on the doctor's orders, Salem city parks exist to ensure your diversional dosage.

Drop the drapery of a

youth spent domesticated and come on, come over.

When the lights cut out, I was lost standing in the wilderness downtown.

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Englewood and Aldrich parks offer refuge to Salemites of all sizes—maybe even you.

BEARCAT
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your transferJULIANA
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LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Every August, incoming students go through the cheesy matriculation ceremony that ends with tiny tea lights floating down the Mill Stream. It's the first hurdle of college: sitting through a long-winded and condescending decree from the university president.

In between vague platitudes and references to Willamette history, President Thorsett issues a grim warning: "Look to your left and look to your right; one of these people will not make it to graduation."

I never transferred, and with three semesters left, will not transfer in the future.

Even when I struggled socially (a common situation at the beginning), I feared that adapting to a new school late in the game would take too much effort. I had nothing to lose at that time, but things improved for me and there was little reason to imagine life elsewhere.

The first couple of people I forged relationships with here eventually left Willamette. It made me question the overall strength of these bonds we create.

Complacency, let alone enjoyment of one's campus isn't a given for all of us. Instead, feeling comfortable in this new environment is coveted by many and achieved by few.

Sometimes we grow close to a person, and they grow close to us, but then they cannot afford to attend the same institution, fall ill or endure something that yanks them away from Salem, possibly forever.

Thorsett, in his fanciful speech designed to kickstart our scholarly career, probably meant to suggest the academic rigor of college—only library-dwellers and shut-ins have a guaranteed cap and gown in their future. Slackers beware, or risk disappointing/bankrupting your parents.

In absence of these reasons, it's foreseeable that some friends might wander elsewhere simply because they don't jive with the Willamette vibe.

If you pay close attention, there's a chance that these feelings of dismay might bubble up in a colleague.

They might detach themselves willingly, or perhaps find something about which to make a blanket statement of distaste.

When hearing these expressions of hostility, you might feel a little defensive.

Maybe, in that moment, you feel the most spirited you have ever felt about Willamette—even though you've never gone to a sports game and don't own a shred of identifying gear.

In the end, once somebody has made up their mind about leaving, it's highly unlikely that you will personally keep them from packing up and heading home.

Don't advise them to "get involved." Ten other concerned individuals have probably done the same thing.

I knew a guy freshman year who I thought I'd solidly befriended.

The last time I saw him, he was pushing a couch into his room in Kaneko, symbolizing those fruitless attempts to cozy up to our campus.

Graduating from a four-year university will serve as a natural de-cluttering of acquaintances and people we loved because they were convenient.

Transferring disrupts the difference between a temporary pal and a beloved buddy; a friend who deviates from your path adds to the ambiguity of growing up.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Patty's Off-Center hits the brunch bull's-eye

TRAVIS WILSON
GUEST WRITER

For a town filled with venues that close before midnight, Salem makes up for it the best it can with a decent amount of places that serve quality breakfast and lunch.

If you're in the dorms and it's just one of those times when you can't force your-

self to eat another Goudy meal—or anything in a kitchen shared with hungry drunken roommates—Patty's Off-Center Cafe offers a perfect alternative.

Patty's, a family-owned restaurant, has a low key atmosphere that is perfect for people who don't want to deal with the hustle and bustle of Word of Mouth Bistro or the Sassy Onion Grill.

Located on 17th and Center streets next to Johnny's Bar & Grill and the illustrious Nobles Tavern, Patty's is just a few minutes further than Word of Mouth if you're making the trek from campus.

Unlike the aforementioned restaurants—obvious choices for obligatory post-hookup brunches, or when Grandma is visiting—I did not have to wait to get a table and was served immediately.

The inside of Patty's is lined with pictures of random Salemites from the past and quirky knick-knacks to make the atmosphere welcoming and friendly.

Both owners stopped by to ask how my food was on separate occasions.

Patty Forman herself was constantly greeting customers and making conversation with them, while the other owner—Bob Warnock, who also works as one of the cooks—sports a super rad handlebar mustache (if that helps influence your brunch-related decision-making).

The food is pretty cheap, with the most expensive item coming in at \$11, and

the portions, which include sides, could be described as generous.

I ordered the ultimate scramble and Big Al's Reuben for the purposes of this review, because there's nothing like waking up late and then eating so much food that you immediately fall asleep.

As someone with incredibly low standards when it comes to coffee, I cannot say if the Patty's variety is anything special, but it tastes better than the kind you'd get from Montag or Goudy.

Overall, if you are looking for a chill place to eat some cheap food and nurse your hangover, Patty's is a charming establishment that will welcome you with open arms, as long as you have a couple of bucks on you.

Patty's Off-Center serves up breakfast items all day. The restaurant is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, call (503) 299-5522 or visit their website, Facebook.com/offcentercafe.

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MILES MacCLURE

Patty's Off-Center picks up where defunct eatery TC's Off-Center Cafe left off.

CHECK YOUR E

BRONTE DOD
NEWS EDITOR

Voter turnout has never reached above 50 percent in the last two years of ASWU elections.

This year, current ASWU Vice President Colleen Smyth and the Elections

Commission Committee are trying to change that. Smyth said that she hopes to create voting booths on campus, where students can cast their ballot for the three executive positions in ASWU.

ASWU executive branch elections began on Tuesday, March 10. Smyth runs the elections and oversees the Elections

Commission, comprised of a group of five students—one ASWU senator, one ASWU judicial member and three students not affiliated with ASWU.

Elections will take place on Tuesday, March 17 and Wednesday, March 18, and the run-off election for ASWU president will most likely take place Thurs-

day, March 19. The Elections Commission confirms the results of the voting and determines the sanctions placed on candidates if they violate any of the campaigning policies.

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ASWU PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



NATE BALK

1 My roles have varied slightly throughout my time at Willamette.

During my freshman year, I served as a senator representing the Class of 2016. In this position, I also served as the whip serving as the lead senator in my class for the term. Additionally, I served on the constitutional revision committee, meaning I have backhand knowledge of the constitution.

One of my main accomplishments was pushing a Community Service Bill into law. I was also sworn in as a justice at the end of my freshman year.

Along with five other justices, I overlooked the judiciary branch for the entirety of my sophomore year, so I understand the process of ASWU.

2 There are two main issues that I would tackle as your president.

First, I would set up a committee to review the process of how professors are hired and reach out to the administration so we have more professors of color by creating a committee assessed with working with the administration on the hiring process. You, as students, have voiced your opinion and I am eager to resolve this issue. Next, I want to develop a system of real transparency between the administration and the students. Whether that requires sending emails on what the administration tells me back to the student body or having a system for constructive feedback, I want to initiate conversations between students and administration.

3 My main accomplishment would be leaving the presidency knowing that I have made changes that will enrich students' lives on campus.

I also want to create a better Willamette so I will accomplish the issue of not having professors of color on campus.

I will clear the air on the relationship between the administration and the student body.

I want students to understand the potential their voice has on campus and the impact speaking up has.

The student voice will be my voice and I plan on setting up forums, reporting tools and a wide array of committees to hear your voice.

1 I don't like this question, I think it implies that the right candidate for the position has to have served on ASWU, and I don't think that's the case.

I don't think it's the *Collegian's* intent to favor any candidates over others either, but I do wish the opening question didn't have to be negative in order to be honest.

On a positive note, though, the history of our presidents shows very clearly that a candidate can be successful without previous ASWU experience: There is only one year of previous experience on ASWU between the last three presidents.

I was a fan of all three.

2 Well I can only really go off of the minutes ASWU posts on its page, so it seems to me that they're making great progress on many issues including Zena Farm, Campus Safety and budgeting concerns. If they aren't able to finish some of their work this year, I would continue to support their efforts during my term.

The only real issue I have with ASWU is the fact that some senators are elected without opposition. I've known fine senators who were elected this way, but I just can't support the way they were elected. I would work to make sure this doesn't happen.

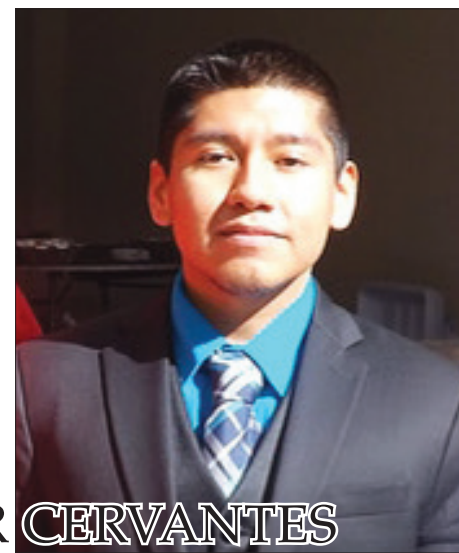
I imagine greater promotion and maybe some bylaws would be in order.

3 Primarily, I would work incessantly and without regard for myself so that students don't feel underrepresented in campus politics and administrative decision-making.

I refuse to believe that this is an inherent feature of our University, but that has been the general sentiment I have felt during my time at Willamette. Beyond that, I hope to foster greater connections with the Oregon communities I love so much, and I hope to make the University a more welcoming place for all students, including those with low incomes and any others who currently feel marginalized.

This is a small space, so please tune into my talks for more specific information.

SHAMIR CERVANTES



MEG CUSICK

1 I was the first female justice and chief justice on ASWU's judicial branch. I was nominated at a time when it was very new and largely ineffective.

Soon after the Derek Hanson case, the chief justice resigned and I was voted in almost unanimously by senate as the new chief justice.

I worked to reform the branch by implementing judicial expectations, improving communication between justices and creating lasting procedures so that, even after I left, the branch would continue to function successfully.

I was required to attend every senate meeting as senate parliamentarian, and I am the only one running with experience actually heading up a branch of student government.

2 The ASWU president is the student representative to the administration and the board.

At this point, the doors have been locked, programs we love have been shut down and a plan forcing us to live on campus for three years has been decided upon.

And students were told. I will make it so that you are asked.

I don't take no for an answer. Either no one from the student body was in those meetings, or no one was listening.

Students deserve a voice in these critical decisions.

We are the reason this school exists.

3 This school implements a credit/hour policy that allows professors to hold less class time while making sure students are doing extra homework to pick up the slack.

You've all read it in your syllabus.

In order to offset that, I want to work to implement a REAL "Dead Week" before finals, and periodic "dead" (or homework free) weekends throughout the school year.

I also want to create a new policy that would allow grieving or traumatized students to take some time off without taking a whole semester off.

Standardized policies don't help when our mental health isn't standard.

1 I spent a year and a half as a senator for the Class of 2016.

Most of my time was spent helping clubs with their allocation requests and working on internal issues—which, unfortunately, is the majority of what ASWU does right now.

We should be doing so much more.

In the past, ASWU has done everything from establishing the shuttle program to making more buildings accessible 24/7.

Having worked within the student government and outside of it as a leader in various student organizations, I have the experience and drive to make ASWU more responsive to the needs of the student body.

2 I think the main shift within ASWU itself needs to be toward helping senators complete projects that address student needs.

For instance, one of the best things I did as a senator was extending the mail center's hours to 4:30 p.m., so that students could pick up mail after class.

And all I had to do was ask (and work out a few logistics here and there).

As president, I would continue similar work inside and outside of ASWU—ask students what they need, and then make it happen.

3 If elected, my main focus will be ensuring the safety of students, both on and off campus.

Most of us already have too much stress in our lives—classes, homework, papers, choir, theatre, reading, trying to maintain a social life—and it's immensely unfair that worrying about personal safety should ever be on anyone's list of concerns. It shouldn't matter who you are, what you've been doing or what time of night it is.

If any student feels unsafe walking across campus, or walking home from classes, that should be the top priority of elected student representatives.



TEO EKSTROM

MAIL AND VOTE

ASWU ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE MARCH 17 AND 18

QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH ASWU?
2. IF ELECTED, ARE THERE ANY ISSUES WITHIN ASWU YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS?
3. IF ELECTED, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO ACCOMPLISH FOR THE STUDENT BODY?

ASWU VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE



BECCA BROWNLEE

1 I have served as an ASWU senator for three years. For the past three semesters, I have worked on the Class Whip committee, communicating ASWU's goals and ideas to the student body through bi-weekly office hours. I have also served on the Administration Committee, Intercultural Communication Task Force Committee, Elections Board and the Campus Safety Advisory Committee. I hope to apply my past experiences with ASWU and serve the student body as vice president.

2 The role of the ASWU vice president is to ensure that senate runs smoothly and effectively. I hope to provide an atmosphere and support system that enables each senator to complete two senate projects per semester, work closely with their classmates to identify and solve problems within our university and fund clubs with more objectivity and clarity. I also hope to work closely with the other members of ASWU to assess how we interact with external groups and examine how we can strengthen our communication and outreach initiatives.

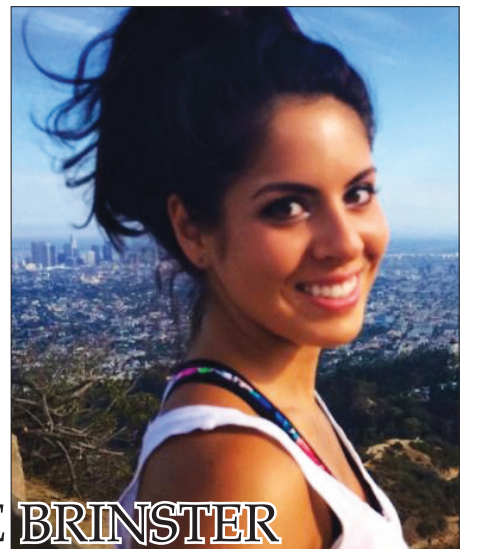
3 I want to provide clubs and student leaders more information on the ASWU funding and budget process to maximize the utility of ASWU funds. Additionally, I hope to empower the community through more forums and meetings that revolve around the voice of the student body at large. Using this grassroots method, I believe ASWU can better understand the needs of our campus and prioritize projects. I am also passionate about campus safety issues and think we need to have a more open dialogue about how we can make campus a safer space for all students.

ASWU TREASURER CANDIDATES

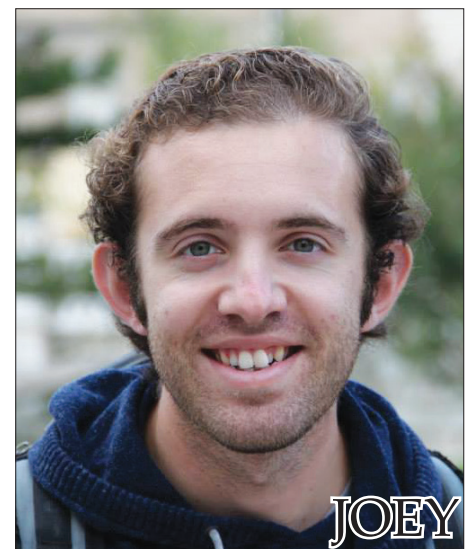
1 I have been grateful to serve as a class of 2016 ASWU senator for three years. I like representing my class and I like to be involved in matters that can directly or indirectly affect my peers or my experience at Willamette. I have sat on the ASWU Finance and Club Approval Committee each year and have gained valuable insight about how the process works. Furthermore, I have taken on a senate project this year to integrate healthier snacks into our vending machines on campus.

2 Coming from an insider perspective, I think that ASWU needs to re-evaluate some funding precedents. I would also like to serve as an open resource for clubs so that they know how to effectively request funding. All too often, clubs do not get funded due to lack of specificity in their requests and have to appeal to ASWU. I value organization and I strive to communicate with others so that we're on the same page. With this in mind, I would help clubs write strong budgets in order to receive funding the first time around and can further their goals.

3 As treasurer, it's my job to ensure new clubs get approved and that clubs receive funding. But, if elected, there's no reason to do only the bare minimum. ASWU has the capacity to be run more efficiently, it just needs someone who's willing to go above and beyond what's expected of them. I'm dedicated to expediting the club approval/finance processes. I know what it's like to not receive funding and to feel frustrated. I've been thinking about running for ASWU Treasurer for a couple of years, and never before have I been so sure that I'm ready for it.



CAROLINE BRINSTER



JOEY GOOD

1 I haven't had the experience of working in ASWU, only with ASWU—and that's why I know things need to change. As a past club officer, I have interacted first hand with an arbitrary funding allocation system, put into place by the ASWU Finance Committee and treasurer, and know firsthand how frustrating that process can be. When some on-campus organizations are given funding for the same reasons others are denied it, you know that something has to change. This—compounded by the fact that ASWU rejected the efforts of then-senators Andrés Oswill and Jason Normand to reform the funding allocation process—prompted me to run for treasurer. We can do better than the status quo.

2 ASWU's financial apparatus is broken. From a budget deficit this past fall of \$45,000 to a completely arbitrary club funding allocation process, the status quo must change, and the next ASWU treasurer needs to be an outsider—not somebody who has been part of this failed system—who can bring critical reforms to ASWU. I intend to introduce common sense standards to the funding allocation process, proactively reach out to all on-campus organizations to help prepare budget requests and bring professionalism and accountability to the treasury if elected on March 17.

3 ASWU and the treasurer work with tens of thousands of student dollars annually, and I have watched thousands of those dollars disappear through budget mishaps and screwups over my past three years at Willamette. This sickens me, as it is fundamentally clear to me that our money have been chronically mishandled. Though I have more specific details on my campaign's Facebook page and in videos, I overall wish to create an ASWU financial system that is accountable to the students it is supposed to represent, and that we can all be proud of.

Pace of play



BLAKE LEPIRE
STAFF WRITER

This year, the owners of Major League Baseball (MLB) elected Rob Manfred as the next commissioner, and his first order of business was to enact policy that speeds up games.

In 1950, the average length of a game was around 2 hours and 20 minutes.

Now, it has evolved to an average of 3 hours and 14 minutes.

The way baseball's rulebook is constructed resembles something like a free market. Its participants have the freedom to interpret the rules in a fashion that presumably adheres to their capabilities, unlike football, where the rules are so specific that they now dictate exactly how defensive players are supposed to tackle.

Any economist will tell you that the greatest benefit of laissez-faire is that it allows for innovation. Baseball has innovated in a way where the participants have progressively taken a more scientific approach, which has slowed the game down.

So, as a result, Manfred has enacted policy that minimizes player's downtime between pitches and is expected to shave off about 17 minutes per game.

Thanks to Manfred, baseball fans will now have 17 minutes of time to kill that they otherwise would be using to enjoy a baseball game.

Great.

Though the effect may be somewhat insignificant to fans and somewhat annoying to the players, the policy is sparking an important question: What should baseball do to shorten the length of play?

This question confuses me because it makes going to a baseball game seem like an organic chemistry lab.

I have never gone to a game and left thinking, "Damn, I'm glad that is finally over. It took forever."

To me, the length of the game isn't a problem that needs fixing.

"The Iliad," after all, has never been criticized for its length, and the Academy didn't seem to mind sitting through all three and a half hours of "Titanic."

However, some reports suggest that the main motivations behind the policy is, you guessed it, marketing.

More specifically, so baseball can appeal to a younger audience who like things that move at a faster pace.

Though I acknowledge the legitimacy of the business strategy, I am deeply offended (as someone who is a part of that generation) by the oversimplification of our marketing profile.

Young people also care about innovation, expression, knowledge and progression, which could be effective alternative marketing strategies.

Plus, for someone who thinks baseball is too long, 17 minutes probably won't sway their fandom.

However, this does not change the fact that there are people that exist who believe that baseball games are too long, and Manfred is completely misguided on how to target this demographic.

The reason why some students think their organic chemistry class is too long is probably because they don't understand the material.

MLB should be highlighting its strengths by helping people see the magic that entranced myself and many others.

If that doesn't work, who cares? I'm sure Homer didn't worry about appealing to the illiterate.

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Men's tennis wins one, loses one

HOLLY PETERSEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's tennis team continued conference play this weekend at home, defeating Puget Sound on Friday, then falling to Pacific Lutheran on Saturday.

The Bearcats went into Friday's match confident they were the stronger team.

However, senior Jack Schreiber, who tallied a key victory at the No. 2 singles spot, says they had to work harder than expected to get the win.

"Puget Sound is maybe the weakest team in the conference. It was close though—they have a ton of new players and they're pretty scrappy," Schreiber said. "They aren't the best tennis players, but they're hardworking, so it was definitely a win we had to work on."

Willamette's team snagged wins in the No. 1 and 2 doubles spots, as well as at the No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 singles spots, making the final team score 6-3.

After defeating the Loggers on Friday, the Bearcats entered Saturday's match against PLU with hopes of tallying another conference win.

However, the Lutes defeated Willamette, grabbing six of the nine matches.

Junior Sam Wexman led Willamette in the loss, posting a win for the team at the No. 2 singles spot, 6-4, 6-1, then work-

ing in tandem with junior Blake Brash to achieve an 8-3 win in the No. 2 doubles spot.

The Bearcats' other win came from junior Gunnar Lee at the No. 3 singles spot in three sets, 6-3, 3-6 and 6-3.

After the weekend's matches, the Bearcats move to sixth in conference, with a conference record of 1-2.

"I thought we performed really well, the younger guys showing a lot of heart and getting some experience competing in conference play," Wexman said. "We had two guys injured and sitting out [on Saturday] so some new guys got some experience filling in."

Willamette's team boasts four freshmen, a big shift from last season, when the team featured all returners. As a result, a lot of the focus for this year's team is gaining exposure.

"The main thing is that they don't have as much experience, so there's a lot of helping out the younger guys—helping them whenever we can," Schreiber said. "One of the things I've noticed is that the freshmen are playing a lot better in practice. Now it's about implementing that in the matches."

The team is also working in practice to improve their consistency, as well as the depth of their shot.

Their next match will be this Saturday

at Linfield, who is currently ranked seventh in conference with a record of 1-4 in the NWC.

"I think mainly that Linfield is a good opportunity for us to get a victory," Schreiber said. "They're not one of the stronger teams in the conference so we always look at that as a good opportunity to get a win."

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Junior Sam Wexman bounced back from his singles loss on Friday to win the No. 2 singles and the No. 2 doubles spots on Saturday.

WU crew: Every day is leg day

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If you think waking up for an 8 a.m. class is rough, you should talk to a member of Willamette's rowing team, who will be competing in the first regatta of the season this Saturday.

The 18 members of the women's team meet at the chicken fountain at 5:15 a.m. on weekday mornings to drive to the Willamette River for their 5:30 practices.

Speaking to the rowers, though, it quickly becomes clear that the early mornings are worth it.

"A lot of people don't understand why we would get up as early as we do, as consistently as we do, and put as much time as we do into the sport," junior co-captain

Sarah Fish said. "There's something about being in the boat with seven other people, plus your coxman, who you know are pulling just as hard as you. They get exactly what you're going through."

However, members of the team say that there are a lot of misconceptions about the sport among non-rowers.

"A lot of people just say, 'Oh, you must have really strong arms!' But actually a lot of it has to do with your legs," senior co-captain Katy Wallner said.

Her teammate Bea McAlister agrees that, despite what people may think, rowing is not mostly an upper body activity.

"It's more efficient to use your legs to power through the water," she said.

Wallner attributes these

misconceptions—and the general lack of knowledge or interest in the sport among non-rowers—to the aspects of crew that make it a more difficult sport to watch.

"Generally we row on rivers and venues that are at least an hour away," she said. "I don't think any of my friends outside of crew have actually ever seen me row."

Another important feature that distinguishes crew from other sports is its relationship to nature.

"We have to go with the conditions of the weather and the water, and so we can't rely on everything being the same all the time," Wallner said.

In fact, this past Saturday the team was unable to practice on the water because the fog was too thick.

While being at the whim

of Mother Nature may be inconvenient at times, Wallner stated that she doesn't mind.

"My favorite part of rowing is being able to exercise outdoors and just enjoy the water," she said.

Crew is also unique among college sports in that it has a very strong walk-on culture.

"Walk-ons are always welcomed with open arms," McAlister said.

For those who might be interested in learning more about crew, Fish recommends that you simply approach any of the rowers.

"Come talk to us! We'll show you how to use the erg," she said. We're always looking to have new people on the team because we kind of think it's the best thing ever."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

BASEBALL (13-3, 6-3 NWC)

Pacific Lutheran 4, Willamette 2:

The Bearcats took a 1-0 lead in the fifth after junior Austin Hagarty was driven in by a single by freshman Troy Conway, but ultimately fell to the Lutes on Saturday.

Pacific Lutheran 14, Willamette 2:

The Lutes earned 19 hits to defeat Willamette in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. In the loss, Hagarty went 2-4 with a run scored and senior Hunter Gallant went 2-0 with a pair of singles.

Willamette 5, Pacific Lutheran 3:

After scoring five runs in the second inning to take an early lead, the Bearcats defeated the Lutes in the final game of the series on Sunday. Starting pitcher senior Tyler Olson recorded the win, while junior Andrew Koumelis recorded the final six outs to earn his second save this season.

SOFTBALL (1-13, 1-7 NWC)

Pacific 2, Willamette 0:

The Boxers outscored the Bearcats on Saturday in the first game of their doubleheader.

Pacific 9, Willamette 4:

Despite a strong comeback effort in the sixth inning, the Bearcats were unable to overcome the Boxers in the second game of the day. Willamette was led offensively in the doubleheader by junior Myranda Ramirez, who went 4-6 in the two games, and sophomore Mallory Asaro, who ended the day 2-4.

George Fox 7, Willamette 5:

The Bearcats played a second doubleheader on Sunday, losing the first game of the day by a close margin. Ramirez produced a solo home run in the top of the fifth, while senior Erin Norris hit a three-run triple with two outs in the sixth.

George Fox 9, Willamette 1:

The Bearcats dropped the second game of the doubleheader on Sunday. Willamette was led by senior Heather Winslow, who finished 2-2 with a walk and a run scored.

WOMEN'S TENNIS (0-5, 0-4 NWC)

Pacific Lutheran 5, Willamette 4:

The Lutes earned their first conference win of the season on Satur-

day after defeating the Bearcats by just one match. Senior Denise Poltavski and freshman Mikaila Smith led Willamette, earning wins in their respective singles spots, then teaming up for a win at number one doubles as well.

Puget Sound 5, Willamette 4:

Despite winning two of the three doubles matches to take an early lead, the Bearcats fell to the Loggers on Sunday by another close margin. Poltavski led the Bearcats with a win in the number one singles spot, and another win with Smith in the number one doubles spot. Willamette's other two wins came by default, as Puget Sound had only five players for the match.

TRACK AND FIELD

NWC Men's Field Student-Athlete of the Week:

After winning the hammer throw and shot put in Willamette's season opener on Saturday, senior Tyler Higley was recognized by the Northwest Conference as the Men's Field Student-Athlete of the Week. Higley is now ranked third nationally in NCAA Division III in the shot put and fifth nationally in the hammer throw.

Bearcats tally 6 first-place victories

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Higley took the shot put competition with a top throw of 48 feet 11 inches, winning the event by three feet more than the second place finisher.

He also won the hammer throw, with a toss of 157 feet 11.25 inches.

Freshman Roshan Rogers also tallied two wins for the team, running unopposed in the men's 110-meter hurdle and 400-meter hurdle race.

He clocked a time of 15.85 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles and finished the 400-meter hurdles in 59.51 seconds.

A notable effort for the female sprinters came from sophomore Maura Forbush, who notched second-place finishes in both of her events. In the 100-meter dash, she sprinted a 12.77-second time, while completing the 200-meter dash in just 25.80 seconds.

"I am very excited about this season and what it will bring. I thought that my teammates did well also," Forbush said after the race. "I was very proud to be a Bearcat on Saturday."

The women's team saw wins from senior Molly Bond, who triumphed in the long jump with a career-best 17 feet 1.5 inches, and senior Meka Townsend, who won the discus throw

with a distance of 119 feet 25 inches.

It was also a personal record.

Senior Elisa Ahern broke her previous best leap, long jumping 16 feet 4.25 inches to place second.

"This first meet was really fun and a great start to our season. The first meet is a benchmark to improve on the rest of the year," she said.

Another top jumper for the Bearcats on the day was sophomore Paul Schot, who came in fourth in the men's long jump at 19 feet 8.25 inches.

"As a team, we did great! We've got a lot of young athletes on the team and they performed really well in their first meet. Our returners did an awesome job, too," Schot said.

In the long-distance races, sophomore Olivia Mancl and junior Taylor Ostrander lead the collegiate finishers in the women's 5,000-meter run.

Mancl recorded a time of 17:58.71 and placed third while Ostrander's time of 18:10.20 was good for fourth.

As for the men, junior Yonny Castillo placed third and finished as the top collegiate finisher in the men's 5,000-meter run with a 15:15.12 time.

Junior Jacob Shafi completed the 5K in seventh place with a personal-

best time of 15:29.34.

One specific group that stood out on the day was the women's 800-meter team, which consisted of senior Michaela Freeby, freshman Hannah Swanson and junior Hannah Bressler.

They achieved a 3-4-5 finish, where Freeby completed the race in 2:19.59, Swanson recorded a 2:20.87 time and Bressler set a personal record at 2:21.39.

This week, Willamette will prepare for the All Saints Open on Saturday.

Schot feels that now that everyone has their first meet under their belt, it will be much easier going forward.

"During the week we will continue to focus on all the adjustments we need to make to keep improving. It's all about the progress toward being your best at the end of the season," he said.

Higley also agrees that with the nerves cast aside, the only way is up for the Bearcats.

"Now that we have a starting point, we can get to work doing what we need to do to improve further. With another week comes another opportunity," Higley said.

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Jump on the bandwagon



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While the Major League Baseball pros have been busy in Arizona and Florida soaking up the sun and refining their talents in preparation for opening day, a baseball team closer to home has been off to a hot start.

Yes, I'm talking about your Willamette Bearcats, who currently hold a 13-3 record and sit at second in the Northwest Conference.

To start the year, the Bearcats won 12 straight games before losing their first game last weekend against George Fox.

The Bearcats are powered by a solid core of upperclassmen supported by a talented class of freshmen.

While seniors like Tiras Koon, Hunter Gallant and Peter Hoffman lead the team, freshmen like Aaron Fong and Connor Loar also carry a heavy load.

First baseman Koon leads the team with a .358 batting average and was recently named to the D3baseball.com Team of the Week.

During the week, Koon hit .545 with three homeruns and 7 RBIs.

Koon isn't the only Bearcat having success this year.

The Bearcats have five players currently hitting over .300, and four pitchers with ERAs under 3.00.

As a team, the Bearcats are scoring 6.5 runs per game, while the entire staff has an ERA of 3.02.

With depth at all positions and solid leadership, this team appears to be built for success.

Despite the blistering start, the games have had relatively poor attendance. I think it is no secret that school spirit at Willamette has never been anything special.

Many athletes are quick to lament poor turnouts and low enthusiasm from the student section. Granted, there are always a few hardcore supporters at basketball and football games, but nothing like at other schools.

Many talented athletes on our campus go underappreciated. I think that we need to get behind our Bearcat athletes—starting right now with baseball. This team has a realistic chance to win the Northwest Conference, and potentially do some damage in playoffs.

According to D3baseball.com, the Bearcats are just outside the top 25 teams in the nation.

Teams like this rarely come along, and the talented freshmen suggest that the program will be solid for years to come.

If you'll be in Salem during spring break, I encourage you to go to their next home game at John Lewis Field on March 21 at 12 p.m.

Let's start building some school pride. I hope it will carry over into fall and we'll start to see a better atmosphere at football and soccer games.

Who knows, maybe we'll start getting to watch some playoff games.

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LEFT: Sophomore Olivia Mancl (No. 391) and junior Taylor Ostrander placed third and fourth, respectively, in the women's 5,000-meter race.

TOP: Freshman Roshan Rogers added two wins for Willamette, competing alone in the men's 110-meter and 400-meter hurdles.

BOTTOM: Junior Yonny Castillo led all collegiate runners in the 5000-meter race, placing third overall.



FITNESS

Walk this way (and count the steps)

SAM BENETTI
GUEST WRITER

Last December, I purchased a Fitbit Charge fitness band and it changed my life.

OK, that may be an exaggeration—but it is pretty cool.

As someone who tends to be the Queen of Excuses as to why I shouldn't work out, having something to motivate me to exercise and meet my daily fitness goals was exactly what I needed.

The Fitbit Charge, which goes for about \$130, is a fitness tracker that one wears like a watch or bracelet.

It has a backlit screen that flashes the time and date, steps taken, calories burned, distance traveled and flights of stairs taken.

I have my goal set at 10,000 total steps per day, which is very achievable if I do

an hour workout at some point daily.

On average, I tend to get in about 12,000 steps a day, which is somewhere around six miles.

Another feature of this band is that if you wear it to bed, it automatically tracks your sleep habits, telling you how many hours you really slept, how many minutes you were restless and how many times you woke up during the night.

One of my favorite features about the Fitbit Charge is that it has caller ID on it, so if you are within a certain range of your phone, you can see who is calling by looking at your band screen.

The band syncs via Bluetooth to an app on your smartphone and translates all of your data into tables and charts, tracking your fitness throughout the day, week and month.

A cool thing about the app is that you

can add friends who also have Fitbits and compete with them throughout the day.

There are several different challenges that you can invite your friends to participate in, creating a little healthy competition and further motivating you to get moving.

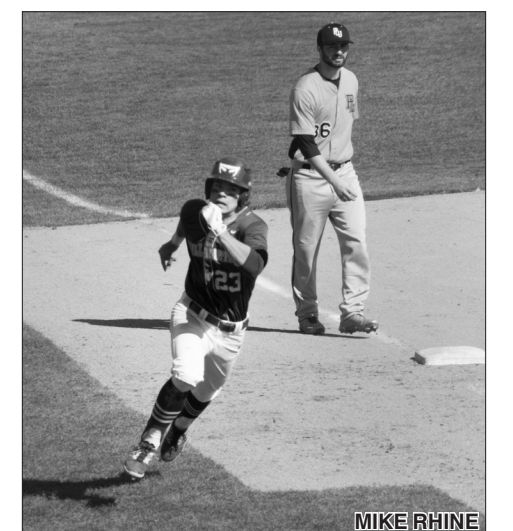
If you are looking for something a little more advanced, there is also the Fitbit Charge HR (\$150), which also tracks your heart rate.

If you are more interested in a fitness tracker and a smart watch, then the Fitbit Surge (\$250) is the best option.

There are also more simplistic versions of the Fitbit that sell for under \$100.

Overall, I am still extremely happy with my purchase and I would highly recommend getting a Fitbit if you are looking to start exercising more.

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Freshman shortstop Nate Bush went 2-3 in Sunday's game with one run scored.

Stay IRL



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There have been recent talks about making Internet access controlled by a utility. Essentially, the government is declaring that the Internet is a necessary part of life that one must have in order to function properly in conventional society.

I'm in agreement.

The Internet is required for day-to-day living. If it weren't for the net, dear readers, none of you would be able to peruse the words that constitute my soapbox week in and week out.

It's so ubiquitous that classes operate on the assumption that all of us have easy access to an online database where we can get our readings for class and turn in our assignments.

And outside of that, I personally enjoy the Internet for entertainment purposes.

It's allowed me access to some brilliant information on politics and history, and it's helped me explore music I never would have known existed—the potential the Internet has is intimidatingly vast.

Basically, the Internet is the answer for work and play. It is the outlet for both creativity and relaxation.

It is the alpha and the omega.

What have we done?

Everything we do is in the context of a world that is constantly plugged in. We've spilled our lives onto the web, and now it's coming back to haunt us.

We're beginning to blur the line between what is online and what is real. We're sitting here trying to prove to ourselves that our lives have meaning and to quell our fears of inadequacy.

We can't just go to the concert—we have to post a poorly-rendered cell phone video of it online, thus solidifying the fact that, yes, we are interesting.

And what do we do when we're bored?

We go on social media and feel terrible as we scroll through the countless pictures of people having fun and bragging about their own personal lives.

In reality, of course, we forget that the people posting have probably spent time doing that same thing, feeling ashamed over their lack of accomplishment as they scroll through endless self-promotional social media posts.

In order to distract ourselves from this imminent depression, we post clickbait articles and lists of GIFs from TV shows that totally describe our life.

I'm not trying to be a curmudgeonly old man and tell you to go outside instead of staring at a computer. What I am seriously warning you is that given its prevalence, it's easy to get sucked into the online world and start forgetting that it's just a means to an end.

There's a difference between healthy and unhealthy Internet use.

Healthy Internet usage enhances your life and helps you engage with your hobbies in a convenient manner.

It starts to become harmful when you start conflating the way you look online as how you appear in real life.

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Corrections:

NEWS

A news article published online and in print last Wednesday ("Bookstore lost over \$500K since 2009," page 2) included erroneous financial information in its headline and first sentence.

Comparing total sales figures from 2009 and 2014, the Willamette Store's net revenue decreased by \$586,460. The store itself, however, is still profitable and is not run at a loss.

The *Collegian* invites its readers to submit corrections for publication. Errors found in print can be sent to <zsparin> and will be corrected in the next edition of the paper.

The pink hair scare



MELE ANA KASTNER



KATE PILUSO
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In case you do not know exactly what I look like by this point in our reader/columnist relationship, let me give you a brief recap.

I'm still 6 feet tall, still a strong, fat, basketball playing lady, still working to cover my legs in tattoos and I am still a beautiful dragon with a glorious septum piercing.

The major update I have for you all is this:

I have dyed my hair hot pink.

Apparently, the only way I am capable of surviving in this world is via drastic aesthetic changes, e.g., combating the inevitability of graduation and the real world with a '90's style makeover montage!

There's this strange power I've noticed that comes with having highlighter bright hair;

it brings light to everything around you.

At the same time, though, I've been really nervous about displaying this drastic head switcheroo because I am really, really afraid people won't like it.

[Said in a highly emotional and highly sarcastic acceptance speech style voice]: I'd really just like to attribute this deep-seated fear of how others feel about my hair and my appearance in general to some majorly fucked-up social factors in my existence.

Thank you societal expectations of attractiveness and female beauty standards for making me question all the ways other people can possibly see me every single second of the day.

Thanks to mainstream media for providing me with 18 years' worth of self-loathing because I looked nothing like what beauty was apparently "supposed" to look like.

And, the biggest thank you of all goes out to my social anxiety and my personal phobia that everyone is just humoring me by being nice when—in actuality—they hate me.

[Tearfully leaves stage clutching the shambles of her self-esteem to her chest.]

What I'm getting at is that the morning I exited Matthews with my new pink-as-fuck hair and what I hoped was a "Bubblegum Bitch" air of confidence, I was actually shaking in my Dr. Martens because I was terrified of what everyone would think of me.

I was scared of all these perceptions and opinions that I had absolutely no control over, which, I guess, is a fundamental truth about fear that we don't often discuss—people tend to be scared the most by things that are beyond their control.

The supernatural could very well exist, and I just haven't encountered any of it.

Yet.

Space extends infinitely beyond the realm of my comprehension (Gravity anyone?).

And, who the hell knows what's really going on in the dark, anyway?

Fear is an inherent part of existence. There's a lot of inner turmoil that we all face on a daily basis in regards to pretty much everything—from the potential fleekness of your clothing to the styling of your hair or the harrowing possibility that we all live in the Matrix.

So, let me be one of the first to tell you that it's okay to be afraid. We're all scared because it seems to be the human condition.

(And, now I'm afraid you all know that that's just a quote from "Futurama" and not my own original and insightful thought).

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Who you gonna call? Not administrators

In a community of students, certain impunity is assigned to the learning process.

In other words, it's OK to make mistakes. Missing important deadlines, taking library items into the bathroom; it happens.

We're all out here trying to grow.

Personal growth, however, should never have collateral damage.

For example, last week our administration made public the decision to reintroduce organizations previously removed from campus. Moving forward in this way, they concluded, was an appropriate, just reward for patience and good behavior.

This decision was buffeted by a committee of students sympathetic to the plight of this organization. Though the *Collegian* was not present in the room of this discussion, we can imagine that the verdict was reached thusly: They are a part of our community, and therefore they deserve the space to demonstrate what they have learned.

A dialog was not extended to those who are perhaps less sympathetic.

To those who were affected or abused, the message from the administration was clear: We can only care

about your pain until the check clears.

Of course, as victims are continually reminded, every story has two sides.

It is commendable that individuals have taken actions to learn from their mistakes—in fact, it is the most minimal gesture of human decency.

As members of our community, one that allegedly strives for security through education, this "homework" is the first step in the right direction, and one that puts a greater distance between them and their past.

Unfortunately, victims of interpersonal violence do not have this privilege of distance.

On this campus, response or resistance to sharing space with abusers is rarely supported, and instead ignored or met with backlash. Victims are forced to jump through administrative hoops if they choose to take action, while being constantly reminded that their abuser is the one who holds more influence.

Lauren Chief Elk (@ChiefElk), organizer and co-founder of the Save Wiyabi Project, recently shared this quote on her Twitter account:

"Abusers hide in every community. But in a space explicitly aimed at pro-

tecting women from abuses of power and sexuality, women often feel especially blindsided when they are violated and gaslit when they attempt to address these violations."

Students begin to feel "gaslit" (or at Willamette, bluelit) when they realize that spaces like college campuses are not designed to make us safer.

Rather, we have tools to protect us from explicit dangers, but when the threat comes from the institution itself, who you gonna call?

It's all going to be fine, apparently, because the University oversaw the transformation of these individuals.

Their presence on our campus must be somehow beneficial to the health of the community. We know this because these processes happened without consent, participation or general notification of the community regarding what was happening.

Risk managed. Lesson learned.

Everything back to exactly the way it was.

COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL POLICY

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The right to melancholy



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I've lived a privileged life. A stable family, good friends, decent education and a plethora of potential opportunities—the basics of what most people in this culture think of as a typical happy existence.

And those people would be absolutely right. For the most part, I grew up happy, healthy and loved.

That being said, I am absolutely not immune to the unhappiness pervasive to the human species.

Like most people, I have always been prone to bouts of deep gloom or apathy. Sometimes it was a product of my environment.

More often it wasn't.

My despondent emotions were never severe or worrisome to those around me—it was simply that sadness is a critical part of the human experience.

The nature of sadness was one that I didn't understand for a long time.

Even now, I can only claim a superficial understanding, for I have been lucky enough to never have had to delve too deeply into that world.

But how I've come to understand my unhappiness

now is vastly different from the notion I had formed in my mind many years ago.

I had the impression—both from those around me and from my own thoughts—that I was in too good of a position in life to be unhappy. There were people in this world that did not have the same kind of opportunities and advantages that I had. What right was there for me to complain, when I had never struggled for anything in my life?

How could I be sad, when I was so acutely aware that my obstacles where nothing compared to the tribulations faced by people who truly knew what struggle was.

This was my mentality for many years. I felt as though I was somehow inherently undeserving of the freedom to feel my own melancholy.

It makes me sad to think that I still know and love people who are being told this, or even worse, who already believe this of themselves.

On the off chance that you are one of these people, I'm here to tell you that this message that's been ingrained in your entire being simply isn't true. These people who have been telling you to "suck it up" because there others out there in more unfortunate societal positions are mis-

guided.

Depression, discontent and sadness of any kind do not discriminate based on your socioeconomic status, your gender or your race. It does not matter whether you were able to buy the newest iPhone or whether you have to borrow money from your parents to pay the rent.

Sadness is a human quality. Each individual is bound to feel it. Some of us have deeper reasons; some of us

feel it more intensely than others.

It exists within each of us.

The emotional status of your peers isn't the measure with which you decide whether your emotional well-being is valid. Your feelings deserve to be acknowledged not because they are better or worse than another's, but simply because you as a person feel them.

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CAMERON BEAN

What does it mean to be healthy and clean?

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As I prepare to leave the middle ground between dependence and independence that I have occupied these past four years, I've been thinking about the various household decisions that await me.

How many people do I want to live with next year?

Do I want to buy organic food? Am I willing to make purchases at companies that support causes I oppose?

Considering these questions has forced me to be skeptical about so-called scientifically-backed research into what it means to be healthy and what it means to be clean.

The media are constantly telling us about new research that supports one way of being healthy or another.

Whether that's about how often to wash your hands (and with what kind of soap), how much sleep you actually need (and in what conditions) or the best way to lose weight (and keep it off!).

Unfortunately, what these kind of stories present is only a half-truth.

As Western societies develop more technology, medicines, etc., we get swept up in the excitement of what we think works. It's not a bad thing to try to improve what we have, but we need to exercise more caution when jumping onto the latest health trends.

Scientific research is great and very necessary, but studies can fail to address some serious concerns.

Take, for example, use of antibiotics. Most antibiotics were initially released after 1975, meaning that it's virtually impossible to see long-term population effects. Recent research has indicated that they may be causing us harm in certain cases, because they kill all bacteria in our immune systems, not just the ones making us sick.

And this goes for standards beyond the medical world. Recently, there has been a surge in people critiquing the concepts of daily showers. These are standards that have been set up by companies who want to sell more soap, shampoo and conditioner.

Relatedly, shampoo and conditioner have also drawn criticism as unnecessary measures that actually do more harm to our hair than good (for further reading: Google "no poo method").

Given that these social conventions only arose in the past century, we should consider carefully whether they are necessary before we waste two and half gallons of water per minute (based on the average low-flow shower head) every time we shower. (Not to mention all the money we spend on soap, shampoo and conditioner.)

What I mean by all of this is not that we should distrust vaccines or give up showers entirely.

Instead, I think we need to be more wary of how the medicines we take and routines we adopt impact us in the long term.

Most of the health and cleanliness standards we learned about as kids haven't been fully tested because they haven't existed for a full life cycle.

We need more longitudinal studies of these standards—but we also need more individualized ones.

Because every individual has different reactions to each lifestyle change, we need to test them for ourselves before accepting them as truth.

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What doesn't hire you makes you stronger

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I didn't even get picked to be an alternate.

I was pretty crushed. Like, "listening to Taylor Swift alone in my room for a week and eating Nutella out of the jar" crushed.

I knew that I would have made a really fucking fantastic OD leader. And I did.

I really did. It just took a little bit longer than I expected.

I'm glad that I didn't get

hired that first year. If I went back early for OD leader training, I probably wouldn't have gone out on that one really great date, flown to California to spend time with my aging grandparents or spent 17 hours and 30 minutes of my life watching all of the Harry Potter movies in a row.

(Completely worth it, in case you were wondering.)

Rejection hurts at first, but ultimately it makes you a hell of a lot stronger.

The same thing goes for dating and school and pretty much every other facet of our lives. Sometimes a bad breakup or a C on an essay can turn into something wonderful that we never would have expected.

It can make us stronger.

It can make us braver.

It can make us try harder.

So don't give up, Bearcats. Keep trying for the things you know you want, and eventually, good opportunities will

come your way—even if they don't look quite like what you first expected.

The next year, I was hired to be an OD leader. And I'd like to think I helped to lead some pretty well-adjusted awesome individuals (I'm looking at you, Group 9 and three-fourths) into this fantastic, crazy place we call Willamette.

And you might, too.

Mischief managed.

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DeLeonibus' revenge



MELEANA KASTNER

Letter to the editor

To the Editor:
I appreciated the article in the March 4 *Collegian* ("Bookstore lost over \$500K since 2009," page 2). The article gave readers a timely update on some big questions that we are currently mulling over at The Willamette Store!

I must take issue, however, with the opening statement in this article, which says that "Since 2009, the Willamette Store has lost \$586,469."

This statement, plus the very title of the article, suggested to readers that The Willamette Store was "in the red" to the tune of \$586,469 over this period of time.

This was not the case. The figure that Bob Olson shared, \$586,469, reflected the drop in annual revenue (sales) for the fiscal year 2013–2014 vs. fiscal year 2009–2010, due almost entirely to declining textbook sales over this period.

But as revenues have dropped, we have cut expenses accordingly, in large part by eliminating one full-time classified position in the Store and converting one full-time administrative position with benefits to a part-time position without benefits.

By thus "tightening our belt," we have continued to operate The Willamette Store "in the black," even making a modest contribution each year to the

University.

Our textbook buyer, Melinda Hochendoner, has worked very hard over the past few years to find bargain prices on textbooks from Internet sources, passing these savings along to students. She has also increased the number of titles we have available for students to rent, also at substantial savings.

As a result of her efforts, our textbook sales this year have finally flattened out, with more and more students coming back to The Willamette Store as their primary textbooks source. We anticipate that revenues, as well as our "bottom line," will be pretty stable over at least the next few years. We do not anticipate "losing" money, requiring the University to subsidize our operation, even though our primary mission is to provide a service to students, faculty and the University community.

Regards,
Don Beckman
Store Management Adviser

We invite you to submit letters to the editor. Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and must be submitted by Monday at noon on the week of intended publication. The *Collegian* reserves the right to edit for length and clarity. Please email letters to <zsparrin>.

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- Cap, stole and gown sizing and pick-up.
- The ordering and purchase of announcements, class rings, and diploma frames.

This event will also allow you the opportunity to get in touch with department representatives and find out about all of the other exciting activities for the **CLASS of 2015**.

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Thursday, March 12th
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Class of 2015!

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