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SPORTS

'Cats surge past Linfield for first win

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Last Tuesday, the Willamette Women's Basketball team captured their first win of the season, defeating conference rival Linfield, 58-49.

With 20 points in the game, Senior Guard Sophie Wilson set a career mark. Wilson shot over 50 percent from the field, making six of her nine three-point attempts.

"They were in a 2-3 zone, leaving them vulnerable from behind the arc," Wilson said.

Tuesday's win gave Willamette 1-16 on the season and 1-7 in Northwest Conference play, while Linfield dropped to 1-13 and remained winless in the conference.

In the first half of play, the Lady Bearcats fought for possession in a back and forth contest.

In the opening minutes a 10-2 run put Willamette up 14-10 just under seven minutes into the game.

That would be the largest lead that Willamette would take hold of in the first half until the closing minutes, when following a Linfield turnover, Willamette called a time out with just 33 seconds on the clock and the score

26-24 in their favor.

After breaking the huddle, the Bearcats took the court with a designed play that found Sophie Wilson open for a three-pointer. The half ended 29-24.

After the break, Willamette extended their small lead with the help of a three-pointer from sophomore guard Jojo DeLong that made the score 32-24. DeLong also racked up four steals. Soon after, the Wildcats would make a comeback; the second half would resemble much of the first.

As the battle continued, sophomore forward Julia Brand hit two freethrows and another jumper on the next offensive possession with 8:47 left in the game.

Brand's four points sparked an energetic 16-0 run for WU that found Wilson open for three more three-pointers making the score 52-38 with 5:39 to go.

"With great ball movement and confidence we were able to get good shots up and able to finish," Brand said. Brand ended the night with 12 points.

From there, Willamette coasted to the win, and the game ended 58-49.

The win on Tuesday was great for team morale

REBECCA JOSEPHSON
 Junior



Sophomore Point Guard Jojo DeLong filled up the stat sheet for the Bearcats registering 5 points, 6 assists, 4 steals and 3 rebounds versus Linfield.

MICHAEL UNDERWOOD

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OPINIONS: **REDUCTIO AD AWESOME**

Rigging elections the Right way

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 COLUMNIST

If there's one thing we can all agree on, it's the fact that the Electoral College sucks. Democrats see it as an archaic institution that gives too much voting power to small red states. And Republicans are finally starting to see it for what it is - an imperfect system that often fails to perform its one crucial function: to let Republican candidates win presidential elections.

Once upon a time, the system worked quite well, such as in the 2000 election. In that year, America came dangerously close to electing a tree-hugging, solar-powered egomaniac. But America's political institutions are designed to avoid foolish election decisions, and the combined forces of the Electoral College and the Supreme Court ensured that we made the responsible choice.

However, the re-election of Barack Obama indicates that the system is still far from perfect: all too often, democratic candidates who win the popular vote are able to also win the Electoral College, thereby securing the presidency.

Clearly, it has become necessary to improve the system. Some Democrats advocate getting rid of it entirely, but this is clearly just a ploy to try to win presidential elections based on popularity alone. Which of course is an entirely ridiculous notion in a democracy such as ours.

The Republican Party understands this issue from a more traditional conservative framework: if the system is broken, then we should fix it by focusing on gradual reforms rather than eliminating our proud tradition of disproportionate representation.

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NEWS

Debate team has good craic in Dublin Top debaters travel to Ireland for tournament

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Last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, members of the Willamette University Debate Union (WUDU) competed in the Trinity IV tournament against debate teams from around the world. The tournament, held at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, was the third of seven events in the Debating League of Europe.

Over 100 teams, mostly from European colleges, convened in Dublin at the competition hosted and run by the debate team from The Phil and the Hist Societies at Trinity College.

Originally founded as a Protestant clerical academy, Trinity College is one of Ireland's most notable universities. It has graduated figures of literature such as Oscar Wilde, Bram Stoker, Jonathan Swift and Samuel Beckett, as well as three Irish presidents. The debate is being put on by the College Historical Society (founded 1770 and called "The Hist" by students) and the University Philosophical Society (founded 1683 and colloquially referred to as "The Phil") at Trinity.

The three individual Willamette teams, lead by Una Kimokeo-Goes, were Brett Scruton and Anthony Macuk,



COURTESY OF BRETT SCRUTON

Anthony Macuk, Lindsay Cason, Brett Scruton, Bill Newell, Kurt Wade, Megan Manion competed at Trinity IV in Dublin last week.

Bill Newell and Kurt Wade and Lindsay Cason and Megan Manion. They departed from Willamette on Wednesday of last week, spending four days on the Emerald Isle and returning on Sunday evening.

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Congrats to men's choir for singing at the Blazers game

Black Tie tickets go on sale

NATALIE PATE
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The Willamette Events Board (WEB) is known for putting on entertaining activities throughout the year. One of their most popular events is the annual Black Tie Affair dance. Last year, WEB sold over 600 tickets and anticipates another well-attended event this year.

Black Tie, a formal dinner and dance, is open to all CLA students and their guests. It is held at the Salem Conference Center, just a few blocks away from campus. Junior and annual event co-chair Tana Watanabe said that the theme of this year's Black Tie is "starry night sky."

"We wanted it to feel whimsical," Watanabe said. "While we like this event to be formal, we also want to create a carefree atmosphere. I feel like having this formal event helps students escape the stresses that can come with being at college, and just have a carefree night when they can dress up and do something they would not normally do in college."

Although many may choose to pay a little extra for the catered dinner and live jazz music, there will be sweet and savory appetizers served during the dance that quickly fol-



KELLIE STANDISH

Sophomore Gabi Rasmussen, annual events co-chair for WEB, sells tickets to A Black Tie Affair in the UC lobby.

lows dinner. The dinner menu includes chicken medallions, marinated pork tenderloin, and a seasonal vegetable ravioli.

There will also be a lounge open to those 21 and older. Although an unlimited number of tickets are available for the dance, only 250 tickets will be sold for the dinner. WEB encourages people to buy them while they can.

Blitz the Bearcat will kick off the party by dancing the first number of the night. Watanabe said there will be a photo booth instead of backdrop photos this year. Apart from that, there won't be too many changes to the dance from last year.

Watanabe said that the event offers a great opportunity to work with the staff and faculty.

"We have really great Willamette staff and faculty volunteers, whose help we always appreciate so much," Watanabe said. "I personally really enjoy getting to work with faculty and staff in a different setting and getting to know them better."

Sophomore Gabi Rasmussen, the annual events co-chair, said there is a lot of work that goes into planning the event, and she always looks forward to seeing how everything comes together.

"For me, I look forward to planning all of the little details that will make for a spectacular night. From the little decorative touches, to selecting menu options and music, it's a long process with a lot of details," Rasmussen said. "I cannot wait to see how everything comes together—from the layout of the room, to the decorative vibe and music; it's going to be a great night! I can't wait to see everyone enjoying the evening."

Rasmussen and Watanabe said that WEB worked hard to make sure this year's event not only implemented sustainable practices by not using paper tickets, but also worked to fit the price into a college student's restricted budget.

"We've really worked to make this event more affordable for students," Rasmussen said. "Dance ticket prices are almost half of what they were last year! For five dollars, you get an amazing dance at a beautiful location, dinner and dessert appetizers, drinks and great music."

Watanabe said, "I think one of my favorite parts of Black Tie is when students first come up the stairs of the Salem Conference Center. I love seeing their eyes get bright and how happy they look."

Tickets will be on sale until Friday, Feb. 8 in the UC. The date for the event is Friday, Feb. 15 in the Salem Conference Center, 200 Commercial St SE. Doors will open at 7 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing at 8:30.

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WUDU competes in Trinity IV

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The students were allowed the first two days of the trip to explore Dublin and find good craic (Irish for "fun") before the tournament began. Then followed five rounds of seven minute speeches for each team member. Despite not breaking rounds (debate jargon for advancing), WUDU did place with high speaker points. At the close of the tournament, a black tie event was hosted for the teams.

Of the experience, Senior debater Brett Scruton said, "Perhaps the greatest advantage to our debates with teams from across Europe was the challenges to our world-views and the logic we use as an American team. It was a definite learning experience." Debate Coach Una Kimokeo-Goes added, "It was really great to see how other countries deliberate and to see what other countries feel are significant social issues."

WUDU will continue to represent Willamette University this year at debate tournaments on the west coast. On February 4th, they will be debating a team of Afgani students via Skype in a public event organized by Linfield University debate alumni Rachel Mills and hosted by the Philomathean Society. The debate will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Hatfield Room of the Hatfield Library.

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WUDU members traveled to Ireland to debate on the campus of Trinity College in Dublin.

Hey You!

Do you know a hottie on campus that you don't have the guts to talk to? Meet someone cool at a party that you didn't get the name of? Is there a person in your class or your dorm that you just can't stand? Well, let them know by way of a Hey You!

To submit a Hey You! email heyyouwillamette@gmail.com with 30 words or fewer for somebody who needs to hear something.

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HEY YOU! Tall, lanky Rhetoric major, I miss your lip ring. It was sexy.

HEY YOU! Beardsy Bistro guy. Keep being sexy.

HEY YOU! You are a contradiction. Your vendetta

against intolerance is causing intolerance.

HEY YOU! Friends that answered my texts today thank you so much for helping me out! I love you guys!!

HEY YOU! Who asked for someone to send a HEY YOU in your honor, after three and a half years, THIS IS YOUR MOMENT!

HEY YOU! If you look at historically great literature and your FIRST criticism is "old white male," please reassess the lens through which you critique.

HEY YOU! I'm really tired of introducing you as my friend. I want to officially be with you.

HEY YOU! Don't mistake frankness and seriousness for poise.

HEY YOU! Hot blondie. You're hot, I'm hot, let's get it poppin'. Love, Ice Wolf.

HEY YOU! Please eat something. We are ALL worried.

HEY YOU! You might want to rethink what you have been calling your keg parties. Kegel exercises are what women do

to strengthen their pelvic floor.

HEY YOU! Thanks for still being my friend... Even after the cat came out of the bag.

HEY YOU! Whoever was hiding lemons in the library, thanks for the free lemons.

HEY YOU! Talk to me, damnit.

HEY YOU! If you use the parking spots outside Belknap, be warned. Campus Safety has actually started ticketing.

HEY YOU! He may have forgiven you, but I sure as hell won't.

HEY YOU! I'm happy with my body. Stop telling me it's anything less than perfect.

HEY YOU! Rho Gammas! Y'all were awesome during recruitment week!

HEY YOU! Tell yourself it's stupid, tell everyone else it's stupid. We don't care what you think, we're happy.

New ASP class to arrive Tuesday

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In less than one week, Willamette's community will grow by 121 students. This year's incoming class of American Studies Program (ASP) students is set to arrive the morning of Tuesday, February 5th. Every year, about 100 students arrive at Willamette to study under the American Studies Program (ASP) for 11 months: from February until the following December.

Despite the fact that exchange programs between Willamette University and Tokyo International University (TIU) have been in place since 1965, and the ASP program itself has been in place since 1989; many people are less than informed about the details of the program.

Although the majority of ASP students are Japanese, the incoming group includes three Chinese students, one Korean student, and one dual citizen (US-JPN).

TIU is a commuter university, with two campuses. This year, the most popular major is Language Communications, followed closely by International Relations. Though in significantly smaller groups, students will also be joining us from the School of Economics, Business & Commerce, and Human & Social Sciences. Most of the students have never lived in a dorm or had a roommate.

Student life is very different at TIU. Many of the students hold jobs and there are not as many on campus opportunities for students to get involved in. However, Sarah Shinn, Assistant Director of Student Life at Tokyo International University of America offered some insight into what this group of students is excited about. "I had a chance to meet the students at TIU in November and every one of them is really excited about getting involved," Shinn said.

"However, they are nervous because the culture at WU is very different, so they'll need support from Willamette students who know where those opportunities are. The students are excited about sports, volunteering, leadership opportunities, experiencing the Oregon outdoors, and learning more about American culture. This class is already connected to some CLA students via facebook which has only increased their excitement."

Students are encouraged to come to the Chicken Fountain between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 to meet the new ASP students. Yukiko Namiki, an ASP student from the class of 2012, says this about her arrival on campus last February: "People at the Chicken Fountain were so welcoming to us and that still puts a smile on my face. I think most of us were shy because the Japanese don't usually give someone a high five but it was a cool welcoming style. If there were no people at the Chicken Fountain, our first impression of WU would be different. I appreciate it."

Shotaro Kumano, another student from last year's class adds, "You can get something from ASP students because ASP students have fresh thinking and different thinking than you. The difference is [going to be a good thing to help each other grow.] ASP students really want to know you and be friends. So please come to arrival day and know about ASP students. I think ASP students and WU students are so lucky!"

To get more details about the exact arrival time, join the arrival mail group. By contacting eejensen@willamette.edu with your name and Willamette e-mail address. You will get a few e-mails with the updated time for when you should be at the Chicken Fountain.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

Jan. 19 - 25, 2013

Information provided by Campus Safety

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Jan. 24, 3:19 p.m. (York House): Campus safety was called about the smell of marijuana coming from a room. When the officer knocked the occupants that were in the room didn't answer. When the officer opened the door the occupants kicked out the window screen and fled the room.

Jan. 24, 1:20 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): A student called to report that he parked his car in the lot, and when he returned a few hours later to find damage to the driver side of his car.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Jan. 20, 1:42 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a call about a student who was having severe abdominal pain was vomiting. When the officer arrived on the scene, WEMS was already evaluating the student and suggested she be transported to the hospital.

Jan. 21, 9:28 a.m. (Baxter Hall): Campus Safety received a call about a student who had a seizure and was

unconscious. When the officers arrived the student was breathing, but was still unconscious. Paramedics were called and the student was transported to the hospital for further treatment.

Jan. 24, 11:16 a.m. (Ford Hall): Campus Safety was called about a student who received a cut by brushing against a table. The officer took the student to Bishop Wellness Center.

Jan. 24, 8:10 p.m. (Sparks Center): Campus Safety received a call about a student who hurt his wrist while playing basketball. After the officer evaluation the student was transported to the hospital.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Jan. 22, 2:50 p.m. (Off Campus): Campus Safety received a call about a Willamette employee who had been involved in an accident in a Willamette van. The Willamette employee was cited for failure to yield right-of-way.

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Opening Days program searches for this year's leaders

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Antonette Shockey remembers her first day at Willamette: She had just finished the Jump Start program, and was exhausted. But facing her were an empty dorm, classes and the other stresses of school—all in an unfamiliar setting.

However, Shockey, a freshman, took comfort in knowing that her Opening Days leaders were there to mentor and guide her through her college experience.

"I like how comfortable my OD leaders made me feel," Shockey said. "My leaders are amazing. I want to give the same experience to others, so I'm applying to be an OD leader for next year."

A pair of leaders ranging in age and backgrounds leads each OD group comprising 10-15 freshmen. Uniting them is their passion about the school and eagerness to help others.

On Thursday, Jan. 24, an informational session was held in the Hatfield Library for students interested in being OD leaders.

Flowers, a junior, is this year's coordinator. He believes the program is extremely useful for not only freshmen, but also for the leaders themselves.

"It's absolutely an amazing experience," Flowers said. "It helps improve communication, teamwork, leadership skills—all things that are so helpful in a job setting."

"I already knew a lot of stuff about being an OD leader," Shockey said. "But hearing about (Kyle Flowers's)

experience as a leader made it seem so much more tangible for me."

Seeing students' progress for the last three years has drawn Flowers to the program. And this time, as the coordinator, he has his work cut out for him.

One thing he looks to do this year is strengthen leaders' academic ties to their freshmen by hopefully making the leaders available to them throughout the entirety of their colloquium class.

But the leadership team looks for more than just academic strength. In addition to a required 2.5 GPA, students are also screened for their abilities as teammates and communicators.

Students from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to sign up.

If you're interested in being an Opening Days leader, you must submit an application by Feb. 1, along with two references. Interviews will be scheduled for Feb. 4-20. Candidates must also attend one group interview on Feb. 20 or 21. Letters to accepted leaders will be sent out March 1, with a week to respond.

Shockey said she has already submitted an application. She hopes that she can be a role model, just like her leaders were to her.

"Without Opening Days, students wouldn't have as much of a chance to meet others," Shockey said. "It's a great first impression of the school."

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Emperor Nero's playlist

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Oh, Emperor Nero: the infamous Roman emperor who sacked temples to build his golden palace, who roamed the streets at night in a disguise looking to brawl, who transformed a man to a eunuch in his deceased wife's image and who allegedly fiddled as Rome burned. Quite a fascinating character, indeed. Here are the songs I imagine he might put on a playlist were he alive today.

1 "Goldie" by A\$AP Rocky: With a music video in Paris styled by Alexander Wang, this is the kind of song Nero might play while pre-gaming a night of wandering the darkened alleys of Rome, making mischief and instigating violence.

2 "I'm God" by Lil B: Like Nero, Lil B (or The Based God) is a highly controversial figure. The ethereal beat on "I'm God" coupled with the lyrical content which contains such gems as "You know I always wanted to be the best/You know I always wanted to be God" and "Somebody tell the Earth I'm the best out/Somebody tell the ocean I'm the best out" would most certainly speak to an emperor who thought himself to be divine.

3 "Night" by Zola Jesus: Nero considered himself quite the poet, and would probably enjoy the poetic lyrical musings of goth-y Zola Jesus. Furthermore, her powerful vocals would translate well to an ear trained to appreciate a strong and full singing voice.

4 "Sick" by Salem: Although Nero likened himself to Apollo, a god of light and the sun, there was much about the emperor that was dark, even sinister. A twisted song like Salem's "Sick" seems like the kind of tune a troubled Nero might play alone in his chamber with a bunch of candles burning.

5 "Blood Stained Cross" by Blood Machine: Nero is so infamous for his persecution of the Christians during his time as emperor that many scholars believe that the sign of the beast, the number 666, refers to the name of Emperor Nero. In fact, when his name is transliterated from Greek to Hebrew, it retains the value of 666. Knowing this, it is not difficult to imagine Nero rocking out to a heavy metal song condemning the Christian faith.

6 "Innocence" by Nero: Of course, this list would not be complete without including a track from the British electronic trio that named themselves after the infamous emperor. Nero, ever the egomaniac, would not only enjoy listening to music made in his name but would also probably enjoy the strong vocals and 'dirty' beats.

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'Silver Linings' entertains, charms in serious measures

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I first caught "Silver Linings Playbook" on Election Day at a press screening in Portland. At the time, the film was set to have a wide release over Thanksgiving break.

Seeing as this would have pitted it against PG-13 box office smashes "Skyfall," "Twilight," "Lincoln" and "Life of Pi," it's probably a good thing The Weinstein Company held off that wide release until January. But they didn't just do it for the money; they did it for awards too.

Indeed, despite the fact that comedies, specifically small-scale romantic comedies, are handicapped by genre default against glossier and grander films when it comes to the prestigious and pretentious world of film awards, this is a rare gem of a love story that is hard to deny.

Director David O. Russell was a hot shot young director that emerged alongside Quentin Tarantino, David Fincher, Richard Linklater and Steven Soderbergh in the early 1990s. However after he made the bland "I Heart Huckabees" (2004) and repeated reports of anger outbursts on his sets emerged, the director seemed to be a short lived phenomenon.

But after a divorce and some personal time to sort out his life, he took on a simple boxer story in 2010 with "The Fighter." This got him back on his feet and even signaled his maturity and evolution as an artist.

Now he's back again with a film adaptation of Matthew Quick's best selling novel about two emotionally damaged and unhinged souls finding each other while looking for something else.

Those two souls are Pat and Tiffany,

played by Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence, respectively. Pat is an ex-high school teacher whose marriage fell apart over his bi-polar and his wife's affair. Tiffany is the young widow of a cop who fell into prostitution for a while to deal with the death of her husband.

The two form an agreement that if Tiffany helps Pat communicate with his wife (which he can't do due to a restraining order), Pat will help her with partner dance competition.

The plot line progresses predictably. However, this doesn't hurt the film. The progression feels organic and is filled with a slew of wildly entertaining characters and a cast that fills out its primary lineup with Robert De Niro, Jacki Weaver and Chris Tucker. The script is heartfelt, coming from a man whose anger problems hit the spotlight.

Pat's breakdowns are depicted with a delicately balanced tone of building anger and frustration, as well as appropriately nuanced humor that never condescends the characters and the difficult realities they face.

Beyond being just a romantic comedy, Russell infuses the story with his auteuristic touch: an emphasis on the dysfunctional family, which includes not just Pat's personal family, but most of the characters in the film and the entire city of Philadelphia (which happens to be Russell's home town), for that matter.

This is a twenty-first century screwball comedy and one of the best and most personal films of 2012.



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Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper give heartfelt performances in "Silver Linings."

Yummy Bowl's straight-to-the-point stirfry

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As the name suggests, Yummy Bowl is simple, straightforward and — you guessed it — yummy. This brand-spanking new establishment, located on Commercial Street, south of downtown and across the lot from Five Guys in what was once a Momiji's, boasts an interior that is as clean and unpretentious as the food itself.

Upon entering, patrons are greeted by a sparse front room inhabited solely by a cashier-chef duo and a large print menu on the right wall. Orders are placed and paid for at the register, after which diners are free to seat themselves in the equally sparse back dining room and await their orders (brought by a shy but sweet bespectacled young waiter).

Uniformly situated tan wooden tables and chairs provide a generic but pleasant environment enhanced by a dark wooden-paneled floor connected to light orange walls on three sides. The

fourth wall is entirely window, allowing a view of the street from elevated, cushioned bar stools.

My culinary companion and I opted for bowl meals, which provide a cheaper, smaller alternative to full-fledged entrees and, as an added bonus, are yummy (hehe). What we received in no time at all were hearty bowls of rice and freshly stir-fried tastiness complete with simple but tangy salads.

My straightforwardly-named Crispy Salty Pepper Chicken Bowl included tender hunky chicken morsels that were lightly and tastefully peppered and complete with grilled peppery onion strips and shoots of lightly grilled green onions.

While certainly cooked well and somewhat elegant in its simplicity, the dish's pepper component was too subtle to provide an overarching flavor worthy of the 'pepper chicken' moniker. Additionally, the lack of sauce meant a slight dryness that required some soy sauce intervention. However, the portion size was

solid for \$6.50 and tasted especially light and fresh, owing largely to the use of high quality chicken and the lack of a thick heavy sauce (often both a gift and a curse).

My companion's Teriyaki Chicken Bowl tasted unlike any teriyaki I had ever encountered. Instead of the typical sugary glaze haphazardly lathered on (which trust me, I cannot get enough of), Yummy Bowl's concoction had only the most understated tones of sweetness.

It focused instead on complementing the chicken itself with a sort of essence-of-chicken infusion that provided a vaguely sweet but mostly hearty and entirely delicious chicken dish worth experiencing.

Ultimately, for cheap, fresh, quick and yes, yummy, stir-fry, Yummy Bowl's charming simplicity is worth a visit.



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Upcoming Concerts in Portland

Feb. 1

- Built to Spill, Doug Fir Lounge, 9 p.m.
- Excision, Roseland Theater, 7 p.m.

Feb. 6

- Ellie Goulding, Crystal Ballroom, 9 p.m.
- Soundgarden, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

Feb. 9

- Ra Ra Riot, Wonder Ballroom, 8 p.m.

Posted, liked and obsolete? Campus social media

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Students at Willamette University take pride in their large variety of groups and clubs. With so many activities across campus, the solution of creating an online gathering for further communication seems convenient and practical. However, students are equally as diverse in their activities as they are when it comes to opinions on Facebook groups for aforementioned activities. While some groups are deemed successful in keeping touch with their members, other people believe that many Facebook pages are inactive and often irritating.

Dozens of students were surveyed on the topic of Willamette-based pages and groups on Facebook. Many students are members of multiple pages, including ones that represent their undergraduate class. Most students concluded that they were not as helpful as they hoped. Freshman Caleb VanBuskirk said, "So far the Class of 2016 page has a lot of spam. But every once and a while something useful happens." Sophomore Jessica Davison asked, "What's the purpose behind two class of 2015 pages?"

Davison, who partakes in other online groups such as "Free and For Sale," a page

dedicated to Bearcats in need of selling or buying items like textbooks, event tickets, and electronics. Additionally, Davison is a CM and uses social networks to keep in touch with the other students of Kaneko 3W. "It seems that sometimes the only way to reach a wider audience of my residents is to utilize social media," Davison said. "The purpose of the pages is great, but in practice, not as effective and somewhat annoying...the draw to Facebook is that so many people are already on it."

Others agree with this problem, including freshmen Rachel Bedolla and Chris Morton. After trying to make her own Facebook groups for classes or similar interests, Bedolla said, "My posts to get people working together were seen by a lot of people, but replied to by only one, or sometimes none."

Bedolla and Morton say they also take part in a handful of humorous groups, like "Overheard at Willamette" and "Willamette Memes." These groups are usually made by fellow students in order to appreciate the little things on campus. Senioree5 Chelsea White, administrator of "Overheard at Willamette," started the group after noticing the trend with bigger state schools. "People say freakish things here, too," White said.

Beginning with only a few of White's

friends, the page has since gained almost 1,000 "Likes." White is happy with the success of the page and its regular posts; her biggest concern is the appropriateness of the comments being contributed.

Sophomore Rebecca Hayes, administrator of "Willamette Memes," founded her page similarly. She too created her group in response to other schools having their own meme-themed pages, but said, "It's died down a lot since I started it. There was a period...when it was fairly active. People are still requesting to join it though."

Morton said, "I rarely see anyone post in them," but, "I think it's good fun. If you can't laugh at the things you are doing in the places you are, you should find something else."

For many people, that "something else" is Facebook. While some believe that the consistency is lacking, it is largely agreed that because of the social networking's popularity, it is the easiest place to go. "I think it's good that they exist," Bedolla said, "because I really don't see where else something like this can happen." Until the alternative appears for campus social media, the Facebook pages will be followed by those who still follow them.

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An American Bearcat in Dublin



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LIFESTYLES EDITOR

I'm writing this in a row of seats with fellow Bearcat debaters on a United flight, somewhere over the Midwest as our debate team makes the last part of our journey to Dublin, Ireland (and back, hopefully). For me, flying is an experience akin to voluntarily putting yourself through a meat-grinder while listening to the Best of Polka v. 5. While that would usually put me in a foul mood, I sit content on this plane reminiscing about my Dublin experiences. Well, cramped and content. Worth it? Absolutely. Here is a brief tale of learning and lots of Guinness on tap.

Now, I've never left North America. No, it's not a sense of geographical jingoism or sheer disgust of dealing with TSA. I've simply never had the means and opportunity to do so. While it is obnoxious to have my peers come back from stints abroad while claiming a new sense of "awareness," I must say that when the opportunity presented itself, I was about as excited as Nate Silver at a blackjack table. Sure, let's not forget that I was going over for the academic purposes of debating. Yes, it was going to be less than four days in Dublin with considerable time in a suit, writing down arguments that would make more sense in America. Would I have the time to enter this nirvana of awareness? Would I have time to have fun?

I don't know about you, but for me the combination of beer, food, more beer, dancing with cute girls, and then some beer during a whirlwind of four days is the peak of fun. Drinking European coffee and not sleeping has the effect of maximum efficiency for Jack Bauer-ing around Dublin. Thus, with the combination of the natural drunk of sleep deprivation and the actual drunk of pints on pints on pints, the afternoons and evenings of Dublin were the shit show that you might imagine for a bunch of college students traveling to Ireland. Now, I like to fancy myself as a man who can hold and manage (within reason) his alcohol intake, but the Irish debaters made me question my Mad Men aspirations (their tolerance, not infidelity). Hell, the debate tournament itself became a party of sorts.

Debate, mind you, is an academic sport. Now, while many of you may write it off as the nerd group at your high school who were high strung and socially awkward, college debaters are in a whole other league. Some of my craziest nights have been with my team. Not crazy, like "look at all these cases we've written," but more like "don't let me fall off that roof" crazy. Note, none of these things are sanctioned by any official body; it's more of a cultural thing. This culture pales in comparison to the Irish though. Apparently it's acceptable to drink before, during and especially after rounds. Where do I turn in my manly license?

That's just one of many things I learned on this trip. I also learned that "American" is a synonym for "idiot" when you're lost on the streets of Dublin with only a map of official Guinness bars. Tabs are apparently only exist within these borders, but the bartenders will humor you by leaving your debit card in an empty pint glass that gradually fills up with individual receipts. Another tip: Never challenge Europeans to foosball; they will straight up dominate you. If something is supposed to taste like chili, it just means spicy, not what we consider chili. A European Subway will not accept debit cards, which is challenging when trying to use whiskey math to count out change for a sandwich.

There really is more to say, but this column is about as short as my trip. Thank you to my fellow debaters who made the experience awesome. We'll win foosball against the French the next time; maybe we'll even open up that Mexican place in Dublin, "Taco the Morning."

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Campus on fire

I see so many on campus who have habits hampered by phantom Campo.

Those smoking (cigarillos or dro) are banned from standing 'neath light poles, in doorways, or anywhere safe from rainy days (read: "every days").

"Cigarettes are a threat to your health, your wealth" and apparently any self that thinks it his/her duty to act snooty and tell me all the things I already know.

The sooty hand that I command is freely determined by reason and the burden to burn my lungs so a surgeon years later can have a reoccurring conversation with me about how his fee for surgery is equivalent 100,000 packs of Marlboro Blacks (yes, I check my facts) and I will simply singularly blame myself.

If you happen to happen upon a madam or lad laden with heat vapor to taper their temper, please remember they inhale this violence of their own volition—this is America where the only requirement is to make a decision.

My last of lines are for those of you in the Critical mass: has smoke ever past through your lips when caught in a tipsy fit or just as one quick hit? If so, then don't you owe it to everyone else to shut your mouth and not clout those caught in the cloud with your doubts? And if you feel you need not to ever endeavored to sever your lungs with heavier air, please don't dare to compare your life to mine.

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A 'stream'lined tradition

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Because it flows right through campus, the Mill Stream has become the center of a great deal of campus traditions, including flooding come spring-time. I don't know how often you take a look at the water level, but it's already on the rise. The most famous tradition is "Mill Streaming" people on their birthday. I mean, how many other geographical landmarks on campus have a verb tense? It is the perfect embodiment of college. It's something you have to do, even if you're doing it because someone is literally dragging you there to throw you in. You know it's going to be fun, but less fun if you don't fight the whole time. It's the struggle that makes it worth it, in my opinion. I don't see a lot of Mill Streaming anymore, though. Yeah, it's cold. Deal with it. Freshman year I dragged my girlfriend out, and we stuck our feet through the ice. The damn thing was frozen over, but I still did it. The next morning our footprints were still frozen on the sidewalk outside the Bistro.

The fact is, it isn't about wanting to do it. Shit, that was the coldest my feet have ever been, and nobody likes cold feet. But college is about doing things you haven't, shouldn't and wouldn't have done before coming here (and probably won't do after). One example: Getting the entire dorm hall together because the football player at the end is going to put up a fight, and it's going to take everyone to get him all the way out to the Mill Stream, especially as cold as it gets in December. That's really f***ing cold, in case anyone forgot. It wasn't that long ago.

It could be that because I hardly spend any time on campus anymore that I am missing all the fun. I can't rule it out. It also means, however, that all the mill streamings are happening early in the morning or at night. For all those hyperthermia minded folks out there, the day is warmest between 12 and 3 p.m. It could also be that students are just nicer to each other now; instead of Mill Streaming each other, freshmen just do homework. I'd like to think that this isn't true, and so I would like to offer a challenge to those still living on campus, and maybe those who live off campus as well: Mill Stream your friends. Just make sure it's their birthday and that their cell phone isn't in their pocket.

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One more year leads to one more damp legacy.

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The Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) is comprised of executive and legislative branches. President Elizabeth Calixtro, Vice President Gilbert, and Vice President of Finance Jamel Freeman make up the executive board and preside over standing committees. Senate is comprised of five senators from the Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) at Tokyo International University. Each senator is required to serve on one standing committee and may choose to participate in numerous committees. For example, five senators from the freshman and sophomore classes have created the Constitutional Review Committee to complete a Senate-mandated review of the university's constitution.

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Like a Sunday night, fiesta-themed “surprise” dinner at Goudy, frustrations with campus life can often leave even the most optimistic Bearcat disenchanted, and perhaps even a little nauseous. In the face of such issues, students are left with two choices: complain or do something about it. The Associated Students of Willamette University, or ASWU, have chosen the latter.

This is not to say that the school’s student representatives have the solutions to the collective woes of the student body. “I think there still isn’t an awareness of what we are or what we’re capable of doing for students at large,” Vice President of Student Services Cynthia Chand said. “As a student you can feel hopeless, if you walk around and think, ‘I wish I could improve this.’” According to Chand, ASWU’s job is to seek out improvements that can be made to the campus and actively try to enact them.

ASWU exists as a legislative and executive body that represents the interests of the student body, addressing concerns and issues relevant to the Willamette experience. This includes a wide variety of projects, from ASWU Sound, which provides equipment and DJs for campus events, to financing campus institutions such as the Willamette Events Board and official student organizations.

Last semester, ASWU Senate completed two major projects: establishing a stipend to support the Blitz the Bearcat mascot program and passing a Debt Accountability Act, which will help clubs deal with inherited financial troubles. Additionally, the Student Services committee organized shuttles to bring students back to campus from the airport after winter break, a continuation of the popular ASWU Shuttle Program that carts students to PDX at the beginning of each break. The committee, led by Chand, a junior, is one of the four standing committees of ASWU Senate.

These programs were made possible by major reconstruction of the ASWU constitution, which was completed by the 2011-2012 ASWU executive officers and senators and put into effect last semester. The revisions introduced new accountability for Senate officers and more structure to the legislative body by making it mandatory for Senators to serve on at least one committee and attend weekly meetings.

“I think we’ve made a lot of good internal changes,” Chand said. “Now that we have a good base for that, I’d really like to see us move forward this second semester and use the power that we’ve garnered within [our organization] to affect campus as a whole.”

Several projects that directly tie into student life are in development right now. At the Senate meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, sophomores Natalie Pate and Soren Underdahl presented projects they are working on to gauge interest from their fellow senators before drawing up formal proposals to follow through with their missions. Pate announced a safe sex initiative that would increase availability of contraceptives on campus as well as student awareness of those measures. Underdahl is investigating the \$1.00 charge that has been mysteriously tacked on to online Compass Cash deposits at the request of his constituents.

Whether or not these issues come to the foreground of Chand’s work with ASWU this year, she hopes to accomplish at least two senate projects within the next semester. In a larger scope, ASWU hopes to achieve greater visibility, transparency and accountability: three words that have essentially become the mantra of the organization for the spring of 2013.

“Visibility will be a really big goal for us this semester,” Chand said. “To not only be visible to students, but to have them understand what they’re looking at and what we’re capable of doing for them.”

Part of this development is an intentionally increased presence of ASWU at different campus activities, with members mingling with the student body at Opening Days, Midnight Breakfast and other functions. Ideally, students will be able to meet their class senators and the executive cabinet and share ideas for future projects.

ASWU will also begin expanding their public image by setting up forums for students to voice opinions and concerns within the next couple of months. The Senate has already begun to generate publicity and finalize the logistics of these events, which will hopefully create a vehicle for ASWU and the student body to find solutions for campus problems.

Part of the responsibility for making change at the university falls on the members of ASWU, who are democratically elected by their peers to take on the job of organizing campus life and administering to the needs of the people. By stepping up to the challenge of their posts, each individual ASWU member has the opportunity to both serve their school and to simply make it a better living experience for everyone. “Just doing our job will help us improve our relationships with students, to be doing things that directly affect [them],” Chand said.

However, part of the responsibility also falls on students to be part of the conversation. ASWU has the ability to make significant changes on campus, but needs input from other students to see what the main areas of concern are.

Student participation is key in this process. Without the input of their constituents, it is impossible for ASWU to succeed in creating an accurate representation of the Willamette population.

“Senate attracts a certain kind of person, and diversity-wise, I don’t know that all views are being represented,” Chand said, also stressing the need for a spectrum of student involvement.

Minutes from ASWU meetings are posted online and updated every week. Additionally, all Senate meetings, held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in Montag Den, are open to the entire student body and include an open agenda period when any and all attendees are welcome to hold the floor.

Women's basketball claws their way to first victory of the season

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From there Willamette coasted to the win, and the game ended 58-49.

"The win on Tuesday was great for team morale," junior guard Rebecca Josephson said.

"As a team, we've all known that we've improved a ton since last year, but it was nice to get the W."

After the win on Tuesday the Lady Bearcats began their weekend with another conference game against Pacific University on Friday night.

After a defensive rebound by Wilson and a layup by senior forward Josephine Johnson, Willamette came out strong in the first half, amassing a 16-9 lead with 11:47 left. "We wanted to spread the court and attack by getting the ball through the high post," Wilson said.

"They have an aggressive defense that made our

job a little bit more difficult, but we were able to get good looks, especially in transition."

For the next several minutes Willamette remained at 16 points while Pacific chipped away at the lead. With 7:22 on the board Pacific had moved in front 22-16. The half ended 24-35.

For the remainder of the game the Lady Bearcats struggled offensively as the Boxers continued to extend their lead.

With just under two minutes left, Willamette was able to crawl back within eight points thanks to Josephson's two free throws. However, it was too little too late; the game ended 55-67 for Pacific.

The Bearcats travel to Newberg to face #18 George Fox on Friday. They will host University of Puget Sound on Saturday at 6 p.m. in Cone Fieldhouse.

“As a team, we’ve all known that we’ve improved a ton since last year, but it was nice to get the W.”

Upcoming games:

- 2/1 - vs. George Fox - in Newberg, OR - 6 p.m.
- 2/2 - vs. Puget Sound - in Salem, OR - 6 p.m.
- 2/8 - vs. Pacific Lutheran - in Salem, OR - 6 p.m.
- 2/9 - vs. Lewis & Clark - in Portland, OR - 6 p.m.

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Junior wing Mackenzie Lamson drives to the hoop with 6 points vs. Linfield

Bearcats sweep Linfield, drop heartbreaker to Pacific

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Senior wing Elliot Babcock-Krenk hits a pull up jumper in the key over Pacific's Colin Wester in Friday's 97-96 overtime loss.

With the possibility of sweeping the season series, Willamette received early contributions from seniors Elliot Babcock-Krenk, Terrell Malley and Sean Dart on its way to a 10-4 lead. After the hot start, Linfield underwent a 13-4 run over the next nine minutes. The run initiated a theme of back and forth play, as the Bearcats answered back with 15 of the next 21 points to tie the game at 29 each. Over the final three minutes of the half, Linfield gained a one point advantage, heading to the locker room leading 34-33.

Both teams remained competitive to start the second half, as neither team led by more than six in the first 12 minutes. Facing a six-point deficit at 44-38, Willamette grabbed momentum off a three-pointer by junior wing Sam Walters. That momentum allowed WU to grab control over the next several minutes before ultimately obtaining a five-point lead.

Despite a Bearcat rally, Linfield would once again climb back into the game, knotting the score at 62 with less than four minutes remaining. Both teams managed to score four points over the next three minutes to preserve the tie. After connected on a jumper with 1:07 left for the 68-66 lead, it was time for the Bearcats to get defensive.

WU limited the Wildcats to a single point during the final minute. A three-point attempt by Cody Jurgens was off the mark as time expired, capping off a nail-biting 68-67 victory for Willamette.

The victory completed the Bearcats season sweep over the Wildcats. It also marked the seventh win in the past 10 tries against their crosstown rivals.

"It's always great to beat a rival," Dart said.

"We've learned to win tough games like that, and it makes it even sweeter that it came against Linfield."

With a chance to boost its Northwest Conference record above .500, Willamette hosted Pacific University Friday night.

The Bearcats fed off the crowd's energy with their best start of the year. Shooting 5-7 from the field as a team and 4-4 from the free-throw line, the Bearcats jumped out to an impressive 15-2 lead.

Coach Ioane credited the team's hot start to their preparation.

"Our guys were well aware of what Pacific was going to do to us defensively, and they executed the game plan very well," he said.

"They were focused from the tip off on and that carried itself into a double digit lead."

Pacific responded, scoring eight consecutive points to cut the deficit to five. After falling back behind by ten, Pacific would eventually close the gap completely, tying the game at 34 with 3:29 remaining. A three by senior wing Oliver Hughes with five seconds left extended WU's modest lead to four.

Both teams went back and forth on the scoreboard in a second half which featured eight ties in the first fourteen minutes. Tied at 82 with under a minute remaining, sophomore post Alex Brown gave the Bearcats a lead with a bucket in the paint. Up two with possession and 17 seconds left, it appeared as if Willamette would come away victorious. However, a turnover on the inbounds pass gave Pacific the ball and two eventual free throws. Both went down and the game went to overtime tied at 84.

Pacific dominated most of the overtime period. Trailing by four

with less than two minutes remaining, a free throw and lay-up by Malley cut the Boxers' lead to four. The lead would then be reduced to a single point after another three by Hughes. Both teams would exchange free throws to set up one final chance for Willamette.

Trailing by three with three seconds remaining, Babcock-Krenk received the inbounds pass and hurled it the length of the floor to Hughes. Hughes then stepped back behind the three-point line and connected on a buzzer beating, game-tying three-point heave; sending the fans into a state of absolute madness.

That madness quickly turned to disbelief; however, as the officiating crew ruled that Hughes' toe was on the line. The call changed the three to a long two-pointer, and the Bearcats lost 97-96.

"Coach drew up a great play, and I was able to knock it down," Hughes said. "It was really tough to swallow. I went from the ultimate high of hitting the shot everybody dreams about, to the ultimate low of finding out my toe was on the line."

Malley topped his career high of 30 points on Tuesday with 32 points that night. Brown also recorded a career high with 16 points while also hauling in eight rebounds.

Despite the tough loss to Pacific, Hughes believes that the team is poised for a strong finish to the season.

"We go into every game believing and knowing that we should win that game. We just have to maintain that confidence and go on a run during the second half of league."

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Tropic Blunder

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Everyone's favorite week has arrived once again. The aroma of freshly manicured turf, the taste of \$10 Michelob Ultras and fully-grown men in face paint is all Sunday consisted of. That's right; it's the Pro Bowl. While the HarBowl is right around the corner, the rest of the league's finest are rubber banding stacks of ones together, lathering tanning lotion on some cover girl and, oh yeah, dragging their feet all the way to the stadium to phone in what is by far the worst display of talent in any all star game.

The season is over for all but two teams, and instead of nursing those concussions and taking a respite from paid athletics, the stars of the NFL are in Hawaii avoiding injuries and embarrassment.

The NBA All Star Game always resembles a Cam'ron music video – a battle of egos, fighting to display athletic prowess and popularity for a weekend that is a highlight of any basketball fan's year. The MLB all-star game is a spectacle of strength and sponsorship, yet holds actual importance, as the winning league gains home field advantage for the Fall Classic. Instead of home run derbies, slam dunk contests and celebrity cameos, the Pro Bowl appears to be a mix between a mandatory corporate retreat and an excuse to sell a few more Ford Fusions and double western bacon teriyaki burgers.

I can only assume that after clobbering one another for 16 weeks straight, professional football players may be a little fatigued and in no mental or physical shape to run around a tropic island, fighting one another for the banal title of "Pro Bowl Champ." I'm sure the trip comes with its perks, and I for one would not turn down a publicized trip to Honolulu. This does not negate the fact that the Pro Bowl is a revenue machine, with no respect for the passion and prowess of competitive sports. Yeah, the basic concept for any all-star game is a ridiculous one at that, but with the Superbowl around the corner and all eyes still on the current season, the Pro Bowl transcends mediocrity.

So what's the origin of the sporting

equivalence to CSPAN? Like all problems in this world, it can be traced back to Roger Goodell. The commissioner is in many ways the Mr. Burns of professional sports and represents a comedic level of greed, corruption and negligence in the league.

Goodell has shown his negligence for player safety and fans for years now, but I have taken it upon myself to put full blame for this week's bi-week boredom on the man behind the league. So as the Superbowl nears, the Pro Bowl already feels like a bad dream, or a telethon you happened to watch half of, but let us never forget the mediocrity we are subjected to every year.

So as I see it, we have two options for next year's Lunesta-Bowl. We can boycott the game, forcing CBS to air a Big Bang Theory marathon (or something equally horrendous as a replacement), or we can get turned up on next year's festivities. Come on. Football is already an unrealistic display of brutality and frontal lobe damage, so why don't we just embrace this tropic masochism and turn the Pro-Bowl into the place to be. Who knows – maybe next season's Superbowl will be a side note of a week of Hawaiian debauchery.

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The Death of Football



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Willamette, did you hear the news? Football is dying! I turn on my television with my remote. My fingers are slimy with avocado. I had too much caffeine. I have a headache. The Sportscenter anchor says everything with a dramatic, low voice.

"Coming up next on Sportscenter – why football won't be around in 30 years."

Did you hear that? Football is dying. In an interview with "The New Republic" magazine, President Obama said, "I'm a big football fan, but I have to tell you if I had a son, I'd have to think long and hard before I let him play football."

If the president's son doesn't play football, what are we supposed to do? I played football for one day in middle school. The guys on the team called me "Sean Fart," and my coaches said I needed to get lower to tackle. The shoulder pads were very heavy. I don't blame future hypothetical Obama Jr. for not being a football player.

Fear not, though. Many people think football can still happen; we just need to change the rules to make it a safer game. "I think that those of us who love the sport are going to have to wrestle with the fact that it will probably change gradually to try to reduce some of the violence," Obama said.

Here's some rule changes that would make football way more safe and probably way less entertaining but we could still watch Tom Brady be extremely attractive and endorse Uggs:

- Change the name of the sport from "Football," to "Don't tackle that hard, Ray Lewis."

- Replace the football (shaped like Hey Arnold's head, two points, laces sort of hard leather/plastic, aggressive in its implied trajectory) with a pillow.

- Replace the football with the lead singer of Bon Iver's vocal chords.

- Do not let the players lift weights. Weights are typically heavy and solid in texture. Hard muscles often can hurt other people, too.

- A touchdown is now only worth 1 point. A completely bubble wrapped body is worth 100 points.

- Replace that annoying "Run really hard up the middle for 3 yards" play with "Bunny rabbits doing front flips while I eat nachos" play.

- Put everyone on broom sticks.

- Instead of player's names on the back of jerseys, replace them with reminders about safety and peace, like "Do unto others as they would do unto you," and "If my hair is hanging out of my helmet, please do not pull it."

- Get rid of facemasks. They scream "violence" and "rigidity" and "you can't see my smile" and "I'm a Facemask!"

Blue Rondo a la Hurt: What his injury means for the rest of the Celtics' season

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Last Sunday morning, for the first time in months, I found myself watching basketball instead of football. In the last minutes leading up to the Celtics-Heat game, Rajon Rondo was taken off the court and carted to the hospital for an MRI, leaving the team to adjust. They did just that, taking down Miami in double overtime and proving they can be a contender without their star, at least for one game. By the time the game was over, the team was told that Rondo had been diagnosed with a torn ACL and would need surgery.

It goes without saying that Rondo is a crucial part of the Boston offense, averaging over 11 assists per game this season and leading the team in steals. His energy and court awareness are one of the reasons that aging veterans like Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett are able to produce effectively on a regular basis.

Rondo's star power and impressive sneakers have drawn droves of fans to the Celtics in the last few years, raising regular attendance at the Boston Gardens and helping them win a title in 2008 season.

In his postgame interview, Pierce received the news about Rondo's injury from sideline reporter Doris Burke, letting out an "Oh my God" before regaining his composure and explaining that Rondo had a great season going, but everyone on the team has to step up. While he's missed short runs of games before, this injury takes Rondo out for the remainder of the season, and the Celtics will have to change up their game plan from now on.

If Avery Bradley can step up and fill the hole Rondo is leaving, and Pierce can have more games like the triple-double we saw on Sunday, maybe the team has a fighting chance. They're off to a rocky start so far and have fallen out of relevance with hot teams in their conference like Brooklyn, New York and Miami.

The coaching staff and owner Danny Ainge may have to make more drastic changes to the roster, possibly trading off some of the more veteran players like Pierce and Garnett in order to improve the energy and stamina levels of their team. However, the win Sunday could help a lot of fans maintain interest in saving the season.

It was an emotional post-game, with Rondo sitting in the wings to watch the final overtime period amongst murmurs of his injury from the press and fans, and possible reasons why he was in a jacket and jeans instead of on the sidelines. Doc Rivers found and consoled him after the game.

It's hard to see such an emotionally invested player suffer a huge loss when, even after coming back from getting MRIs, he argued that he felt fine. He walked back into the locker room strong yet sad. The next few weeks will tell whether the Celtics' season is over, or whether it's just getting fired up.

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Willamette swim teams flounder in meet against Linfield

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For the third consecutive week, the final event of the meet would be pivotal for the Willamette swim team. This time it was the Bearcat women who went back and forth with conference rival Linfield in the pool Saturday, losing a heartbreaker in the 200-yard freestyle relay by less than a third of a second to end the meet with a score of 106-98 in favor of Linfield.

The Bearcat men also fought hard, but came up just short, losing by a score of 89-113.

Despite the loss, many positives could be gleaned from the meet. "We had a lot of great swims this meet," said Coach Leslie Shevlin. "I am always impressed with quick decisions at the finish or having a race strategy that allows one to make a move on an opponent."

Annie Marinello made a good decision to win her 100 breaststroke. Austin Williams and Alex Burkhart both had great race strategies that allowed them to over

take opponents and score points for the Bearcats."

Sophomore Annie Marinello turned in one of the best performances for the Bearcats, winning two close events by 0.18 seconds each. Her two victories came in the 400-yard individual medley and the 100-yard breaststroke with times of 4:50.67 and 1:10.04 respectively. She also helped the Bearcat women relay team win the 200-yard medley.

Fellow sophomore Hope Nelson also swam to first in two events for the Bearcats, winning the 1,000 yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle in times of 11:38.71 and 56.62 respectively. Junior Erin Parkinson also took first place in a freestyle race, winning the 500-yard event in a time of 5:36.53.

On the men's side, freshman Alex Guffey won two individual events and also led off in the men's victorious 200-yard medley relay team. He took first in the 200-yard freestyle and the 500-yard freestyle, winning by more than eight and twelve seconds respectively. Sophomore

Zander Le Bel also turned in an impressive meet, winning the grueling 1,000-yard freestyle in a time of 10:54.14.

"I was super pumped up and had the best 1000 free of the season," said Le Bel. "It was extremely satisfying coming off of a tough three weeks of training. It also gives me great confidence as we head into conference."

With the losses, the Bearcat men move to 3-8 overall and 1-6 in the NWC while the women move to 2-8 overall and 0-7 in NWC play. They now turn their eyes to the NWC Championships at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Wash., from Friday, Feb. 8 through Sunday, Feb. 10. The Bearcats are excited to compete against all eight of their conference rivals.

"We are going to take the conference by storm," said Le Bel.

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The Electoral College is America's favorite puppeteer

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That's why Republicans in several blue-voting swing states such as Virginia and Ohio have begun to take measures to ensure the system continues to work as intended. They have proposed to change the state's Electoral College rules to allow electoral votes to be allocated proportionally between multiple candidates based on the results of the popular vote. They argue that this would be much fairer – after all, there are currently large conservative populations in those states whose votes essentially do not count.

Of course, the same could be said of the liberals in Texas and most of the red Midwestern states. But coincidentally, none of the conservatives in those states are calling for a move away from the winner-take-all system. We should not force them to do something they don't want to do; after all, the whole point of the Electoral College is to protect the rights of states, not voters.

In short, this is a perfect solution. If this system had been in place last year, it could have dramatically raised the number of electoral votes received by Romney without actually changing the popular vote outcome.

If enough swing states did things this way, Romney might have even triumphed in the election without actually having to win outright.

The Republicans proposing these changes understand that this is the best way to ensure that their own party's candidates get elected.

Other strategies are possible but have notable drawbacks. Implementing voter ID laws will result in a legal fight. Rigging election machines will lead to bad PR. Decreasing the availability of polling stations in heavily blue areas will for some reason be seen as unfair.

But changing the blue state elector allocation is perfect. What could be fairer than the proportional allocation of electors in all the areas where Democratic candidates would likely win?

Indeed, even the staunchest conservative would have to admit that these changes alone are probably not going to cut it. America still has an unfortunate tendency to make short-sighted choices in elections, and those in charge of our political institutions must be constantly vigilant to make sure things stay on the right track.

For example, the Supreme Court needs to fully embrace the powers it first asserted in 2000, and start invalidating electoral counts in areas at a high risk of voting Democratic.

Democrats and other opponents say these changes are unfair, and we ought to eliminate the Electoral College entirely, or at the very least do things the same way in every state. But changing the big blue states is the best cure for America's unfortunate liberal inclinations.

This is still a democracy, and liberal candidates can of course run if they want to. And certainly people can vote for those candidates. They just can't be allowed to win.

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EDITORIAL

To skip or not to skip; that is the question

As flu season descends upon the campus, we have a flurry of students who either diligently pay their yearly \$20 for the vaccine or who shy away from the flu shot to remain vigilant of superbugs and resistant strains. Either way, it is very likely that you may come down the flu, which prides itself on mutating each season and skipping contagiously from person to person like an overzealous figure skater.

It is an urban myth that cold weather alone increases the prevalence of germs, but it is certainly true that cold, wet weather forces people indoors, where the circulation of viruses and bacteria skyrockets. Sounds like Oregon coffeehouse culture in a nutshell.

Furthermore, researchers at the Univ. of Arizona have found a correlation between global climate change and the recent bout of more plentiful, more dangerous influenza strains. The flu season starts earlier and lasts longer. What good news!

With the inevitability of high contagion strains on the horizon, we still see students positively dripping with fluids dragging their clammy bodies to classes. As we edge away from them in our seats,

they explain, "We can only miss two classes, so I came anyway." Cue sneezing fit. Cue spread of virus.

The flipside of this scenario is that of a perfectly well – if not occasionally hungover – sloth ignoring the sound of the alarm clock and deciding that an extra hour of sleep the most enjoyable way to spend the 9:10–10:10am hour. The thing is, we don't really hear about this kind of self-indulgent negligence happening all that often. The occasional oversleeper usually feels enough remorse to adjust their routine accordingly.

When professors include the mandatory attendance clauses in their syllabi, we assume they are safeguarding against the potential laziness of those alarm-clock-destroying students, not penalizing the Hermione Granger flu victims. But the latter situation seems to be the one detrimentally affecting students in the classroom most.

So why does this clause exist at all? Obviously, if a student is missing a significant amount of class, he or she isn't getting the same quality of material, is upsetting the classroom chemistry and will be much less likely to do well on essays or exams that are meant to test a student's active,

working body of knowledge.

Aren't those incentives enough? Missing class is already a fiscally irresponsible move; students who periodically miss class for silly reasons simply aren't getting good returns on their investments.

Is mandatory attendance in and of itself pushing bad students to be good students or pushing good students to infect other good students with unpleasant illnesses?

There's only one way to find out: sleepy students should take attendance more seriously, and sneezy Hermiones should take one for the team and stay home. If we demonstrate to our professors that we are capable of acting like adults, a paradigm shift that instead encourages our individual judgment calls may replace the slightly paternalistic status quo.

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INJUSTICE ANYWHERE

A humble debrief: Idle No More

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What is Idle No More?

Idle No More (INM) began as a grassroots movement by indigenous organizers in response to Canada's Federal Budget Bill C-45, which amends the Fisheries Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, the Navigable Waters Protection Act and the Canada Labor Code. Since its official inception in November, INM has grown immensely, both in numbers and in scope. Protests have been held across Canada, including flash mobs, rallies and blockades, and people across the globe have expressed their support.

Grievances of the movement include: that the public (First Nations and Canadian alike) was not consulted on the changes made to government bills and budgets; the violation of Indigenous treaty rights, such as sovereignty and land titleship; and environmental damage. C-45, one of several bills protested by INM, would drastically change environmental protections, opening land and waterways to all manner of threats including corporate mining, government seizure of Indigenous-held lands, and the dreaded tar sands oil extraction. Canada signed the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples in November 2010, a document which "promotes [Indigenous peoples'] full and effective participation in all matters that concern them," and obviously they have not respected that commitment in regards to recent legislation.

Wait, I thought Canada was, like, a human rights mecca. Aren't they the "good guys" of international politics?

Sure, the average American doesn't like to think of Canada as willing or capable of doing anybody any harm. Canada, in our minds, is just "America's hat," the place where maple syrup and plaid flannels come from. But supporters of Idle No More, especially those in Indigenous communities, could point to past and ongoing human rights violations against First Nations peoples and wonder how Americans got so misinformed.

So what's being done right now?

Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence recently ended her controversial six-week hunger strike, which began on December 11th to call attention not only to concerns over C-45 but to long-standing infrastructure problems in the Attawapiskat reserve. She had announced that she would not end her fast until Prime Minister Harper and Governor General David Johnston agreed to meet with tribal leaders to discuss plans to improve/honor government-to-government obligations.

On the 23rd, she announced an end to the strike after a meeting with Parliament members as well as other Indigenous leaders concluded with Canadian officials signing a Declaration of Commitment to address many of the issues raised by the movement.

On Monday, INM organizers held a Day of Action as Canadian Ministers of Parliament returned to the House of Commons still committed to C-45. House Leader Van Loan said, tellingly, that this kind of commitment was "what Canadians have come to expect from our government." Perhaps he ought to consider that these kinds of expectations are why Idle No More has gained so much momentum; people are tired of this response.

Why should we care?

Well, for one, the "but it's not happening here" argument doesn't really work – if we all recall the arbitrary nature of border-drawing, we might remember that Canada is, in a sense, "here." Anybody who's made the trek up North to enjoy the lower drinking age knows exactly what I mean. But even if Canada weren't physically and ideologically "close" to what we consider "here," we would still have to grapple with the facts that 1. This is a human rights issue; 2. Whether you "agree with the politics" or not, it is also an environmental issue; 3. The Canadian government is in violation of both its own laws regarding its relationship with First Nations, and international regulations it endorsed as part of the UN Declaration of Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Well, what can I do?

A crucial and oft-forgotten element of being an ally for a group to which you don't actually belong is to constantly be curbing impulses to throw yourself into the mix. The point of INM is defeated when the activist message is swarmed with non-Indigenous voices. Be an ally who is good at listening, and who implores of others to be good at listening, too.

Being good at listening doesn't mean sitting on our hands. Because the powers that be in Canada don't have Indigenous rights particularly high on their priority lists (we Americans can relate to that happening here too), the lifeblood of INM relies on its multimedia explosion on the consciousnesses of the global community. So talk about it. Share articles. Retweet. Call media and ask them to cover it. Call Prime Minister Harper, your Senator, your family. If we keep pushing INM to the forefront of the international imagination, we can help make the demand for responsible reform a necessary part of the Canadian government's gameplan.

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Political Party Animals

Is our internet freedom under siege?

Prosecution or persecution?

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On January 11 this year, Aaron Swartz hanged himself. If you don't recognize his name, you might better know him as the founder of Reddit, and an otherwise stand-up guy and Internet activist. Recently, his death - tragic on its own merits - has become a rallying cry for proponents of Internet freedom.

Since January of 2011, when Swartz was caught breaking into MIT property and illegally pulling articles from JSTOR with intention to release them into the Internet wild, Swartz found himself under an immense amount of government pressure. Even after he returned the stolen articles to JSTOR and guaranteed that they remain closed to public access, MIT and the Secret Service pressed ambitious charges against him.

At the time of his death, Swartz found himself facing 13 felony charges and a prison sentence of at least six months, and several decades at most. Ultimately, his friends and family attributed his suicide to this painstaking trial.

Upon hearing Swartz's story, I was reminded of the penalties against Kim Dotcom, the creator of Megaupload, faced not so long ago. Together, they would have amounted to nearly 50 years in prison. Though he managed to elude extradition to the U.S. and other charges slung at him, he still tangled with their death throes here and there. Swartz, like Dotcom, was the next target in the crusade against amorphous Internet hacktivism.

To be sure, I'm generally not a huge supporter of hacking. In fact, I hold a special contempt for most hackers that use their skills to release sensitive information to a public that may or may not want it, and should or should not see it. This isn't your romanticized Deep Throat, Nixon-ousting badass we're talking about. No, this is an angry code-cruncher who enjoys the thrill of breaking and entering, and so decides to call him or herself a "political activist." Unfortunately, the Secret Service mistook Swartz for the latter, and persecuted him to death.

In light of how little harm came from his crimes, "trumped-up" doesn't even begin to describe the charges laid against Swartz. For (almost) releasing thousands of scholarly articles onto the web for free, prosecutors would have shackled him with a prison sentence longer than the average, everyday murderer's. They didn't want him to pay for his crimes; they wanted to string him up in the town square. Very prince-like of them, if you ask me.

In retribution for Swartz's death, however, the Internet hacking group Anonymous decided to crash the website for the U.S. Sentencing Commission. How mature.

This especially annoying development comes at a time when California House Representative Darrell Issa expressed a candid willingness to lead an investigation into Swartz's death, and the prosecutors who so hounded him. He identified Swartz not only as a hacker, but as a journalist. Moreover, the Congress that so readily handled SOPA is taking a step back to evaluate its position on Internet freedom.

This Congress doesn't want to be behind the times, they just are behind the times. They want, indeed, to catch up.

You know what won't help them do that, though? An arrogant group of anarchist hacks called Anonymous breaking into government websites and messing with their innards.

Now, not only do we have a government that treats nerdy Internet thievery as it would an organized crime racket, but we have nerdy Internet thieves that treat government security like a video game. With an important issue like Internet freedom sitting on our horizon, the last thing we need to commemorate Swartz's death is a pissing contest.

Swartz's death should serve a purpose, but using it instrumentally to the detriment of either government entities or civil liberties is the last purpose it should serve. Instead, why not take it as a sign that our society can no longer function in accordance with age-old misconceptions about computer power? For now, more than ever before, the opportunity to revolutionize our societal understanding of the Internet has emerged.

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Who's the real criminal here?

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Person (A): Dialed into a national computer network uploading a virus causing the entire network to crash. Person (B): Two men went around their college dorm selling boxes of wires allowing students to bypass telephone restrictions. Person (C): Downloaded 4 million copies of articles from a public domain for which he had a subscription.

All of these men have similar backgrounds as computer geniuses and at one point in time owned their own companies. However, there is one whose resume has a blemish that neither of the other two have.

One of these three men was indicted twice on multiple counts of fraud that could have resulted in 50 years in prison and a one million dollar fine. Any rational being would look at these three options and immediately jump to the conclusion that A or B would be the culprit. Unfortunately, it's not.

C, or Aaron Swartz, as we may formally call him, was supposed to go to trial but never made it. He has now become a martyr of Internet freedom and has sparked a huge conversation about whether our Internet laws may be too restrictive.

We can trace the origin of debate all the way back to 1986, when the CFAA or Computer Fraud and Abuse Act was enacted. The CFAA was originally intended to reduce hacking into protected computer systems, especially those involving federal interest. However, it seems that its supervision has extended much further and made criminals out of us all.

Have you ever watched Netflix on your sibling's account? Well, by the CFAA's standards, you're a criminal. It has been amended numerous times throughout its history, but still has been ultimately unsuccessful in fixing its greatest issues. People like Swartz have been defiantly critical of the bill, arguing that it infringes on the principle of freedom of speech and exchange of information.

Now, with all this on the table, it might seem that I am a total advocate of his cause. I'm not. Shortly after Swartz's death, a hacker collective group known as Anonymous hacked into and defaced the U.S. Sentencing Commission's website. Furthermore, it has been reported that the group stole critical information and has threatened to make this information public. This is where the line is drawn and where I endorse the CFAA.

Do I believe that Swartz committed a crime? Yes. Do I believe that the intended punishment was just? Absolutely not. However, groups like Anonymous make the CFAA a fundamental need. A group that hacks into a federal website and takes important security information needs to be subject to the law and the CFAA does that. This is what makes this law and conversation so tough.

I absolutely do not want to be subject to criminal charges for using my sister's Netflix account. Yet, at the same time, I don't want organizations like Anonymous to run free and threaten the security of this country.

It is quite clear that the CFAA should be reviewed and re-structured. Its original intention was to protect our federal interest. When we look at it now, it obviously encompasses a lot more than we bargained for. It must be further amended, while never compromising our need to protect our national security.

The real question might not be about hacking or Internet access, but about the rights and freedoms we have as users of the Internet and web services. Take, for example, the three options listed in the very beginning of the article. I would believe the three men listed as groups A and B to be criminals and unproductive citizens.

However, those three men were Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak, by far some of the most important technological figures in our history. If they were subject to the CFAA, we might have lost the most influential and important figures of our generation. Needless to say, we need to again address this law and establish a happy medium that protects our security and provides us with a productive exchange of information.

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Struggling on State Street: The start to a long week



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