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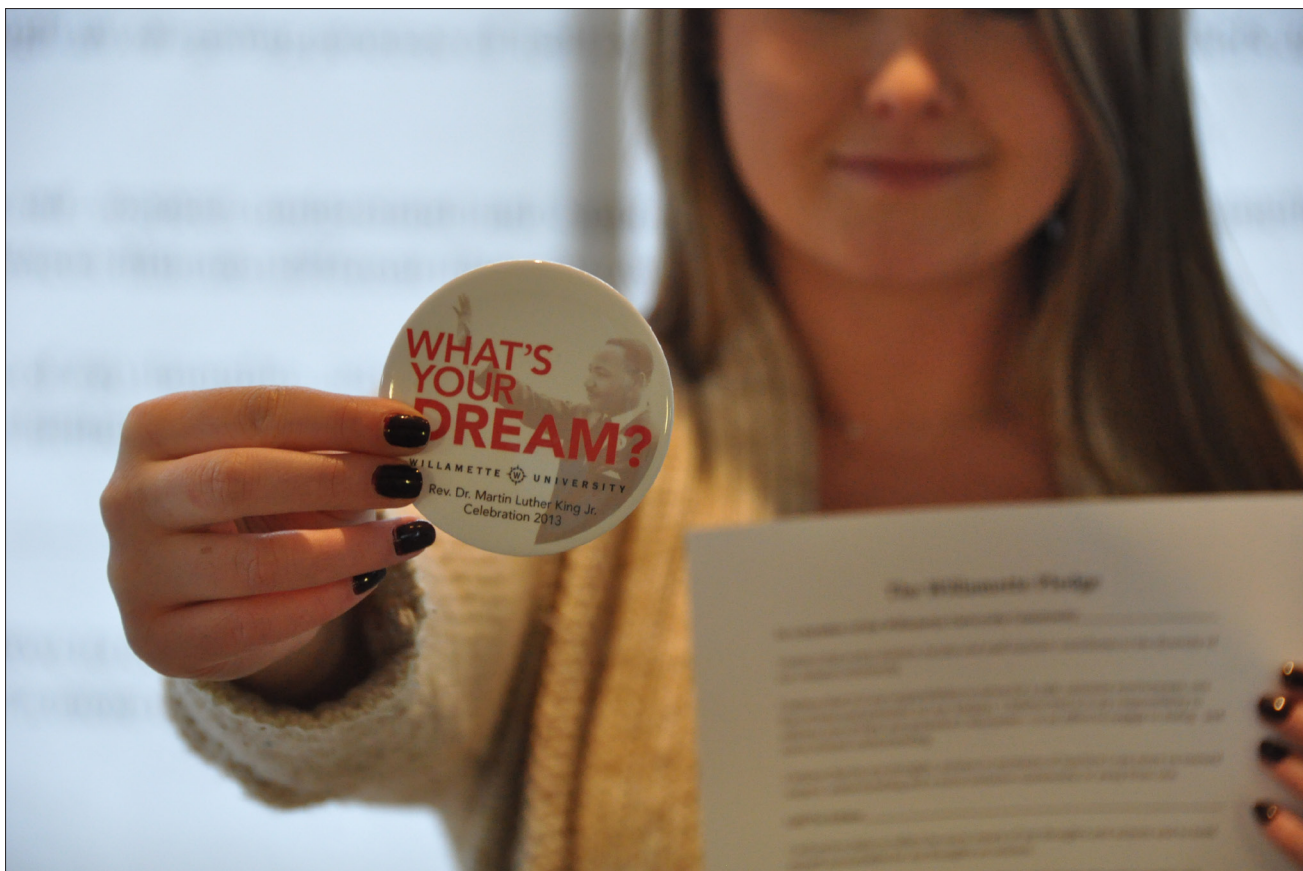
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Students sign pledge of respect



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Inside Roger's Music Center last week, a poster on the front wall displayed a few short but powerful paragraphs, opening with the statement, "As a member of the Willamette University Community, I believe that every student, faculty and staff member contributes to the diverse identities and life experiences that compose our campus community."

So begins the Willamette Pledge, a written commitment to equality that students and faculty were invited to sign throughout Willamette's week-long program celebrating the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Pledge emphasizes the value of diversity on campus and delineates the signer's responsibility to promote a safe, inclusive environment for everyone. It acknowledges that every individual is valuable and deserves to be treated with respect. The Pledge calls for efforts towards a more respectful and accepting community through constant reflection, awareness of thoughts and actions, open communication, and examination of personal beliefs.

"I signed the Pledge because I believe it is my responsibility to engage in action that will promote fairness, justice and stability," junior Cole Altuzarra said.

Though members of the Willamette community generally support the values and goals described in the Pledge already, the physical act of signing encourages a more serious commitment.

"The Pledge, to me, is kind of like my own personal contract to these beliefs," freshman Isa Peña said. "I know I believe in this, but actually signing the paper holds me accountable."

During the ongoing Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, students signed a pledge to show their commitment to social equality.

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OPINIONS: **REDUCTIO AD AWESOME**

Congressional procrastination advice

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Earlier this month, most Americans breathed a sigh of relief when it became clear that Congress had managed to avoid falling over the "fiscal cliff" at the last possible minute. But the deal didn't solve many of the bigger problems - in particular, the large-scale automatic spending cuts were simply pushed down the road another two months. In other words, Congress did what it does best; it procrastinated.

Before getting too annoyed about it, I have tried to remind myself that procrastination is something to which I and many of my college-aged readers can all relate (case in point: I've had a whole week to write this column, and I've dutifully ignored it until just a few hours before the deadline).

So instead of ranting about how inefficient Congress has become, I thought instead I'd take the opportunity to offer some advice about how to deal with procrastination and the completion of tasks on time, based on my many years of experience as a student.

The solution that works for most students tends to be the pressure of an impending deadline. Unfortunately, that only works because a neutral authority enforces the deadlines. The entire fiscal cliff situation illustrates that this won't work for the US Congress, because it has the power to create the deadlines and then also arbitrarily change them. Deadline pressure would only work if we could hand control over to neutral arbiter. I'm sure China would be happy to oblige.

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SPORTS

Men's swimming snags conference win

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Last week, the Bearcat women provided plenty of dramatics in the pool with a close victory over the College of Idaho. This week it was the Bearcat men whose meet would come down to the final race. With Willamette down three points and only one event to go, the Bearcat's men's 400 freestyle relay team took to the pool for the deciding race against conference foe Lewis and Clark.

"All of the guys on the relay met before the race and talked about how it came down to us to win it for the team," said Aran Johnson, the anchor for the race. "We all knew how much a victory would mean for our team. Needless to say, our hearts were pumping. Luckily for me, my teammates in the race did a great job giving me a lead before the final stretch making my job easy."

While the meet was close, the final race was anything but. The relay team, composed of sophomores Aran Johnson, Zander LeBel and Alex Burkhart, along with freshman Nick Barton, easily outdistanced their competitors, winning by more than 24 seconds. The first place finish in the race secured the



NAOMI STUKEY

Freshman Andrew Lum swims the breast stroke during last Saturday's win over Lewis and Clark.

first conference victory for the Bearcat men in over four years. The Bearcats won with a final score of 101-97.

The relay team was only one aspect of a strong meet by the entire men's team. Freshman Kulanalu Tarnas won two sprint events, swimming to first in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle. Fellow freshman Alex Guffey

also earned a first place finish with a victory in the 200-yard freestyle, as his time of 1:49.70 was eight seconds better than the second place finisher.

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Julian Bond speaks on civil rights, past and present

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In an emotional celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Julian Bond spoke at Smith Auditorium on Friday, Jan. 18. A lifelong advocate of civil rights, Bond shared his life experiences, his reality with racial issues today and the current struggle for civil rights. Bond was introduced by ASWU President Elizabeth Calixtro and President Thorsett in an event planned by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

In her introduction, Calixtro highlighted the rest of the week's events, which share the theme "50 years of Unrealized Dreams," in honor of the 50th anniversary of King's "I Have A Dream" speech. She pointed out that racial minorities still face disproportionate rates of incarceration and poverty, issues which the contemporary civil rights movement is working to fix.

President Thorsett told the crowd that the video and picture "distillations" we receive on MLK Day do not do justice to the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., that King understood the power of words and ultimately, so did his assassin.

Gordy Toyama, head of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said that Bond was chosen to speak because he has been involved with the civil rights movement since his college years, and has continued to be a relevant figure in the fight for rights in the LGBT community. Toyama said, "[Bond] represents what the MLK Committee hopes WU will ask of themselves; 'What's Your Dream?'"

Bond's lecture, "From Civil War to Civil Rights," focused on the realities of racial discrimination in the United States today; reminding his audience that only 45 years have passed since all people gained legal equality. Bond stated that he went to school in Atlanta, where he was arrested for protesting with the Civil Rights Movement. He had the opportunity to take a philosophy class King taught, where he says he learned more about the movement than he did about philosophy. He later went on to work as a politician, writer, teacher and lecturer. He served in the Georgia House of Representatives after being barred by his fellow representatives from serving.

Bond recounted the "moment" when being an activist started for him; as student sit in protests were just starting, a fellow classmate suggested that their college in Atlanta should do it as well. Bond and his classmate did just that; they rallied students from neighboring schools and staged a sit in at a local diner. He indicated that his demonstration typified the Civil Rights Movement as a whole; specifically, that it was one of the people – a movement that relied "not on the famous but the faceless."

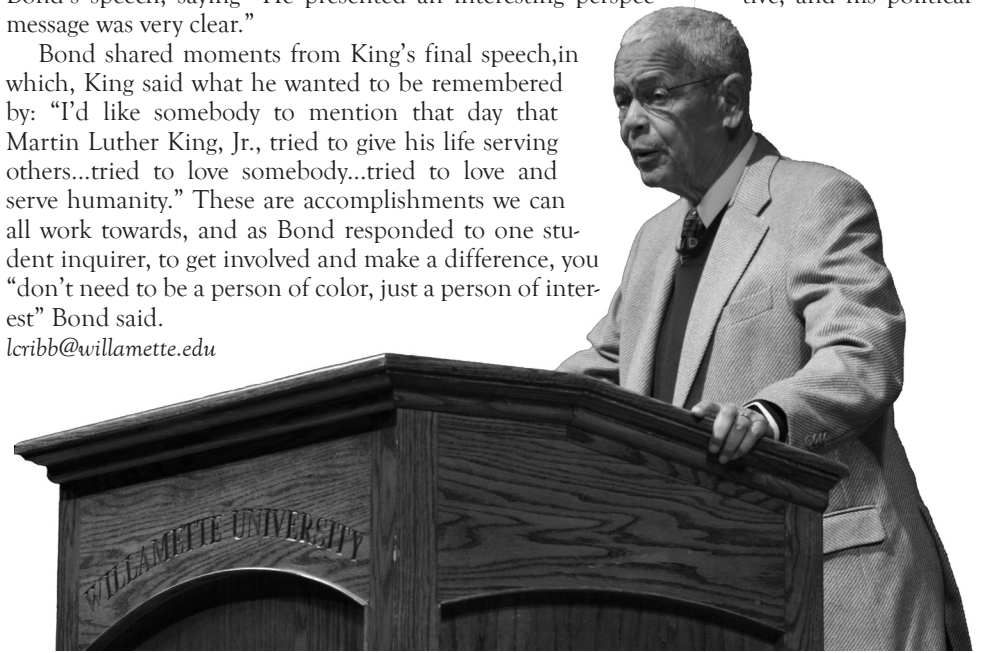
Bond claimed that two transcendent generations have lived through the long fight for racial equality. His grandfather was born into slavery, experienced the Civil War and was freed at its end. Martin Luther King Jr., part of another generation, was born into discrimination, fought for his rights and tried to live a free life.

Bond suggested that there are four keys to a civil rights movement: litigation, mobilization, coalition and organization. He claimed that there are no new ways to go about civil rights issues, the same tools are being employed today as were in the 1960s. "[King] could have easily been speaking today," said Bond.

Bond's lecture ended with a standing ovation. One audience member commented on Bond's speech, saying "He presented an interesting perspective, and his political message was very clear."

Bond shared moments from King's final speech, in which, King said what he wanted to be remembered by: "I'd like somebody to mention that day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others...tried to love somebody...tried to love and serve humanity." These are accomplishments we can all work towards, and as Bond responded to one student inquirer, to get involved and make a difference, you "don't need to be a person of color, just a person of interest" Bond said.

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Civil Rights activist and scholar addressed an audience of students, staff and community members in Smith Auditorium.

Tunnel of Oppression to feature new rooms

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At first glance, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day may seem like just another holiday.

But to junior Surabhi Mahajan, it's much more than that. She sees the holiday as a chance to confront issues such as racism and injustice.

Mahajan is one of the organizers of Willamette's Tunnel of Oppression, a feature of the University's MLK Celebration, that will run from Jan. 21 to 25, noon to 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. The interactive, multimedia exhibit gives students the chance to walk through a tunnel that showcases a variety of current social justice issues.

This year, the tunnel will feature rooms highlighting the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the prison-industrial complex.

"History is not just to be learned from, but to be lived," Mahajan said. "This exhibit expands on other struggles. Willamette celebrates achievements on MLK Day, but also highlights that we can still go further."

The Tunnel of Oppression started as a grassroots program at Western Illinois University in 1993. It has since spread to other schools across the United States as a way to showcase injustice through different perspectives and forms of media.

Montag Den will be transformed into a series of rooms using black curtains from the floor to the ceiling. As people navigate the tunnel, they'll enter themed areas with different types of art, media and posters shedding light on different modes of oppression.

At the end of the tunnel, visitors will have the chance to reflect and talk about solutions to the injustices.

"We don't want people to feel guilty," Mahajan said. "We want it to be interactive. We want the viewer to go through, acknowledge the issues and reflect."

The Israeli-Palestinian and Prison-Industrial rooms are new this year. They aim to challenge conventional attitudes towards Palestinians and prisoners.

Sophomore Noor Amr, who is in charge of the Israeli-Palestinian room, believes that most Americans are only exposed to the Israeli perspective of the conflict and, because of media bias, have been left in the dark on the Palestinians' cause.

One example she uses is the association of Palestinians with the word "terrorists" and Israelis with the term "freedom fighters," despite the violence that occurs on both sides.

"I think it's really important to highlight that oppression and racism in the U.S. isn't over," Amr said. "Not only is there still racism in the U.S. against Palestinians, it's also far from over abroad."

Amr is also working on organizing a Willamette chapter of the national group, Students for Justice in Palestine. She hopes that visitors' walk through the tunnel will ignite more interest in the cause.

The prison-industrial complex portion of the exhibit seeks to educate visitors on the influence of corporate money on prisons across the United States. The exhibit will showcase how private companies benefit from the building of prisons, how prisons profit via prison labor and how there is a monopoly on prison telephones.

The project hopes to remind visitors that injustice continues to happen across America, despite the celebration of MLK Day.

"Willamette is good at perpetuating the view that awareness is a good thing," Amr said. "But while awareness is a good first step, our goal is to give you information about how to take the next step."

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Willamette Pledge: An oath of respect

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The Pledge also serves to build a sense of solidarity among the signers. It unifies the community and shows the signers that they are not alone in their commitment to equality.

"Seeing the names of people who have signed creates a bond knowing that other people believe in these same things," Peña said. "It unites the students and faculty who sign it and brings us together under the same beliefs."

"We sign it as like-minded people coming together over these values, which creates a sense of community," junior Kelley Villa said.

While the Pledge is written in broad terms meant to be universally relatable for everyone on campus, it can also seem to speak to signers on a personal, individual basis.

"The Willamette Pledge is really a concise summary of my own politic toward social change," Villa said. "I like how it goes beyond race and speaks to social justice in general. Even though the Pledge is applicable to everyone, I think as an American Ethnic Studies major, this really fits in well with my personal and academic goals. It's like a one-page reminder of what I try to do every day."

The Pledge remains applicable year-round, but the annual celebration of Dr. King provides an opportunity to publicize it and gives signers a chance to renew their commitment.

"Everyone needs to be reminded once in a while of what they believe in, and it's nice that we have this to remind us every year," Villa said.

As part of the Mosaic mentoring program, Villa and Peña volunteered their time to staff the table in Rogers where

the Pledge signatures were collected. Starting Jan. 14 and ending Jan. 21, volunteers were stationed at the table from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to encourage people to sign the Pledge. They also asked all signers to complete the Willamette Pledge Walk before signing.

The Pledge Walk is an opportunity to self-reflect on everyday privileges that are often taken for granted. It involves walking past a series of signs printed with statements describing common privileges – for example, "I can criticize the government without being seen as a cultural outsider." Participants reflect on whether each of the statements are true for them and how either having or lacking these privileges can affect their lives and the lives of their peers.

Freshmen who completed the same Pledge Walk during Opening Days with their orientation groups were able to reflect on how their views on the activity may have changed since the first time.

"There were so many other things going on during Opening Days when we first did the Pledge Walk, so it's nice to have a chance to do it again and use it today as an evaluation of how much we really took out of it the first time," Peña said. "I think it's good to constantly remind yourself of what you're looking for by doing it [the Pledge Walk] again and again."

Several classes and student groups, such as Take a Break, visited Rogers over the course of the week to complete the Pledge Walk and sign the Pledge.

Even as Willamette's celebration of Dr. King draws to a close, the Willamette Pledge opens up the opportunity for members of the community to continue valuing diversity and promoting equality.

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Salem and Willamette host 6th annual 5k race for MLK

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Early Saturday morning, people from the Willamette and Salem community came together on Brown field for the 6th Annual MLK Celebration Stride Toward Freedom 5K race. Beginning just west of the Putnam University Center and traveling through campus and the downtown area, the race came about from a combination of the local and university efforts for the MLK celebrations.

"The race brings members of the Willamette community and the greater Salem community together to partake in a fun event," senior Octaviano Chavarin said. "It also gives us an opportunity to promote other wonderful and important events that the MLK committee has painstakingly worked on for months."

Participants had the option to do a 5K run that began with the first portion of the race on campus and expanding into the city, while the other option, the 1 mile walk/run, remained in its entirety on campus.

"I worked with another person to redesign the course so as to avoid traffic as much as possible, we really wanted to highlight how beautiful the campus was by doing the first portion of the race, and the 1-mile walk on campus," Chavarin said.

Chavarin, along with many other students and faculty members, have been working to plan the race and many other MLK celebration events for quite some time. With the proceeds of the race benefiting the Salem Multicultural Institute, many people involved in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, along with other participants and volunteers that together form the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration committee, worked to put on these events.

"I have been on the committee for three years now, but my role was just one of many that contributed to the success of the race," Chavarin said. "I have had the privilege of working with Graham Morris and Reyna Meyers the last three years to make this race a success. The race could not have worked without their hard work as well as volunteers and the support of Gordy Toyama, the director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs."

According to Seniors Kendra Schaffer and Marshall Curry, the event had significant impact on those who partook.

"If we look at the title of the race, 'Stride Toward Freedom,' we can interpret the runners' strides during the race as a metaphor for MLK Jr.'s strides towards civil rights and equality in America," senior Schaffer said. "As we advance in the race, MLK advances towards obtaining civil rights for blacks in America."

Along with the other events in the MLK celebration week, the race brings up a lot of significant societal questions, according to Curry. He said that these events bring awareness to issues that need to be discussed throughout the year, such as "What does race signify?" "how do individuals play a role in community?" and "who are we/how has our past caused our collective present?"

Both Schaffer and Curry agreed that the race is important to them because it combines their love of running with a sense of community and an important cause.

"As a runner, I love the running, but coming into the last stretch and through the finish line, there is something about having strangers cheer you on," said Schaffer. "It builds a sense of community between strangers, one that we never would have known or experienced. And it always makes me believe I can go faster at the end: and I do."

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students who were trying to gain entry into the building. The door was fixed immediately.

BURGLARY

Jan. 15, 10:00 a.m. (Lausanne Hall): A student said that when she entered her room an unknown man was in the room looking in her roommate's closet. When confronted he lied to the student about who he was and left. A short while later the student realized she was missing some money out of her purse.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Jan. 15, 8:42 a.m. (Olin Science): A student passed out while in class. After being evaluated by an officer, the student felt well enough to continue his school day said he.

Jan. 16, 6:31 p.m. (Goudy Commons): A student slipped and fell. The officer arrived to evaluate the student and transported him to the Salem hospital.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Jan. 2, 8:00 a.m. (Softball Lot): A student's vehicle was broken into over Christmas break. A PVC pipe was found next to the car and nothing seemed to be missing. The window was taped up and the student was notified.

TRESPASS

Jan. 11, 7:39 p.m. (WISH): An older male entered the WISH House and was sitting in the common area. An officer made contact with the individual and he was cooperative and left campus. Later that same night, officers again saw the same man and directed him off campus for the second time.

Jan. 10, 10:57 p.m. (Terra House): A basement door knob was missing. It appears that someone was trying to break into the basement door. A report was documented and the door was fixed.

Jan. 15, 7:56 p.m. (Ford Hall): One of the exterior doors to Ford was damaged by a group of

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Tempting Tomes

'1775: A Good Year for Revolution' by Kevin Phillips



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While there has been a recent trend in historical scholarly work to focus on the social history of a time period or location, Kevin Phillips' "1775: A Good Year for Revolution" is not one of these studies. Instead, it is a military history filled with tales of blood, guts and woes.

Truth be told, "1775" is primarily an academic history book. In that sense, it comes off as a little dry. This makes sense, however, given that the author is clearly writing for an academic audience. Needless to say, at least some background in history or an interest in the subject matter is recommended.

That's not to say that Phillips doesn't go into detail or explain events—he does give explanation for the less known facts—but he also assumes the reader has already attained a certain level of knowledge of the revolutionary war. Given the book's nature as a military history, this knowledge mostly consists of the battles of the war, not the people. However, if the name, "Benedict Arnold" is a tad unfamiliar, then a few searches on Wikipedia might be in order.

Once the preliminary work is done, the real fun can begin. Phillips argues—rather well, I might say—that it was 1775 rather than 1776 that was the pivotal year for the American Revolution. It was during this time that the first few battles were won, that effective control of the colonies changed hands and that the hearts of Europe were won.

Of course, it also helps that Phillips describes 1775 as a "long year," which, in his terms, is one that stretches from roughly mid-1774 into early 1776. While he does defend this definition—firstly by saying that everyone else is doing it, and then by arguing that events are linked and time is a strange concept—it could be seen as an odd choice. Then again, his target audience seems to be other academics who are willing to take similar liberties in their own work.

Kevin Phillips' "1775: A Good Year for Revolution" is a very good book on military history. It tracks the American colonies at a pivotal point in their existence, and makes a very good case for the importance of said year.

The book, however, is not for everyone. Anyone unfamiliar with the time period may get lost, and anyone who is not overly fond of history will find it terribly dull. But, those interested in the time period and familiar with academic writing will find in Phillips' work an absolute goldmine of history.



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As is the case with most season openers, the first episode of the sophomore season of *Girls* was wrought with plot lines seemingly devised solely for the purpose of making sure the audience was caught up. However, due to leaps in character and plot development, an episode that didn't catch the audience up would have made more than a few heads spin.

Perhaps the biggest jump made is in the character development of protagonist, Hannah (creator and writer Lena Dunham), who has transformed from an insecure girl plagued by self-obsession to a much more confident young woman who will not even allow her new beau (Donald Glover) to use the word 'love' in her presence. Indeed, one reviewer for the Huffington Post even goes so far as to suggest that Hannah seems to have "had a lobotomy."

The show's supporting characters, as seen in the first episode, have also undergone major changes. Perfect Marnie seems almost washed up at this point, and even her mother tells her she looks like she is pushing 30, although she is only in her early 20s. Shoshana is still as quirky and nervous as ever but seems to finally be letting her guard down a little after letting herself be deflowered and later romanced by the

not-quite-as-cynical Ray. Jessa, on the other hand, is still a wild child, and in one of the last scenes of the episode we find out she doesn't even know where she and her new husband (Chris O'Dowd) live.

Aside from character developments, there is another update to the show that warrants discussion. Although season one of "Girls" was met with much praise, the main complaint launched at the show was that it lacked of characters of color.

During this controversy, Lena Dunham did respond and stated that her omission of characters of color was not intentional and that she was simply writing what she knew and what was familiar to her. As Dunham has stated in interviews, because she herself is in fact a privileged white female (her mother is an accomplished and well-known artist), these are the perspectives she felt most comfortable portraying in her gritty, realistic show. She was not as aware of the experiences of females from other socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds and therefore did not feel as equipped to represent their experiences.

In a somewhat obvious attempt to address this issue, by season two, Hannah has (sort of) kicked her "murderly," as she calls him, boyfriend to the curb and taken up with Sandy, who is not only African-American, but *gasp* a Republican. While I can understand Dunham's desire to address the all-white cast criticism, this development

honestly feels a bit forced.

Dunham does little to give Sandy's character depth beyond the fact that he is 'paradoxically' (lol) both a man of color and on the right end of the political spectrum. This results in a kind of "hey look, we've awkwardly dumped in a character of color" effect rather than something that feels like a natural development.

To her credit, there is an interesting scene in which Sandy and Hannah have a candid conversation about their interracial relationship in which Hannah tries to convince her beau that she was unaware of the color of his skin. While the scene does aid in giving the relationship a little depth, it leads to their break-up.

Thus, it remains unclear whether Sandy will come back and become a more developed character or if he'll end up coming off as a very short-lived attempt to deal with criticism.

That being said, although season two got off to a kind of weak start with episode one, in episode two, there seemed to be more of a return to the realism that made season one so compelling. And though the first season will certainly be a tough act to follow, I am excited to see where Dunham will take the series as she grows as a writer and actor.



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Kitty Pryde is no cat's meow

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Kitty Pryde is like the word "moist." No, that's not right. Kitty Pryde is like the phenomena wherein we all started hating the word "moist." What, you don't believe me? Here, read this New Yorker story, "Words Came In, Marked for Death," all about the odious "moist," or this article from BoingBoing, if you're feeling less pretentious. Pretend these words are clickable, hyper-linkable—please, for my sake?

No, no, I've almost got it, Kitty Pryde is the moment when hating "moist" stopped feeling authentic, when it stopped being this cute and quirky (and lexicon-ical in the sexiest way) trait, and started feeling like another played-out idiosyncrasy, a placeholder-peculiarity for a bandwagon full of damp-decriers and waterlogged-haters.

Most of all, Kitty Pryde is that niggling thought in the back of your head: Who gave "soggy" a free pass? If you aren't in the know, Kitty Pryde is: A rapper. Redheaded. Nineteen years old. Witty. Very "Youtube-able." A girl. She does not look damp to the touch. But, like "moist," most listeners either dislike Kitty Pryde on purely aesthetic grounds – or reject the entire scene (detractors and proponents alike) that spawned her.

Our job here is to talk about Kitty Pryde's first EP, "haha im sorry," which features both her micro-hit "Okay Cupid," as well as her collaboration with Riff Raff, "Orion's belt."

With cover art that borrows heavily from the spiral-notebook animations of "16 and Pregnant" or the opening credits of "Juno," "haha im sorry" has been reviewed in Pitchfork and Rolling Stone, mentioned in Vice and the *New York Times*, led to music videos and live interviews and has a running time of

about 12 minutes. In total, Kitty Pryde has produced (maybe) 24 cumulative minutes of recorded material.

What content-producers desperately want to know, or at least seem willing to write about from as many angles as possible, is whether Kitty Pryde is "in on the joke." She's a clever writer, and lines like, "Rap game Taylor Swift/ .45 on my hip," or "and I love NY 'cause there's so many bridges to jump off," are part of her appeal.

But when Pryde produces lyrics about tween-love-sickness on "Okay Cupid," is she mimicking, mocking, or deconstructing? Ultimately, her brand of giggly, earnest insincerity seems both affected and completely natural for the sort of rapper who stole her stage-name from a comic book.

Kitty Pryde doesn't croon, but her vocal performance has a tendency to mix whiny recital with blasé detachment, a combination that gives her delivery a lulling, sing-songy-esque feel. And while her own meta-commentary is spot-on, (go check her tumblr), "haha im sorry" songs' are constructed to be a little too passive, too hypnotic, to let the jokes land that well. Beautiful Lou, who produced/created most of the beats on "haha," goes a long way toward creating a fuller, more complex sound for Kitty to rap over.

So, what's "mew" (rimshot) for Kitty in the upcoming weeks? Her second EP, "D.A.I.S.Y. Rage" (the name being a nod to hip hop legends De La Soul) is scheduled for release Jan. 31, which is really soon – so you'd think we'd have just pushed this review back a week. But we didn't.



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The truth behind organ donating: Give a heart

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To begin, a statistic: Currently there are 116,787 people in the U.S. waiting for organ transplants. Of those 116,787, an average of 30,000 receive donations, the majority of which are from deceased donors. To continue, some division: Only 25% of people who need an organ actually receive one. That means an average of 6,000 people in the U.S. die annually because they don't receive the organs they need. Since 1988, the number of patients waiting for an implant has grown exponentially by nearly 600 percent, and the current systems we have in place to solve for this aren't working.

Now that I've got you good and depressed about all the death that's occurring, I'd like to try and inspire you to make a difference and become an organ donor! I'm not suggesting that everyone should head to the doctor and get sliced open right away. Rather I am proposing a less dramatic way that you may one day save up to eight lives; all you have to do is fill out some paperwork.

There are currently two systems in place for deceased donor donations: opt-in and opt-out. In the U.S. we have an opt-in system that essentially means if you don't say it's okay, we will not use your healthy organs after your death to provide implants to up to eight people. You're probably thinking this seems like a good way to respect personal belief systems while allowing for more donations. But consider this: Only 12 percent of U.S. citizens opt-in to this program, not due largely to moral conflicts, but rather because they are not informed that it's an option.

Now, let's contrast that 12 percent consent rate with that of a country with an opt-out program, like Austria. Austria, whose program states they will use your organs after your death to save the lives of your fellow countrymen (shout out to patriotism!), has a consent rate of 99 percent. And fewer people are dying in Austria.

To clarify, I'm not suggesting you move to Austria because they like one another better. I'm suggesting you become more informed about the ways in which our system here in the U.S. is flawed. I'm asking you to consider the social contract (shout out to Bill Newell!), and be a productive and helpful citizen even after your death. Let's be good to one another, people! Let's help each other out!

Here's what you can do: find out if you are a registered donor by simply looking for the words "anatomical donor" on the back of your driver's license. If it doesn't, don't feel bad or unaware, but feel empowered about the opportunity you have to save lives.

Maybe someday we can pass legislation to change our governmental system to an opt-out program that effectively saves lives and also respects the individual choice to opt out. Until then, to affect change, go to your local DMV or visit organdonor.gov and register yourself as an organ donor!

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Even a good fake takes on a good cause.

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Sunday the fun day



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Man, has the weekend been fun. It's been fun because I, as well as my peers, tend to engage in a trade-off that I call "Sunday no fun day." The basis for this is a dichotomy of productivity. Live it up Saturday because you've earned it, and then let Sunday be the day of healing and academia. There's only one problem with this plan though. Sometimes you have fun on Sunday and completely throw off your dreams of progress (like the Falcons did). Your weekend turns into what you always wished it would become - a weekend of doing very little. Let's consider this as a cautionary tale on how easily Sunday, can turn to fun and train you the art of the last minute work.

I thought, yes, I'd wake up in my bed, shower, eat a mean breakfast and hit the gym before an afternoon of hitting the books. Well, waking up in a friend house certainly puts a crinkle in this plan, but it was still doable. Home, shower, gym and football. Wait...football? Damn, I had forgotten about my altar of hegemonic American sporting. This day of productivity was now in serious jeopardy.

New plan; eat quickly, go the gym, watch the football game at home and then be productive. I texted my wolf pack to see when the game's on. It's on in ten minutes? Let me call my hombre up to make a decision. There's mutual agreement that watching the 49ers take on the Falcons is far more important than looking like a beached beluga at Sparks. Plus, I can watch the game at my house and do work during the commercials. Wait, the TV is broken? Turns out that neither the structural frame nor warranty protects the screen from friends suffering from D.A.S. (Drunk Asshole Syndrome). The Ram was the only viable option.

The windows in the Ram threw me off. I think it's because I've never been there when daylight was shining through them. They certainly don't help a hangover. Ordering a pint and a plate of nachos was one of the last lines of defense. Plus, everybody was clapping every time one of the teams picked up yardage (the entire game). I don't know the etiquette for celebrating in sports bars, but clapping is probably more akin to golf, the theatre and other things not involving linebackers. Of course, this clapping business could just be the result of a few beers.

A few beers? I guess that's what happens when you're in a bar for hours, in the name of watching the 49ers kick some a** and advance to the Super Bowl. Maybe that agreed upon Jack and Coke if the 49ers accomplished said task didn't help either. The new plan was to go home, take a small sobering nap and then go do homework, free of home distractions. That plan would have been more successful had the broken TV not been replaced by a behemoth of industrial power that should probably be named Medusa. After all, you look at it and pretty much turn to stone. Planet Earth on Blu-ray has that effect. Newer plan; defeat Medusa, take a nap, then do work.

I guess I really should have taken into account that it was a birthday for one of my housemates. Obviously it had to be a dinner at the Ram. After this jovial beer-sponsored occasion, I was now ready to finally get to work at the lovely hour of 11 p.m. That, or I could stay up streaming the newest episode of HBO's "Girls." Going to Willamette means I don't get enough exposure to bohemian wannabes with a sense of entitlement, so this episode was critical.

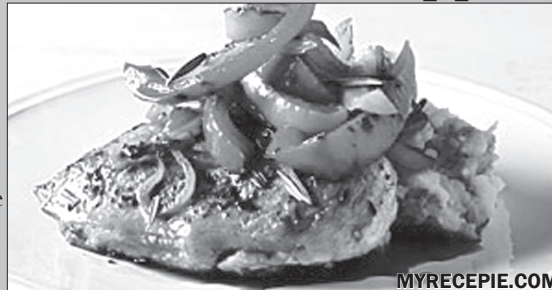
I went to bed that night with a smile on my face and a burden on my conscience. The days to come will just be a little more difficult. Then again, that's why I cut back on the weekend. That's the true dichotomy.

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Recipe of the week: Balsamic Chicken and Peppers

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- 2 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 yellow/orange bell pepper
- 1 green bell pepper
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 large sweet onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste



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Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Begin by finely mincing the garlic. Combine the garlic with the liquid ingredients.

Salt and pepper the chicken to taste, although I recommend you go a little heavy on both. Place the chicken into a baking pan. It doesn't have to be glass, just make sure it is small enough so that when you pour the sauce over everything it covers most of the chicken and vegetables.

Next, cut the three peppers into strips. Mix the pieces together, then place in the pan with the chicken. The colors of

this dish are a large part of its appeal, so mix well.

Next, slice the onion into strips. Top the peppers and chicken with the onion strips, and then pour the balsamic sauce over it. Try to get an even coating.

Bake for 20 minutes, then check to make sure the chicken is done. Unless you own a meat thermometer (which I haven't seen in any Willamette kitchen I've visited), just cut open the chicken to make sure it is white all the way through. Serve with rice, or pasta if you prefer.

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An ode to the hangover: A senior account of senior weekends

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Dear liver,

We both knew this was going to happen. Those mimosas got the best of us, and it was all downhill from there. Yeah, the parts of the night I can remember were fun, and I really wasn't going to do anything productive today, but this isn't worth it. I don't care what mischief went down last night; this is a more fitting revenge than I ever could have imagined.

There once was a time of yester-year when all the Steel Reserve in the land couldn't slow down my morning routine, and even the worst hangovers could be cured with a healthy dose of Taco Bell and a decent mug of coffee. The days of high school debauchery seem like a lifetime ago, and now my old age of 22 is catching up to me in the worst of ways.

I'm investing tuition money in Tums. I'm tempted to get a home IV kit for Pow-

erAde. My blood is 2% Pepto-Bismol. My food baby is entering its second trimester. All this is because of my goddamn productivity for the happiest of hours.

This Saturday I woke up at noon, clutching a half eaten bagel, smelling of regret and blue sports drink. I figured a light jaunt over to Sparks followed by certain herbal remedies would be enough to shake the remnants of the night's mistakes. This was not the case. All the spandex in the world couldn't make Sparks tolerable, and I think I blacked out attempting something called a "crunch." The rest of the day was a deprecating blur of nausea until I eventually found myself back in the familiar confines of a dusty tap house.

OK, so maybe there are worse things in college than a REM-less night of sleep and some indigestion. But let me warn you, better specimens of humankind, hangovers are like living on a tectonic plate; the big one is always right around the corner. So for you who can wake up bright eyed and bushy tailed after a night of malt liquor, trap mu-

sic and free Bishop grab bags: I salute you. Make the most of your functioning organs and go all Bonnie and Clyde on that liver of yours. Run your body into the ground before the day comes when you wake up feeling more like a baking soda and vinegar science project than a college student.

So once again, I'm sorry, liver. Next time maybe I won't mix my hops, grapes and wheat. Or perhaps I will simply hibernate through my usual weekend activities. But the sad truth is that my tempestuous relationship with the hangover probably isn't going anywhere. Until real world responsibility reigns in my habitual fun, or I can buy some squeaky clean internal organs from the black market, I guess I can only enjoy the calm before the storm.

So like every over-educated, under-informed liberal arts student, I'll leave you with an out of context Oscar Wilde quote: "I can resist everything but temptation."

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GETTING INTO GREEK LIFE

Not many activities unite the Willamette student body, which has a diverse set of interests and abilities. Only two activities can boast the participation of over 20 percent of students – athletics and Greek life. With more than 160 students registered to go through formal recruitment this week, that percentage will surely increase and it appears as though the Greek presence on campus will remain strong for the foreseeable future.



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With the start of new classes each spring comes the opportunity for all Willamette students to meet new people and get (more) involved on campus through formal Greek Recruitment.

The activities of this week differ from fall activities because freshmen are now allowed to participate, and the rules for Greek members are a little more structured. For example, chapter members cannot speak with “prospective new members” outside of scheduled events for the duration of the week.

From family tradition, to peer pressure, to curiosity, there are a wide variety of reasons why people are interested in joining the Willamette Greek community. Currently, over 160 students are registered to participate in the process this spring. For many people, Greek life is most simply seen as a good way to become engaged in more social aspects of college.

“I’ve been caught up in academics and haven’t had the chance to be involved in other things,” junior Valeska Guzman said. Guzman is one of many girls who are interested in sorority recruitment as a way to meet new people and expand the type of activities that she is involved in within the Willamette community.

The benefits of Greek life also reach outside the campus community. Every Greek organization nationally supports a philanthropic cause, which translates into affiliation between Willamette chapters and local nonprofit organizations.

“I really like the charity aspect of it,” freshman Anastasia Fedoroda said. “Community service is important, but I wouldn’t like to do it by myself. It’d be more fun with sisters.”

Greek life can also provide valuable leadership experience by giving students the opportunity to serve on executive boards and open doors for the future.

Freshman Tori Leder noted one of the potential job opportunities that could be a result of Greek affiliation. “I have a lot of friends in sororities on other campuses,” Leder said. “I have friends who have graduated from sororities and they have received job opportunities through sisters or now work at national Greek organizations.”

On a smaller campus such as Willamette, the culture around Greek life can be very different from the stereotypical sororities and fraternities featured in popular culture. According to senior Jake Knecht, the Greek culture at Willamette is a unique by-product of the larger Willamette student culture.

“Greeks often come with a rough stereotype but from personal experience I can say that Greeks are some of the hardest working, most dedicated, community-minded people I’ve met,” senior Jaci Abeloe, Panhellenic Vice President of Recruitment, said.

Abeloe herself was hesitant about going through the recruitment process as a freshman. “I was one of those women that signed up the night before because the rest of my friends were doing it,” Abeloe said. “I had no interest in joining a sorority but by the end of the week I felt very comfortable and could picture myself thriving as a member of a chapter.”

For Knecht, Greek life has been something that has helped to complete his Willamette experience. “Personally, I missed three things when I came to school as a freshman: home, friends and family. I’ve found all three in Willamette Greek life,” Knecht said. “The memories and the people I’ve made them with will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

Regardless of why students are interested in Greek life or if they are still unsure that Greek life is something they want to be a part of, both Knecht and Abeloe recommend giving the recruitment process a try.

“The great thing about recruitment is that there is no one forcing you to join at the end of the week,” Abeloe said. “It is all about making decisions that feel right for you.”

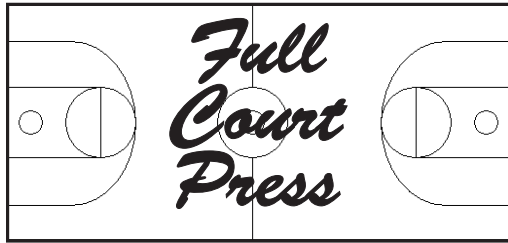
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For more information about recruitment, including a schedule of events, visit www.willamette.edu/go/greek or email jabeloe@willamette.edu (sororities) or wknecht@willamette.edu (fraternities).





COUNTER-CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT: PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM KAPPA SIGMA, PHI DELTA THETA, SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON, SIGMA CHI, PI BETA PHI, DELTA GAMMA, AND ALPHA CHI OMEGA.



Controversy over substance



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What a time for sports. The HarBowl is right around the corner, the NBA is in full swing with the Lakers still searching for a way to string some wins together and this weather only encourages days spent drinking on the couch, surrounded by various powdered cheese substances. On top of all this good, clean and legal fun, sports controversy rears its ugly head yet again. Manti Te'o and his very pretend dead girlfriend are theatrically overshadowing legitimate sports headlines.

Yeah, as interesting as NFL playoffs and a good basketball game may appear, the ol' "Heisman candidate has the game of his career only days after his girlfriend died in a car crash while battling leukemia" hoax is a little more intense.

So now as every media outlet from SportsCenter to TMZ uncovers new levels of filth, the rest of us are left wondering how things could get any more dramatic in the sporting community. With constant media attention dissecting the lives of testosterone factories with larger than life egos, am I the only one unsurprised by a story with this amount of deception?

From the moment a freakishly gifted kid picks up sporting equipment, they are being slowly conditioned into believing they are the best of the best and will always be. Think of your high school. There are always a handful of man-children already embracing their larger than life personas. And that was high school. The levels of self-importance and ability only grow exponentially for such classmates.

By the time college recruitment rolls around, the world is at their fingertips and media hype breeds a cult-like following of fans more fit for the office than a gridiron. So people are surprised when scouts shell out for a kid to drive a Range Rover to class, when strippers get familiar with the starting five, when needles can lead to homers, and, apparently, when clinically ill girlfriends can be created out of thin air.

Ok, ok. This Manti thing is a little outlandish, but we live in a culture that only perpetuates an athletic god-complex from the time they are in the womb.

While Jim Rome was hiding his journalistic hard-on, and Katie Couric was arm wrestling Anderson Cooper for interview rights, the ultimate example of athletic prowess and capability was on time out with Oprah. Lance Armstrong was untouchable. He was the perfect citizen, overcoming devastating bouts of cancer to rise to unbridled success on and off the bike. He was a champion of industry and his achievement seemed not only well earned, but also celestial. Now he has to live in asterisk infamy with the likes of Bonds, Sosa and Clemens in the land of the misfit toys.

Even though Te'o and Armstrong's misdoings fall on different sides of the "holy shit" spectrum, both offer an interesting commentary on the state of sports in America. From a college linebacker to a staple of sports culture, controversy continues to redefine the heroes and villains of ESPN.

I'm not trying to point out any further absurdity in these stories, or dive into the swollen psyches of these men, but I will say this—when athletes are given the status of immortality from the time they are children, no one should be surprised when the drug test comes back positive and the girlfriend is fiction.

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Why athletes should break the bubble

Many interesting people can be met outside of sports

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Regardless of whether or not you yourself are involved in an athletic team at Willamette, you've likely noticed the tendency many of these teams have of sticking together. No doubt you've witnessed swarms of similarly suited same-sport students roaming the pathways of our lovely campus, breaking bread with one another in Goudy's expansive dining area or huddled around large library tables scrambling to finish work that a weekend of games and meets forced until the last minute.

While I readily recognize the importance of team camaraderie for morale and performance purposes, I can't help but worry that only spending time with teammates might result in missed opportunities for personal and social growth afforded by our campus's richly diverse social makeup and create discord between athletes and non-athletes.

Before I continue, let me clarify a few things. I am not claiming that all of the members of any given sports team are not themselves unique and diverse individuals. Rather, my point is that limiting oneself to only those individuals with whom one practices and competes with drastically limits one's overall social experience.

However, it is important to understand why this phenomenon occurs in the first place. I can safely say from my own ex-

periences as a varsity athlete that it is entirely reasonable to feel most comfortable around the people with whom you spend nearly every day pushing yourself physically and mentally, as the bonds formed from the trials and tribulations of athletic competition can be especially strong and

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enduring.

Furthermore, these bonds often form before Bearathletes have even begun their collegiate careers. Many teams gather on campus weeks prior to the start of freshman year in order to become acquainted with one another and to start practices early so as to be ready for their respective seasons.

An additional benefit of these early athletic arrivals is that the teams that participate have the chance to meet one another. In and of itself, this clearly represents an awesome opportunity for these athletes, as they are presented with the prospect of both intra- and inter-team unification.

However, this does also put early arrival athletes in a distinctly different social situation than students who do not arrive until the start of Opening Days.

The former already have a friend group consisting of teammates, while the latter's first salient opportunity for friendship occurs within their OD groups. In my own experience as both a freshman and an Opening Days leader, I have witnessed numerous athletes who seem less than enthused to interact with their OD group members, and who often have to miss events in order to attend practices.

Granted, I am clearly generalizing from my own experience, and even if what I have witnessed generally holds true, it could have as much to do with these athletes' group members as it does with the athletes themselves.

Of course, there are plenty of sport teams on campus that do not arrive early but whose athletes still tend to spend the majority of their time together. And maybe I'm wrong in taking any issue with this. But ask yourself this, dear Bearkitties: If we avoid the risk of stepping outside of our immediate groups, do we not subsequently risk missing out on the friends and experiences of a lifetime?

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Men drop two on the road to #4 Whitworth, Whitman

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After capping off last weekend's performance with an exciting one point victory over Pacific Lutheran, the Bearcats were set to face fourth-ranked Whitworth University on Friday night, and Whitman College on Saturday in what senior post Sean Dart recognized as "the most challenging road trip of the season."

Owners of an undefeated Northwest Conference record, the Pirates built an early 16-9 lead throughout the first seven minutes of the game. Willamette, however, eventually tied up the game at eighteen after going on a 9-2 run which featured two three-pointers by junior wing Sam Walters.

The two teams exchanged leads until the five minute mark, when Whitworth closed the half on a 15-2 run to stretch their halftime lead to fifteen at 44-29.

In the second half, the Pirates proved their worth as the fourth-ranked team in the nation. Extending their lead to 19 in the opening minutes of the second half, the Pirates were in control and increased their lead to as many as 24 points with just over ten minutes remaining in the game. Despite the large deficit, the Bearcats continued to battle. Back-to-back threes by senior wing Elliot Babcock-Krenk and junior guard Alex Hansen brought Willamette to within 16 and a layup by junior post Rich Vasquez moments later cut the lead to just 14 points with 4:23 remaining.

Despite the comeback attempt, Whit-

worth maintained control, coasting to an 88-69 victory. Dart and Babcock-Krenk led the team in scoring, with 13 points each.

The Bearcats sought to end the trip on a positive note as they squared off against Whitman. The contest was tight early as both teams went back and forth in a first half that featured nine lead changes.

It appeared as if the Missionaries were beginning to establish a solid lead towards the first half after grabbing hold of a 39-32 advantage. That lead was diminished shortly thereafter, as the Bearcats endured a 7-0 run thanks in part to four free throws by senior guard Terrell Malley. WU would take a 40-39 lead with under two minutes remaining after two successful free throws by Babcock-Krenk.

Much like the night before however, Willamette allowed their opponent to go on a substantial run to close the half. Trailing by one, Whitman secured a six point lead after scoring the final seven points of the half.

Whitman was able to preserve their lead until the eight minute mark of the second half. Down by nine, a Malley three and five consecutive points by Dart cut the lead to one with 7:24 remaining. That's as close as Willamette would get however, as an 8-2 Missionaries run extended the lead back to seven with five minutes to play.

The Bearcats would get one last chance at a comeback, down four points in the final minute; but Whitman knocked down three of their next four free throws to ensure the 94-87 victory.

Despite the loss, senior guard Trevor

Bos was content with the way the team performed. "We really came together and put a whole 40 minutes together despite adversity," Bos said. "We came up short but we never lost doubt in each other and in the game plan. If we can carry this into the rest of the season we have the opportunity to be very successful."

The WU offense appeared to be in top form as the Bearcats recorded a season-high 87 points on the night. Malley led Willamette in scoring with 23 points while Dart finished with 18. Senior wing Oliver Hughes also shined offensively, setting a career-high with 15 points on the night; "I was able to find openings in the defense and my teammates put me in a good position to score," Hughes said.

Despite a winless weekend, there were still several positives on the road trip. Coach Ioane was pleased with the team's ability to bounce back on Saturday after a tough loss the night before. "We solidified our belief that we are mentally a very strong group. Coming off a poor performance at Whitworth, we were able to battle a very good Whitman team for all 40 minutes," he said.

Dart was also happy with the team's resiliency but stressed that their focus needs to be on the upcoming schedule: "Every game counts, and I'm confident that the resiliency on display this weekend will help us to many more league victories as the season marches on," Dart said.

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**“His sins feeling as hard as Vince Carter's knee cartilage is”
Earl Sweatshirt, “Chum”**



Water benders

Willamette men swim by Lewis & Clark to win first league meet since 2008

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On the women's side, freshman Annie Marinello turned in an impressive performance for the Bearcats. She won both the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke with times of 2:17.49 and 2:32.67 respectively. Unfortunately for the Bearcat women, Lewis and Clark won all of the other nine events for the meet. The final score was 140-65 in favor of Lewis and Clark.

The meet was the last home meet of the season for the Bearcats. Seniors Kayla Kosaki and Austin Williams were honored before the first race.

"Between our men's team win and the support from my teammates and friends in the Willamette community, this was by far one of the best meets of my college career," said Kosaki. "Everything that has happened this weekend is a testament as to how much the team has grown since my freshman year and I'm really proud to have been a part of it."

With the win, the Bearcat men move to 3-6 overall and 1-5 in conference. The loss moves the Bearcat women to 2-7 overall and 0-6 in conference. Willamette will travel to McMinnville on Saturday, January 26th to face conference foe Linfield College in their final dual meet of the season.

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COURTESY OF NAOMI STUKEY
Freshman Josh Thornton makes waves with his breaststroke.

Bearcats battle Whitworth, lose to #19 Whitman

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Last weekend, the women's basketball team competed in a battle of "Whits," traveling to Washington to take on Whitworth University and nationally ranked Whitman College.

The Bearcats played in Spokane on Fri. against Whitworth. After a back and forth start to the game that put Willamette down 14-13, Whitworth went on a 15 point run that bolstered their lead to 29-15.

By halftime, Willamette was able to cut Whitworth's 37-21 lead down to single digits with a 7-0 run of their own, sparked from a rebound by senior center Josephine Johnson and a layup from junior guard Alexa Beeson. In the next possession Daena Mau hit a three-pointer. Off a steal from junior forward Mackenzie Lamson, Johnson ended the scoring streak with a layup with only 14 seconds left in the half.

Johnson ended the day with a double-double, 12 points and 14 rebounds, helping the Bearcats out-rebound a NWC opponent for the first time this season.

"It was partly just the mindset

that, no matter what, I would get the ball," Johnson said. "Also, our defense was working really well, giving all of us great opportunities to beast the boards with a more one on one focus."

In the second half Whitworth continued to extend their lead, reaching as much as a 23 point difference, but the Bearcats continued to battle.

After an 8-0 run supported by Beeson and sophomore forward Julia Brand, Willamette was able to cut the Pirate lead back to 15.

"The officials were calling a lot of fouls, and we took advantage of that by taking it strong to the basket and getting to the free throw line," Brand said.

With just over five minutes left, Whitworth extended the lead back to 19, where it would remain into the final seconds, ultimately resulting in a 69-50 loss for the Bearcats.

Saturday, Willamette traveled west to Walla Walla to take on a team that was most recently ranked 19th in the nation by d3hoops.com.

Just nine minutes into the game, Whitman utilized a suffocating full court press defense and jumped out to an early 24-4 lead while shooting 12-16 from the field, mostly on transition

baskets off of Bearcat turnovers.

Willamette eventually adjusted to the full court pressure, but Whitman remained dominant throughout, eventually winning 72-41. Whitman improved to 13-3 overall and 6-2 in NWC play.

"We had a hard time settling into the pressure they were showing, especially on the full-court press," junior forward Mackenzie Lamson said. "But once we began to adapt and started moving the ball around, our offensive opportunities opened up."

Lamson scored 14 points, including a perfect six for six from the free throw line. "Right now we are just beginning to learn a whole new system, both defensively and offensively," she said.

"Our next step is to tighten up the small details and finish games," Lamson added. "We are so close."

This Friday, the Bearcats play a home game at 6 p.m. against Pacific University.

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Livestrong, Armstrong and weakness



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Lance Armstrong's admission of cheating forced sports fans everywhere to remember that, despite being very strong human beings who are able to move at fast speeds without getting as tired as the rest of us, athletes are indeed...wait for it...NOT mythical cancer-slaying creatures who also have moral codes and treat everyone right and never lie or even think about lying or maybe doing something incorrectly even once.

To say Armstrong's transcendence of sport was inspirational would be an understatement. But what athlete hasn't? Rasheed Wallace once inspired me to play with more passion. I want to run fast like Randy Moss and have the upper body mass of Ben Roethlisberger. Inspiration abounds in sport, for better or for worse.

Armstrong became the opponent of cancer. Everyone was rooting for him. Because nobody roots for cancer. Because Livestrong bracelets became golden rubberbands of hope. Because any person we knew that was touched by the horrific disease was vindicated when Lance pedaled past the competition, hands raised in triumph.

Then, he did it seven times and we wanted so badly to scratch our heads and question, like, "Hey, that's superhuman," but then we just resigned to the fact that Lance IS superhuman. Of course he beat cancer. He's Lance! Of course he'd win seven times, raise \$500,000,000 for cancer research, and star in Miller Genuine Draft beer commercials.

Then, we hear him admit to Oprah that, yeah, that'd be physically impossible to accomplish what he did without his performance enhancing "cocktails," and scratch our heads again, wondering how our fantastical narrative that we (me, you, ESPN, Livestrong, Nike, your mother) have created could possibly come crumbling down right before our jaw-dropped-wide-mouthed-faces. Lance Armstrong is sitting us down, criss-cr-oss-applesauce, reading this story aloud to us, and we are more shocked than he is. It's like getting broken up with, and your ex stares at you coldly, asking, "Didn't you see this coming?"

Lance Armstrong is not a bad person. He is not a good person. He did not ruin our hope to beat cancer. The millions of dollars he raised for cancer research do not excuse his actions. His actions do not discount the hope, money and inspiration he gave to people all around the world. He did not betray the Livestrong band wearers with tan lines on their wrists from summer after summer of runs, crossing their own finish lines, winning their own races, conquering their own challenges.

Armstrong is an athlete; he is a human being who makes mistakes, sizable ones, and now we have to treat him like it.

We must now challenge the narrative that so readily aligns morality and invincibility with athletes and sport. Post-Oprah interview, we must admit to ourselves, to Lance Armstrong, that a person can raise millions of dollars for cancer research and raise hope for even more, while simultaneously disappointing those same folks all in one swift kick of the pedal, or stir of a spoon.

The good that Armstrong did is not erased. The bad isn't, either. One is closer than the other, but we've reached the most devastating conclusion, the one we looked away from for years: Lance Armstrong isn't simple, or perfect, or evil. He's fundamentally flawed, just like the rest of us.

It's not what we wanted. But it is real.

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INJUSTICE ANYWHERE

Wedding crashers

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After almost an entire term of pussyfooting around the issue, President Barack Obama has finally come out of the ally closet in favor of gay marriage (likely after finding it to be a huge mobilizing factor for youth voters).

This past election season's victories in Washington, Maine and Maryland seem to imply a linear shift in favor of the issue, but crucial states like California remain embroiled in precedent-deciding Supreme Court battles.

In his inaugural address on Tuesday, Obama capitalized upon the correlations to be drawn between the civil rights movement spearheaded by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the gay rights movement. He borrowed flashy rhetoric from founding fathers and activists alike, saying, "Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law, for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal, as well."

Whether a fairweather ally or not, the president is being lauded by LGBTQ rights organizations across the country for explicitly committing to the fight for marriage equality in his second term. Human Rights Campaign President Chad Griffin called the line a "clarion call" for our generation.

But is this even the most important fight for our times? A national legalization of gay marriage certainly achieves the goal of mainstreaming the LGBTQ political agenda. There are a number of reasons that activists have historically focused on marriage equality as the crowning jewel in the fight for equal rights, not the least of which being the propagation of a wholesome, family-oriented image. And this is not necessarily always a bad thing.

But as a boiler plate issue, it certainly excludes and invisibilizes other aspects of the complex and often staggering inequalities that still exist. What does gay marriage today do for the approximately 40 percent of LGBTQ teens who are homeless? What does it do to address the fact that the attempted suicide rate for lesbians of color is twice as high as white lesbians? Or the 50 percent of trans folks who have attempted to commit suicide?

By its very nature, marriage works to uphold certain unpleasant aspects of the capitalist state. Marriage is an elite status that "normal families" and "real, happy adults" ascribe to, and through marriage, gain access the gilded jewels of a civilized society like tax, housing and healthcare benefits. Without that marriage license, these basic rights of being a taxpaying citizen are rendered inaccessible.

We can hope that mainstreaming the movement through marriage equality may "trickle down" and result in a cultural amelioration in a host of complex issues, not the least of which being bullying, hate crimes, suicide, pay inequity, police brutality, exclusionary healthcare and homelessness.

We're seeing some parallels with the American feminist movement, whose quest to shatter the glass ceiling proved divisive in light of the endless other intersections of race, class, gender and sexuality, location and so on.

Very few women in the United States and abroad have the luxury to be exclusively concerned with the glass ceiling of wage equality and equal professional achievement potential. We can all agree that it is a worthwhile issue, but is it THE worthwhile issue?

Passing marriage equality laws should not be considered the end of inequity for the LGBTQ community. Doing so mainstreams only one acceptable stereotype. (In)famous events like San Francisco Pride are great for raising awareness, yet perpetuate the commercialization of civil rights, co-opted by and for the agenda of rich cis-gender gay white men.

Equity is not the same as equality. It is saying, "I don't care that you're gay!"

Equity will be achieved when individuals are trusted and have access to make choices that are right for their own life. Equity is when all work is valued. Equity is when hegemonic constructions of what is "best" and "normal" are challenged and deconstructed. Equity will be when the hundreds of civil rights guaranteed to couples with a marriage license are guaranteed to every person, regardless of marital status.

Putting a sticker on a water bottle isn't stopping violence against trans individuals, helping homeless queer youth or slowing the transmission of HIV.

Marriage equality is not a stopping point for LGBTQ activists - it's just one battle in a long war.

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EDITORIAL

Help us, Keggle Club, you're our only hope

Not to get nostalgic on you, Bearcats, but we on the Editorial Board fondly recall a great Willamette tradition that has unceremoniously slipped into the oblivion of the past. And no, we're not talking about former president Pelton's rumored weather machine. We're talking about one of the finest institutions to ever grace the Willamette campus: The Keggle Club.

For those of you too young to remember, the Keggle Club was a group of over-21 students formed for the sole purpose of fulfilling the favorite pastime of students over the age of 21: getting loud at sporting events and consuming alcohol.

The Keggle Club would congregate on Fridays before home basketball game, purchase a keg of RAM beer, consume said keg, and attend home basketball games. Participating members paid a reasonable \$40 up front and in turn received a shirt and, well, a lot of good beer.

While many might consider a club like this nothing more than run-of-the-mill collegiate alcohol consumption, the club represented something more than that: it fostered camaraderie, community, and school spirit. You knew exactly where the club was sitting (rather, standing) at every game, if not for their matching shirts, then for the potency of the noise coming from that particular area of Cone Fieldhouse's stands.

All students, from athletes to spectators, agreed that the Keggle Club fulfilled a much-desired and much-appreciated dearth in organized school spirit.

So, we're wondering...what happened? It's fair to say

that the Keggle Club was a student-run and operated organization, which is part of what made it so cool. That students had the desire and follow-through to get their fellow students together to drink (not that impressive), commute en-masse to a sporting event with matching shirts (somewhat impressive) and cheer loudly for the duration of the game (pretty damn impressive) was a testament to what Willamette solidarity at events should be about.

Now that basketball season is in full swing, the Keggle Club vacuum is being acutely felt. The sense of unity also provided a heavy incentive to turn out to games at all, supporting our athletes as well as half-time performers like Dance Team and cheer.

We can pull it together, fellow Bearcats of legal age. If you, like us, are willing to embrace the second semester senior mentality and turn out en masse to intimidate opponents and bolster WU morale, help us to tap the kegs and reinvent rowdy, 2013 style.

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Students show their Willamette spirit at a mens' basketball game in February 2012.

REDUCTIO AD AWESOME Congressional gridlock resolution, college-style

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An alternative option is to try to get work done in a public location such as the library or a computer lab. It's difficult to get distracted in a more studious environment surrounded by other hard working people. Of course, Congress already meets in public and is broadcast to the entire country, and that hasn't helped at all - probably because they know we're not paying attention. If we really want to make a difference, we'll all have to do our part and actually watch C-SPAN.

Stimulants of some kind can also help get the job done. Most college students rely on Mountain Dew, Red Bull and 5 Hour Energy. But in the case of Congress, we're dealing with a much more determined group of slackers, with a presumably greater tolerance for caffeine and B-vitamins. More drastic options may be required (I'm not saying meth is ever a good idea, I'm just saying congressional procrastination couldn't get much worse than it already is).

I would also recommend avoiding study groups, especially private ones at people's houses (or to put it in congressional terms, closed-door committee meetings). They seem like a good idea at the time, because you can put everything off until a small group handles it later. But the reality is that you'll probably end up doing what the deficit reduction supercommittee did back in 2011 - they spent 10 minutes discussing actual work, then got drunk and started a high-stakes Mario Kart tournament.

Republicans have considered the idea of cutting off congressional salaries if progress isn't made soon. Unfortunately, current law prevents any congressional salary changes from taking effect until the following term, which would eliminate most of the motivation. Sadly, it seems that congressional procrastination is a constitutionally protected right in America.

Additional advice: If you're trying to get stuff done, it's best to avoid the internet at all costs. Government offi-

cial shouldn't be allowed to visit any social networks. Or media sites. Or game sites. Or shopping sites. Or porn sites. In fact, we might want to consider cutting off all web access inside the beltway. Truly important information could still be communicated quite rapidly via carrier pigeons, UAVs and interns with low job security.

Of course, some might point out that it's not just a question of procrastination. In our college student metaphor, there is no way to account for the dramatic partisan gridlock that plagues Congress. There's some truth to this; most of us would probably have a much harder time getting work done if our brain cells were divided into red and blue camps with a Tea Party tumor somewhere in the right hemisphere.

So maybe it's just up to the American voting populace to avoid electing such a divided Congress. I'm sure we'll get around to it in the next election.

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Political Party Animals

Obama's nominee for head of CIA, Jim Brennan, stirs controversy

Stop Brennan me down, Obama

Con-droning qualities?

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Generally speaking, transparency is good. The fact that we live in a country in which citizens and officials take transparency seriously makes America a robust democracy. If you feel like that last sentence came straight from a textbook, well, I didn't mean to plagiarize; it just fits. However, when officials - burdened by "necessity" - find secrecy more compelling than transparency, bad things tend to happen. For this reason, I'm concerned about John O. Brennan's nomination for the directorship of Central Intelligence.

To jog your memory, Brennan owes his career to the CIA. He worked in the agency for 25 years since 1980, and in the 90s his role began to bring him into close contact with standing presidents. Moreover, as an Arab specialist and former station chief in Saudi Arabia, Brennan seems familiar enough with the issues we currently face in the Middle East. His ascent to CIA director would stand to be, if not predictable, entirely believable. Ultimately his thorough experience makes him one of the best candidates out there.

Nevertheless, the reasons for concern are compelling. Brennan's involvement with the Bush Administration after 9/11 resulted in the CIA's infamous black sites, secret prisons used to contain and interrogate the worst terrorist suspects.

Often, these interrogations utilized "enhanced interrogation techniques." Not normal-BETTER, right? He not only helped craft these gems in the crown of our great American legacy, but he also endorsed them long after public outrage dragged them down into infamy.

Killing from a distance is immoral, but... so is putting soldiers needlessly in danger.

Brennan is also the architect of the Obama Administration's prized drone war. His involvement in the conduct of targeted strikes with the Department of Defense and the CIA represents the hallmark of his recent accomplishments. So while we might be able to say goodbye to Abu Ghraib, we must also say hello to increased drone warfare, for the prospect of John Brennan heading the CIA means the likelihood of more targeted strikes.

Brennan's nomination, therefore, holds significance for the future of drone warfare more than anything else. Indeed, this fact arguably won him the nomination. But - and here's the twist - this is probably a good thing. Drones aren't going away, but for all the talk out there, myself included, we haven't figured out what they are yet.

Some bitterly argue that they are immoral tools used to slaughter innocents; others think them the ideal weapon to fight an organization like al-Qaeda. It doesn't help that emerging studies contradict each other either. On the one hand, drones desensitize American soldiers and make killing like a videogame; on the other hand, they cause PTSD and allow soldiers to calmly evaluate the battlefield. Killing from a distance is immoral, but putting soldiers needlessly in danger is immoral, and drones prevent us from doing that. Moreover, neither side is convinced of drones' legality, but nor is either convinced of their illegality.

Frankly, the interesting questions drones pose to the minds of college students are endless, and I'm grateful for that. Soon, however, the whole world will have to reconcile its desire for peace with its desire for war, and making war easy will only trouble that. Putting Brennan at the head of the CIA at such a critical time, therefore, will probably result in a doctrine for drone warfare. That is to say, although it won't answer these questions for good, it will provide tangible answers that Americans can see, discuss and in time amend.

In other words, Brennan, contrary to popular belief, could make our use of drones more transparent, which is the first step toward admitting we have a problem. We will begin to understand who gets targeted, where and why. We will see lawsuits directed at the government and reap the informational rewards. In short, we will see the anarchy of drones contained to law and order, at least more than we have in the past four years. That alone seems reason enough to have a little hope.

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CONSERVATIVE VOICE

Some know him as Mr. Drone, the Assassination Czar or just John Brennan. However, in a couple of weeks, it seems we will all be referring to him as the new CIA director. President Obama has offered him high praise, citing him as his most trusted counter-terrorism advisor. Even with such endorsement, his past has made this nomination quite controversial. The county is now embroiled in a heavy debate about whether he is the right man for the job. Even with all this disagreement, it still seems quite clear that this man is not only the most logical replacement, but also the most qualified.

From a conservative standpoint, he has made critical mistakes in his past, but looking at his overall performance, it is obvious that the positives heavily outweigh the negatives.

Yes, Brennan has blundered, especially in the eyes of Republicans. He called Jihad "a legitimate tenant of Islam," clumsily used the Islamic term for Jerusalem and read the Christmas Day Bomber's memorandum rights, all of which has been used as ammo by displeased right wingers. However, as most have pointed out, these mistakes in the grand scale of things have been minor. The Jihad comments were, to some degree, taken out of context, as he was not referencing to it as anything close to a "holy war."

For the other two incidents, neither of conflict really had any significant impact on either the relationship with Israel or the interrogation and investigation of the Christmas Day Bomber.

Don't get me wrong, I don't believe these mistakes should be simply brushed off. As director of the Central Intelligence Agency, he must be more careful; the spotlight will be much brighter. I'm just saying that his experience and successes far outweigh these negative traits. With this being said, the argument about whether he is a suitable choice is also about his reputation for using "enhanced" interrogation and drone attacks.

Brennan has been a staunch supporter of drone attacks, especially in Libya. Many have cited this as an inhumane, ineffective warfare tactic, arguing that this war act carries a large amount of collateral damage (approximately 891 of the 3400 casualties have been civilians), which has consequently lead to larger support for local terrorist organizations. Brennan's opposition has also criticized his use of "enhanced" interrogation and his subsequent insistence upon its legitimacy. Brennan many times has denounced waterboarding and other methods of interrogation as torture and has continued to support the CIA's methods as effective.

Obviously, collateral damage and methods of torture are acts that we as a country never support and always try to limit at all costs.

However, Brennan's record of achievements and dedicated service to our country has resulted in our safety at a time when we were exposed to a threat the likes we have never seen. The drone attacks and "enhanced" interrogation techniques have significantly contributed to our safety and for that we must look at this as somewhat of a success. Brennan even with all this criticism has been able to keep us as a country secure and that is the number one priority.

Even more reason to endorse this nomination are the statements he has made in regards to the future of the CIA.

Brennan has publicly stated that he believes the drone attacks and many of the "war-like" characteristics of the CIA should be placed back into the military and the CIA as an organization must become more focused on intelligence (as it once was).

So even if you disagree with his previous track record, it is important to note that Brennan will be transforming the CIA back to an organization focused almost entirely on intelligence. For these reasons, I believe that this nomination, though not perfect, is a suitable fit. Under his leadership, he will continue to guide the CIA into a positive direction.

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Old habits die hard as students return for spring semester



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EMILY SAFFORD

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! Collegian writer that thinks a recipe includes boxed cake mix! It doesn't! Try making something from scratch! If you have time for baking, make it REAL baking!

HEY YOU! You were the one who decided not to do the reading. Don't punish the rest of us by asking inane and obvious questions every ten minutes. Ugh.

HEY YOU! Girl I've had a class with every semester for the last three years: I promise I'm not stalking you, we just like the same things.

HEY YOU! Quit screwin' around

HEY YOU! I'm sorry if I'm the loud annoying person in the bistro. I just get really excited about things.

HEY YOU! sorry the Vikings suck

HEY YOU! South Dakota will never be as pretty as any other state

HEY YOU! Planet earth is the shit

HEY YOU! If you want more hey yous, submit some!

Upcoming **WEB** Events

Wednesday
Jan. 23

WEB Tabling • Goudy •
During lunch and dinner

Friday
Jan. 25

WEB Tabling • Goudy •
During lunch and dinner

WEB members will be tabling in Goudy to encourage students to fill out a survey that asks for input when it comes to events. We really want to know what students want to see on campus this semester. Candy will be given out to those who participate and people who fill out the survey will be entered into a drawing for Bistro bucks!

Thursday
Jan. 24

Willamette Game Night •
Cat Cavern • 7-9 p.m.

A relaxing opportunity for students to get together and play some board games! Bistro coffee and cookies will be provided

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Breaking ground with Zena Farm

As we welcome in the new year and fight away the cold, the Zena Farm Club is busy harvesting our winter crops of spinach, escarole, arugula, leeks, and garlic. We still have some left over butternut squash from the fall, in case you were wondering. This past Sunday, Farm Club began harvesting the hearty spinach and clearing out the weeds and grasses that moved into our greenhouse over the break. After the harvest we gathered in the house for hot tea and conversation. It was a great start to the year. Next Sunday we will continue to work in the greenhouse, pulling weeds and harvesting more spinach. We'll also venture into the big field to start picking arugula, escarole and maybe even some leeks! Sunday volunteer days are open to all students and we meet at 10am outside Olin (sign-up is required). If you'd like to volunteer on Sundays or get involved with the Farm Club, please email Surabhi Mahajan.

Looking forward to having you out at the farm!

