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Medical services spread to Salem Health Center



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The University has entered an agreement which would see all non-counseling services removed from Bishop Wellness Center and instead be replaced by a formal program for students to utilize the urgent care facilities at Salem Health across the street. It is anticipated

that all physical health services will have transitioned from Bishop by the start of the 2018-19 school year due to the budget deficit.

Sexual health services such as STI checks and emergency contraception will still be offered at Bishop for the duration of this academic school year.

“The change will be that we don’t see any of the most common urgent

care stuff: the coughs, the colds, the abdominal pains, the headaches, things like that,” Bishop Wellness Center Director Don Thomson said. “Where students used to come to Bishop for those things, they will now be going to Urgent Care across the street or Lancaster Kaiser if they have Kaiser insurance.”

In addition to the change in location, students will now have to go

through their insurance to pay for care they receive at these facilities.

“The other thing is that they are going to be accessing their insurance for these things now. Bishop was subsidizing these things for a long time, which means they could come in here with little or no cost, and that will change because they now need to use their insurance to access care,” Thomson said.

Due to this change, students who opted out of the PacificSource student insurance plan believing they could get their care at Bishop will have the option to opt back in until Sept. 11.

What matters most

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Life is horribly complicated and nobody can know everything. That’s why it’s always important to keep an open mind and consider when you might be wrong. Yet you shouldn’t question if you are wrong if you don’t support vicious xenophobia and racism.

Let’s be clear: Nazis didn’t stay in the 20th century and they want to establish governments just as dangerous and hateful as they did before.

This isn’t to say that everybody that disagrees about liberal economic or social issues is a Nazi. But when you have people marching in Charlottesville with Nazi flags and chanting “Jews will not replace us,” it’s inarguable that there are Nazis vying to be a significant political presence in the United States.

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What students want, administration’s got

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Transparency is often a problem on college campuses. There have been cases of colleges that have tried to cover up hard topics like the rate of sexual assault and where tuition money is going. This lack of transparency continues to be a major problem.

For returning students and faculty, it is obvious that many changes have been made from last year. The closing of Cat Cavern’s food services and the medical side of Bishop are two changes are controversial choices that affect students’ everyday lives.

It is important that administration makes the details of

these choices easy to access. Details including who made the decision, when, and why should be widely known on campus. This could also stop the confusion about the changes that have been circulating.

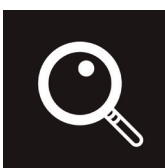
I was an Opening Days leader this year, and during our training we were told about the changes to Bishop and why they happened in detail. This information was very helpful and cleared up many questions, but only a small

portion of the student body has that much information. I have heard other students express their confusion over it and even false information be spread, which would not be the case if every student had accurate information.

This confusion can be translated into fear that administration is not being transparent about a decision that has a huge affect on the student body. I remember being angered by the news about Bishop, but after being told the right

information, I understood have drove administration to make the choices they did. Every student on campus has the right to this information and to feel comfortable that administration is not hiding anything from them.

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Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARA) grows as an organization

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The Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARAs) are back to work for the year. The highly-trained student advocates provide support for any Willamette University community members, “who have experienced sexual and domestic harassment, assault or violence”, providing validating and non-judgmental space for survivors to speak as well as helping connect them to resources.

SARA provides several different services: A phone hotline (503-851-4245) is available from 5 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, and anytime during the weekend from 5 p.m. Friday evening to midnight on Sunday. Their online chat is also available Monday through Thursday, 8 p.m. to midnight. Additionally, anyone can request a one-on-one meeting with a SARA to speak in-person, and can access both the online chat and individual sign-ups at www.willamette.edu/org/sara

Advisor Audrey Schwartz speaks to the power of SARA’s approach to survivor support.

“Seeking help after a traumatic incident can be intimidating, and many students find it easier to reach out to a peer first... The experience of being heard, believed, and validated is a powerful facilitator of the healing process — SARAs serve as a direct source of that experience, as well as a stepping stone to others.”

As confidential resources, SARAs do not share any of the information disclosed to them except to report to the Clery Report, a requirement for universities to receive federal funding. However, even when reporting to the Clery, no identifying information is shared. This means that when

talking with a SARA over the phone or online chat, one does not need to share their name nor any personal information in order to access resources and be heard.

A survivor-focused organization, SARA centers individuals who need support. SARA Ivy Major-McDowall emphasizes that bystanders, friends or anyone who knows of a situation involving sexual or domestic violence can reach out to SARA as well so they can process. For those who are interested specifically in violence prevention, she directs them towards Green Dot, Willamette’s program to prevent power-based violence before it occurs.

SARAs also provide crisis prevention and support during Willamette events. Most recently, they were available during Opening Day’s Reality Check, and will work with Take Back the Night and Healthy Relationships Week in the upcoming year.

With 21 total members, this school year marks one of the largest groups of SARAs in the organization’s history. Major-McDowall recognizes that this allows for the advocates to have more time to rest and recover.

“Practice good self-care so [as to] not only help their mental and physical well-being, but also [be able] to provide the best services” to survivors.

Another change this year to the organization is that they are beginning to start up community trainings. In workshops with on-campus organizations, they will teach protocol for how to be successful and compassionate allies when people disclose about domestic and/or sexual violence.

Individuals interested in working with SARA can look for applications coming out in February.



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Hired SARAs then receive intensive training, completing forty hours of online modules through the Sexual Assault Task Force of Oregon. They cover a wide variety of topics, including suicide intervention, stalking and intersectionality.

Schwartz speaks to this last point. “Racism, classism, heterosexism, ableism and other systems of discrimination and oppression

intersect significantly with gender-based violence,” she said, “SARAs are trained to attend to factors of diversity when working with survivors”.

Matt Jensen, SARA’s coordinator, stressed this as well, highlighting that the organization has yet to turn anyone away.

Jensen sees the SARAs as “some of the most compassionate peo-

ple [they’ve] met on campus — all completely dedicated to helping others.” As these devoted members begin providing services for the Willamette community once more, they continue to push for a safer and more just world for survivors here at Willamette and throughout our society at large.

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Law school hosts debate over constitutionality of Trump’s travel ban

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Among the many controversial policy debates that have defined the Trump era thus far, the travel ban first instituted by the administration in January has stood out in its longevity and divisiveness. In an effort to foster a culture of debate and promote a better understanding of the important issue, the Willamette Law School hosted a debate regarding the constitutionality of the executive order currently being challenged in courts across the US.

The debate, between Professor Josh Blackman of the South Texas School of Law and Willamette Law’s own Professor Steven Green took place on Wednesday, August 30, and was organized by the Federalist Society. Approximately 50 students, professors, and community members attended.

The arguments were centered around the question of whether the ban was constitutional, as both professors agreed the policy was ill-advised. Blackman, who argued that the ban is constitutional, contended that the morality of an action is irrelevant

to its constitutionality. He cited the 1989 Texas V. Johnson case, in which famed conservative supreme court justice Antonin Scalia voted that protesters have a right to burn US flags, despite his stated opposition to the action itself.

“This ban will cause hardship to families, refugees, and people seeking a better life,” said Blackman, “however, I am firmly convinced that congress gives the president the power to go this.”

A longstanding congressional statute does give the president the power to deny entry to any class of people which he views to be “detrimental to the interests of the United States,” Blackman said. He went on to state that because the order doesn’t explicitly mention Muslims, the equal protection clause of the first amendment is not a valid argument against the ban’s constitutionality.

“It’s awful, but lawful,” he said.

While Professor Green did not challenge the validity of the argument based on the congressional statute, he did object to the idea that the establishment clause of the first amendment couldn’t be used against the order. He pri-

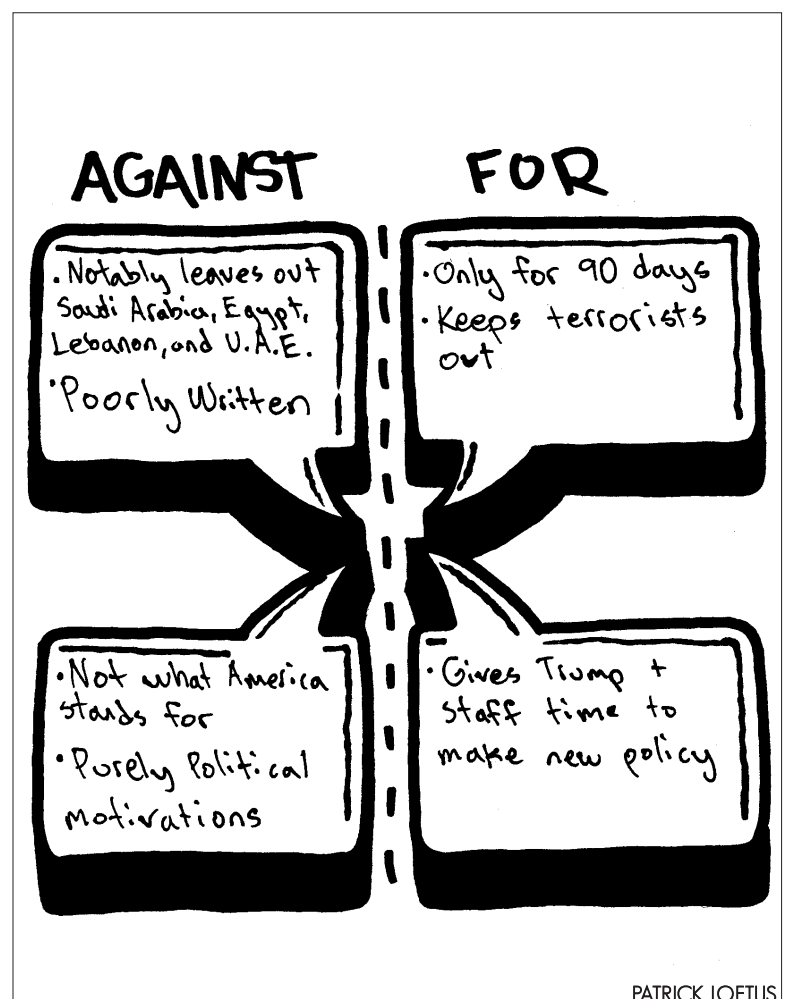
marily based his argument off of a number of Trump’s previous statements regarding the travel ban, starting with his call for a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the US” in December of 2015, and continuing with numerous other examples of explicit and implicit calls for similar actions.

There is strong legal precedent for courts ruling against government actions if an official’s previous statements and actions indicate unconstitutional intentions.

“It’s common sense,” Green said. “There is a connection between what he said before and what he’s doing now.” Even if the statute authorizes the executive order, the order is still subject to the constitution.

The Supreme Court voted 9-0 to take up the case, and is expected to review it sometime in the fall. Until that point, continuing to debate the order’s constitutionality in private, public, and educational settings is both appropriate and laudable.

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Continental U.S. experiencing record amount of climate catastrophes

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Last week, President Trump traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas to see the damage that Hurricane Harvey had inflicted and to give a speech. This was all done in hopes to reassure his administration's commitment to those affected by the record-breaking storm.

The President started out with an unorthodox tone for someone at the fronts of a natural disaster site with quotes like,

"What a crowd!" and "What a turnout!" In spite of Trump's seemingly amazed attitude towards the after-effects of the storm, to many, his attitude represents a larger issue: the inability for Americans to fully grasp the weight in which climate change events are accelerating throughout not only the United States, but globally as well.

In just the past week and a half, Hurricane Harvey dropped 52 inches of rain at its maximum, causing well over \$70 billion in damage. Approximately 80 wildfires are burning on 2,200 square miles in nine states in the western U.S. and Hurricane Irma, the strongest ever recorded hurricane outside the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico, is set to touch down on the Florida coast this weekend.

Additionally, the climate events noted above don't even do justice to the climate events occurring on the global scene, where Australia's north and south faces are suffering from a bad bushfire season and India is experiencing record floods in the midst of their "dry season."

All the way back to 2001, NASA's Goddard Institute for Space and Studies (GISS) and research scientist at Columbia University Professor George Tselioudis said, "If we are creating an atmosphere more loaded with humidity, any storm that does develop has greater potential to develop into an intense storm."

Tselioudis' theorem from 16 years-ago was certainly supported this past week with Hurricane

Harvey being the wettest tropical cyclone on record in the contiguous United States.

For many, in the wake of natural disasters, people expect the Commander-in-Chief to build morale, organizations to provide relief and reports to surface championing the strength and resilience of the people affected. One can't help, but wonder at what point the increasing numbers of natural disasters will beg the question: why don't we direct all of this energy surrounding charity and humanitarian work to addressing the elephant in the room that is climate change?

This aforementioned lack of attention towards climate change,

is seemingly not going to be re-directed by those on the legislative level. Just over eight weeks-ago newly appointed Energy Secretary Rick Perry was quoted in a CNBC television interview saying, "Most likely the primary control knob (for the earth's temperature) is the ocean waters and this environment that we live in."

The Energy Secretary's statement was deemed "False" by PolitiFact shortly thereafter.

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Physical health services removed from Bishop

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"When you come to Salem, you are out of network and these things become more expensive," Thomson said. "That makes the student insurance plan a really viable option, because the student insurance plan does have a really robust network in Salem. And so what we've done is that for anybody who decided to opt out of the student insurance plan thinking they could just get their care at Bishop — now that that's not an option — PacificSource is giving them the option to opt back in even if they've already waived."

Preliminary discussions regarding a potential partnership with Salem Health began early in the 2016 fall semester, during the annual budget talks. In October, the American College Health Association (ACHA) were called in to put together a report looking into whether or not a partnership outsourcing health services to another party would be a sensible option to help ease the \$3.2 million budget deficit the University faced for FY 2018.

A fully worked out feasibility study could not be completed since the University had not yet requested a proposal from Salem Health, and the investigators were generally confined to inquiring into Bishop itself. However, the report stressed the importance of Bishop's function on campus as it existed at the time, and the potential negatives of a partnership with another organization.

"Generally, outsourcing is a solution for a health center which is plagued with insolvency, inadequate facilities, poor patient satisfaction, inadequate service quality, dysfunctional leadership, or a lack of stakeholder support. None of these descriptors fit Bishop Health," the investigators said in their report. "If medical services were outsourced, the university must consider how to replace, refer, or reassign those services that support the work of other departments in supporting student needs. The short term or immediate financial gains realized by outsourcing Bishop's medical services must be balanced by the loss of accessibility to campus medical expertise."

However, a significant reduction in medical health staff over the course of the year forced the University to make a decision quickly. Between January and May, Bishop had lost three of its seven full time clinicians, leading the the administration to pursue a potential partnership more aggressively. The

process was accelerated further when two more clinicians had quit by Aug. 4.

"Because it is so difficult to recruit and retain people for what we can afford to pay them, it collapsed what was intended to be a year long conversation with the hospital into 48 hours," Thomson said. "It was a lot of work in a very short period of time."

By Aug. 15, Vice President for Student Affairs Edward Whipple had sent an email to the Willamette community announcing the partnership. It was decided that Salem Health could adequately provide care for the students in place of Bishop.

"[Salem Health] was recently ranked as something like the 4th best hospital in the state of Oregon, behind only ones like OHSU (Oregon Health and Sciences University) and a few others, so we didn't feel like our students would be missing out by receiving medical care from there," Whipple said.

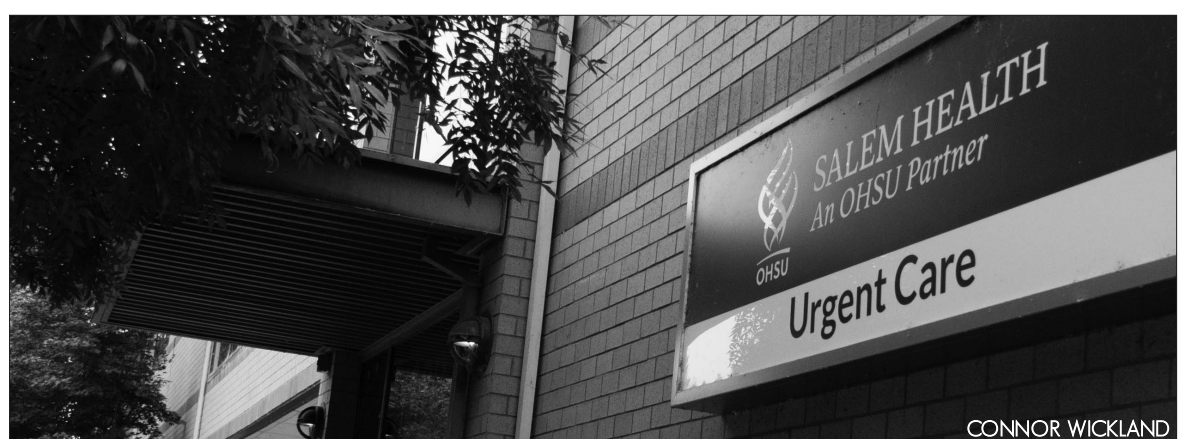
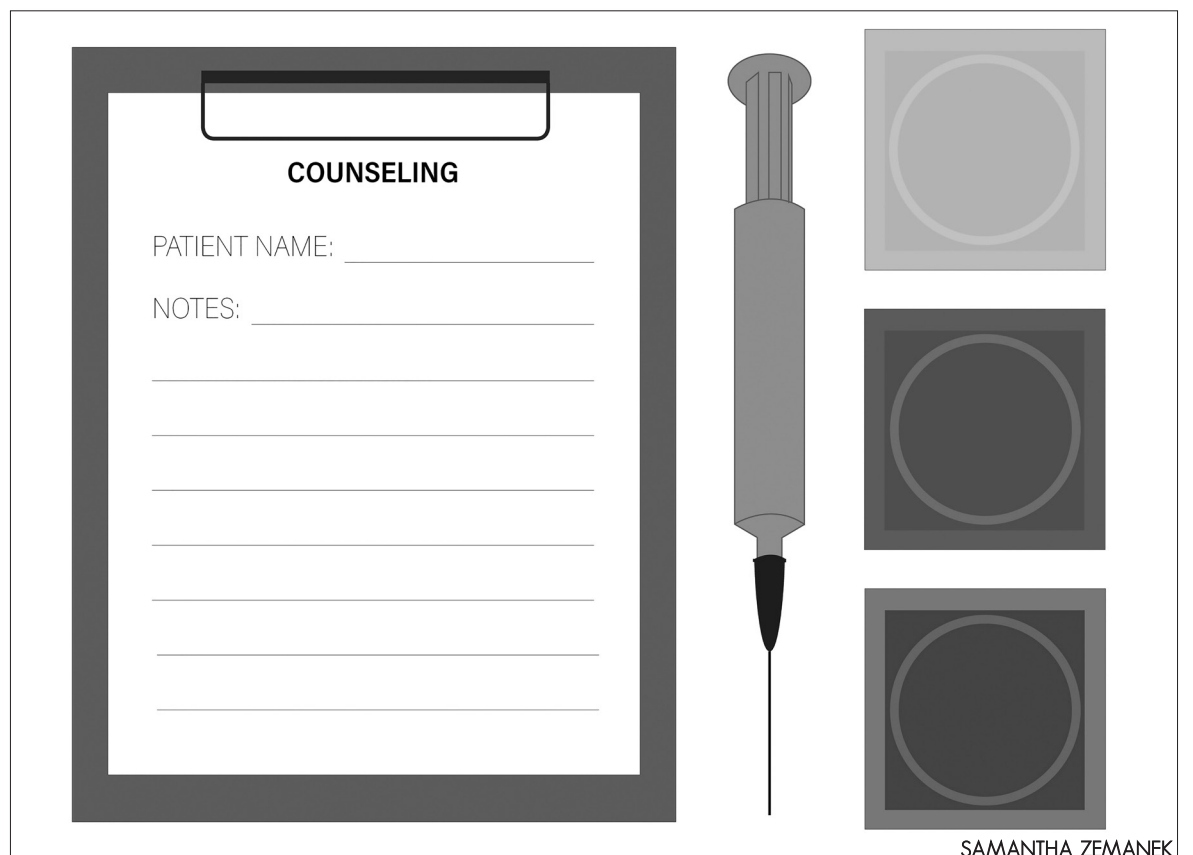
Members of the community have expressed their concerns about how this shift will affect students in the coming year and beyond. One group of particular concern is Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students. Sociology Professor Michael Niño is currently working to ensure that DACA and undocumented students on campus are factored into the decisions made.

"Our undocumented students don't have personal health care insurance when they come to campus. Overwhelmingly, the majority of their parents are undocumented so they don't have health insurance," Niño said. "So, the only option that they really have is the student health insurance."

This is problematic because one of the issues facing the broad Willamette community is that insurance prices are at high risk of increasing after this year.

"Since Bishop doesn't charge the insurance company any office visit fees or anything like that the way urgent care and other doctors will, the claims paid from PacificSource ramp up and their profits start to sink. Because they will have paid out more, it will be more expensive to offer the plan," Thomson said.

This will affect all students who have found it to be more financially sensible to use the student insurance plan, especially those like DACA students who have no other options. It remains unclear what charge increases like these would look like this early in the year.



Salem Health Urgent Care is now located south of Bellevue St.

The community is also concerned about the fact that after this school year, sexual health will no longer be cared for at Bishop. It has yet to be decided how sexual health services will be provided to students starting next year.

"We want [students], if they are sexually active, to be screened and to be safe. We want to reduce the barriers for that, which is why we held on to that in here for as long as we can," Thomson said. "My challenge is to help students establish primary care in town somewhere. They need to establish someone who can see them for their birth control refills and see them for their sexual health."

Despite these concerns, it is unlikely that Bishop would have been able to regain the level of function it had when it was fully staffed.

"The reality is health care is an expensive venture; the market for qualified health professionals is strong," Thomson said. "I cannot come close to competing with what the community pays."

With Bishop now unable to provide physical health services for students, Thomson's main goal is to make sure that students are able to receive the care they need outside of campus.

"Students need to learn how to use their insurance and access their insurance. If that is the student insurance, that's fine, if that is their own insurance that's also fine," Thomson said. "Urgent care does urgent care. They don't do follow up, they don't do referrals. The thing that is going to take the most effort over the course of this year is getting primary care for students. That was something that Bishop

historically did, but with the loss of staff we were put in a pinch, and that creates some hardships for students. We are working really hard to figure that out."

A page dedicating to helping students fulfill their medical needs has been posted to the Willamette website, titled, "How to Establish Primary and Specialist Care in and around Salem." Students can access hard copies of this information at the Bishop front desk.

How exactly health services will be provided to students over the coming semesters still needs to be fleshed out. A forum will be held on Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the alumni lounge on UC3 where students will have the chance to learn more about the changes that are being made to Bishop, as well as ask questions and raise any concerns they may have.

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This semester's food forecast

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As would be expected for the beginning of each new academic year, the Willamette administration has made a number of changes on campus. Each year, the university strives to reevaluate the budget and hire new staff to accomplish this feat.

Recently hired on as the new Food Service Director, Lindsey Leisinger has been a long time employee of Bon Appetit. Originally from Salem, OR, Leisinger started working in wineries after graduating from Oregon State University.

It wasn't until she moved back to Portland that she began working in restaurants where she partnered with Bon Appetit at Reed College and Lewis & Clark College. After working for Bon Appetit for seven years, Leisinger wanted to move back to Salem and become more engaged in the community.

Leisinger particularly appreciates the local farm outreach programs that Willamette is associated with. Compost is donated from the University weekly to help the farmers' soil and agricultural process. Bon Appetit also donates food that is overstocked or can't be utilized to the Union Gospel Mission (UGM) three times a week. UGM then uses the food to prepare meals for the homeless.

Bringing Leisinger onto staff is not the only new change that has been made on campus. Over the summer, Bon Appetit decided to downsize and remove Cat Cavern as a dining facility.

Due to the number of alternative dining options on campus and the potential that the Cat Cavern space offers, it will no longer be used as a dining facility on campus. This decision was made before Leisinger was brought onto the staff and therefore she was unable to comment on when this change was made and by whom.

Many of the staff members from Bon Appetit can be seen working at other locations on campus such



Customers purchase lunch as a line forms behind. Students can expect longer waits at Goudy now that Cat Cavern has ended food services.

as Kaneko and Goudy Commons. However, not all of the staff decided to reapply or were rehired onto staff. This announcement was sent to Willamette students through the Bearcat Bulletin. Signs were also put up outside of Cat Cavern.

"If you eat at the same place, three meals a day, seven days a week, even if it was your favorite restaurant, it can get monotonous," she said. "My team's job is to bring in new ideas and not let people get bored."

If anyone has any recommendations or would like to voice comments, Leisinger hopes to start a committee where student voices can be heard. If students are interested in working for Bon Appetit they can find the application on Willamette's online career management system, Handshake. Positions are open

for servers, cooks and catering applicants.

CURRENT PLACES TO EAT ON CAMPUS.

Goudy Commons

Provides breakfast and lunch Mondays-Fridays with brunch Saturday and Sunday. Dinner is provided every day of the week. Grab 'N' Go hours are Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Rick's Café

Located in the College of Law building and provides Grab 'N' Go from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Rick's Café is a Bon Appetit run establishment that offers coffee, espresso drinks, pastries, fruit and a variety of other quick bites that are similar to Goudy's quick breakfasts.

Kaneko Café

Serves breakfast Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., in addition to sushi on Wednesdays.

Montag Convenience Store

Located on the East Side of campus in the Montag building, Montag provides Grab 'N' Go Monday-Friday from 2 p.m.-12 a.m. and is open Saturday and Sunday from 7 p.m.-12 a.m.

The Bistro

A student run establishment located on the first floor of the University Center (UC), it is open Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-1 a.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 p.m.-12 a.m. The Bistro is closed on Saturdays.

Mill Stream Market

Located in the student store on the first floor of the University Center (UC) and open Monday-Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:30 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Mill Stream Market is closed on Sundays.

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Sue Corner '90: this is our place

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It is a well-established fact that the typical Willamette student in 2017 is inordinately involved in bettering their community, and this is not a recent phenomenon. Just ask Sue Corner '90: during her time as an undergraduate, she majored in English and doubled-minored in religious studies and psychology, was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, campus Bible study and was on the ASWU committee that decided to defer Greek recruitment until the spring, which, as she says, "was a pretty big deal at the time, I didn't really know what I was getting into."

Sitting and talking with Corner in the Office of Admission feels fitting, after all, she was the first intern to work in the Office, pioneering the position that exists to this day. It was this experience, alongside her other activities as an undergraduate, that propelled her into working in higher education, receiving her master's degree from Oregon State University, focusing on the administrative

side. She currently holds the position of Senior Associate Director of Admission.

Having devoted both her undergraduate and much of her professional career to Willamette, Corner's institutional knowledge and enthusiasm for the campus is apparent. She describes the mixture of change and continuity that she and many other alumni perceive in the Willamette of today: it is still "wonderfully familiar," but it also has "wonderful additions." She maintains that there has always been a close-knit, motivated community, and she applauds the improvement of diversity in the student body in the years since her graduation, socioeconomic as well as racial.

Being responsible for the admission of Oregonian students, Corner is dedicated to finding the students who live in Willamette's home state. She seeks those who truly belong on the campus that she knows so well, who will go on to contribute to the well-being of our university—from the big high schools in Portland to the rural towns with a handful of students.

Her work over the last few years with Oregon students has made her

think about the idea of place: our location, both physical and social, and how we navigate and fit into it. One of the motifs of our conversation was about "recognizing the significance of Willamette's place in history and in Oregon." Corner is emphatic in insisting that the academic and community work that it is done at Willamette is "a cut above" what is done at our peer institutions, and maintains how important it is for that to be understood. Her message is one of appreciating the wonderful things about our university, while at the same time marveling at the improvements that happen every year.

It is Corner's response to a question about the future of Willamette that best encapsulates her message to students as we stand at the beginning of this new academic year: "I hope that we can continue to be very progressive and forward-thinking in the breadth and in the spectrum of viewpoints... with an acknowledgment of tradition, that some things don't change, and there is a value to that." If we can "walk that line," then we may remain "rooted and unified."

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Senior Associate Director of Admission, Sue Corner

Creating a culture of transparency

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You can tell the student body of Willamette University is one that does not fear voicing their concerns about issues on and off campus just from a walk around the grounds. Walls of academic buildings frequently display student-made posters about issues like cultural appropriation or making to-go meals more sustainable. This is one way the students of Willamette let their voices and

concerns be heard, even with difficult or controversial topics.

With this culture on campus, the student body tends to expect administration to match their ability to discuss similar, hard topics with openness.

What I've observed from the student body is that we have a positive reaction to seeing administration fighting for us, and a negative one when we feel administration is not being genuine. I have noticed that when administration gives their genuine

opinions on hard changes, even if they are not completely positive, the student body responds to that well. It shows us that administration is being real and honest. On the other hand, when administration responds with comments that seem overly optimistic and workshopped, students can get agitated and feel uncomfortable.

One way to get information about the changes in Bishop Wellness Center is a forum taking place in the Alumni Lounge at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 7. The As-

sociated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) President Jack Wellman, Vice President Edward Whipple and Director of Bishop Wellness Center Don Thomson are working together to offer this student forum on the partnership with Salem Health and the other changes to Bishop.

Administration is also finding other ways to disseminate information, and I acknowledge them for the effort they are putting into educate the student body. However, there has been tension on

campus due to how long it took them to start distributing information. Ideally, students would have been more aware of these changes before coming on campus to prepare and process.

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Fifth Harmony's new chapter



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Last week, Ally Brooke, Dinah Jane, Lauren Jauregui and Normani Kordei, better known as Fifth Harmony, took the stage twice at the MTV Video Music Awards, first to accept the award for Best Pop Video, and then to perform select songs from their new, self-titled album available now on all music platforms.

After being moulded by Simon Cowell on the short lived USA franchise extension of the hit UK television series, *The X Factor*—where he similarly formed boy band, *One Direction*, two years earlier—the group became one of the most notable talents to emerge from the American series.

Late last year, the group went from five to four with the departure of original member, Camila Cabello, in her pursuit of a solo career. The exit brought closure to long standing

media speculation which suggested tension among the group, prompted by mysterious cancellations and Cabello's commitments to solo projects, as well as her seeming disinterest in group interviews and general lack of engagement.

Making a second promotional stop to "Good Morning America" the day following their self-described "monumental" night at the VMAs, Brooke addressed their priorities as a quartet, stating "we get asked all the time if we're getting a fifth member . . . the four of us are Fifth Harmony, we're stronger and better than we've ever been."

All things considered, their third studio album, and first as a four-some, has fronted them with plenty to prove. The new album is listenable and fun at best, but it leans into redundancy and leaves the listener wanting more.

Lead single, "Down feat. Gucci Mane," nods to the formula that made

last year's "Work From Home feat. Ty Dolla \$ign," from their sophomore studio effort, "7/27," their biggest hit to date. Both rely on a repetitive chorus, thinly veiled sexualized lyrics and feature a popular rapper, following the inauthentic rent-a-rapper trend all over top 40 radio.

Had the album been fronted by one of the other songs from its 10-song track list, perhaps catchy highlight "He Like That," the move would have introduced their most important brand-defining era with hints of evolution and newly established confidence, opposed to stale remnants of the past.

Fifth Harmony ultimately plays it safe in the generic territory of current pop trends. The album's producers stick to club-ready beats and lyrical themes that reiterate concepts of empowerment, sexuality and partying.

The set's most refreshing risk is on the Skrillex & Poo Bear produced "Angel," a necessary stir in the al-

bum's second half that defines itself amongst a handful of filler tracks. It's screeching synths and trap-infused backing show an influence of current trends while looking towards brisker potential for the future, something necessary for a group that can no longer afford to get lost in the shuffle.

However, for Brooke, Jane, Jauregui and Kordei, there is plenty of credit to be had. This album shows the group divided among half of the co-writing credits for the first time in their careers, their first two albums being heavily framed by the top profit pushers of the commercial pop industry.

With the additional absence of Cabello's scene stealing, often obnoxious vocal acrobatics, it feels as if the listener is hearing some of the other's for the first time. Most notably, Kordei, often lauded the group's best dancer, is more audible than ever before, showing off her smooth and unique R&B phrasing.

Here, there is space for each of the four to shine as vocalists individually, and in harmony, demonstrating their shared stage with unity and ease. This time around, they are hinting not just at who they could be as Fifth Harmony, but who they want to be together.

Though this album allows the girls to showcase their talents more extensively than previous projects, one can't help but wonder what they could put together given full creative agency. The problems with Fifth Harmony feel less about the members themselves, and more about the boxes they are meant to check.

While it fails to fully "Deliver" (also the title of one of the album's best bops), Fifth Harmony is like mediocre pizza in my refrigerator from two nights ago. It's not great, but I'm gonna scarf a few slices anyway, and I'm not gonna hate em'.

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Keep your WITS

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I am feeling luckier than usual

Opening Days came and went, and Bearcats now tread into the second week of the academic year. As classes start ramping up, the changes made to our campus over summer become more prominent. Some are noticeable: the brown fields, the changes to Bishop and the Eastside housing separation to name a few. Other changes, however, have gone under the radar. Digging into the Willamette Integrated Technology Service (WITS), new changes seem to be on the horizon.

Some students just know WITS as the people they call when their Wifi goes out in the library or Netflix buffers in their dorm, but WITS is so much more than that. They work continuously behind the scenes to provide a variety of different resources and accessible tools for Willamette students.

The Portal

When logging onto the Willamette website, one may have noticed a new option in the corner called the “WU portal.” On Aug. 21 WITS launched the Willamette Portal, which connects students to various points across campus. Classes from WISE can be seen (as well as announcements), upcoming dates and events from various campus organizations pop up and there are various links to JASON, Handshake, Bearcat BnB and Workday.

To sign into the portal, students just use their username and password. This allows for each student to have a unique experience when logged onto their portal. Although the portal has a lot of resources, WITS Administrator Jackie Barretta and the WITS team are still striving to make it better. She outwardly encourages any feedback from the student body about the WU portal.

Location

Over the past year, WITS has been in talks with the Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) about possibly moving from their current location in Smullin to the Hatfield Library. According to student feedback and Barretta, the move would allow for WITS to be a more accessible resource for students, and the library would be an ideal place to center technical help.

WITS is working with an architectural firm to help redesign the first floor of the library to better incorporate the shift. Barretta calls it a “much more logical place for us to be.” Barretta claims that the change in location could happen as soon as winter break, but should realistically be finished over summer vacation this year, assuring that Willamette students will have a new place to go to for technical help.

Some other features that would be added during the renovation are outlets on the tables, and other “neat things that students would really like.”

BUDGET

Despite the budget deficit, WITS has managed to stay above funding cuts. The rationale behind this is that WITS is integral to increasing overall student satisfaction.

“We also got additional funding for a lot of systems that you don’t necessarily see. For example, we have a new housing system,” Barretta said. “Part of that was the program we have for matching people with the right roommate. It is a much easier way for students to find the right person. It also keeps track of maintenance in the residence hall.”

The new housing system allows first-years, or anyone living on campus without a chosen roommate, to participate in an online survey that would help match up more compatible living duos/trios. In addition, WITS used some of their increased funds to upgrade the residence hall networks, keep

track of maintenance, revitalize their online recruitment and create their Human Resources Information System (HRIS) which is better for allowing students to view employment opportunities outside of the university.

Phishing Emails

One of the changes that students may have noticed over the summer was the surplus of phishing emails. These emails are designed to extract important information from students, and usually have a subject line with a course name, that of a professor or even a friend with a Willamette email address.

So why have there been so many lately? Barretta indicated that the servers that provide these emails are not producing more in quantity, so much as they are becoming “smarter.” This is to say that they have the ability to better disguise themselves to appear like legitimate emails. Although this may be the case, they should still be pretty easy to pick out (why would a Psychology professor what to send me a link a some diet fad?). If you are concerned about a suspicious email, Barretta’s advice is to consult the WITS helpdesk.”

Handshake and Workday

A very noticeable change that occurred over the summer was the introduction to Workday and Handshake. Workday is the new system for students with on-campus jobs to input their hours to get paid, whereas Handshake is a new online system that helps connect students to jobs and internships both locally and out of state.

“One of the things that I’m excited about with Handshake is it used to be when we used to get an employer from the outside, they had to put their positions in our system individually here and individually at whatever other University where they add that information,” Barretta said. “So now these employers do it once and then it goes out to all these Universities, to great benefit since there will now be more options. We did integrate it with our colleague system so we are speeding the process for students.”

This will hopefully create a smoother introduction for students into the working world. It also entices employers to add available positions and internships without the hassle that it had demanded in the past. Willamette is sharing this system with other colleges and universities, which expands the job variety even more, and creates an organized uniformity.

However, the transition process to Handshake and Workday is not an easy one. It takes, “a lot of coding and testing,” as well as, “a series of projects,” Barretta admitted. Both for staff and students, Handshake and Workday are an acquired taste, but will benefit everyone in the long run.

The Branches of WITS

What many people aren’t aware of is that WITS is operated under the collective governance of four separate bodies.

Barretta explained, “We have four governance bodies. Three of them belong to WITS and then there’s one more for communication.”

One is called the Enterprise Systems Advisory Council (ESAC). There is a representative from each part of the University from an Administrative perspective. So there is someone from finance, someone from Human Resources, registration and financial aid.

“They make decisions on our priorities. There are proposals from different people and they sort through it.”

“We then have one called the Academic Technology Advisory Council (ATAC). That one has faculty representatives and we have one student on there, we are trying to get some additional students on there. That body

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makes decisions more about which classrooms we are going to upgrade, which ones are the highest priorities. Where the labs are that we want to put the newest machines in. Talked a lot about accessibility of class materials, for example if a faculty member loads a pdf into wise, we want to make it accessible for students.”

“Then we have Digital and Web Governance Committee (DWGC). This really belongs to the communications part of the University. How the University website looks, what goes on it, how people can update their own parts of it.

“And then we have a body called the Tech Council that sits over top of all of those. They’re basically looking at IT from a high level. That has Carol Long, a faculty representative that will be Sammy Basu and several other members from around the University.”

What do people not know about WITS?

There sometimes seems to be a sense of detachment between WITS and the student body. In an attempt to make WITS more transparent, Barretta discusses what she wishes to communicate to students. “What’s really important to me is that they understand what we are doing from an application perspective. The part that is visible like the help desk and the labs we take care of, but that’s just a small part of it. A lot of what we do is things like the website and the applications behind that. And one thing that’s really exciting to me is we are getting ready to launch a financial aid self service function, where if a student is applying for financial aid, it walks them through the process: what documents to upload, where the application is in the process, shows them what’s available to them, they can accept the financial aid.”

Barretta is passionate about providing students with as many resources and tools as possible, alluding to future WITS plans, “we will also shortly be launching a student-planning module, student planning self service. That allows the student to plan their entire degree all the way through to completion. They can lay out their schedule and make sure they make it on time. It just helps them lay it all out. We think that’s so much better than the one term at a time approach. We are also putting our full catalogue online to make it much more easily accessible.”

According to Barretta, WITS seems to have a drive to help students with whatever finances that they have available to them.

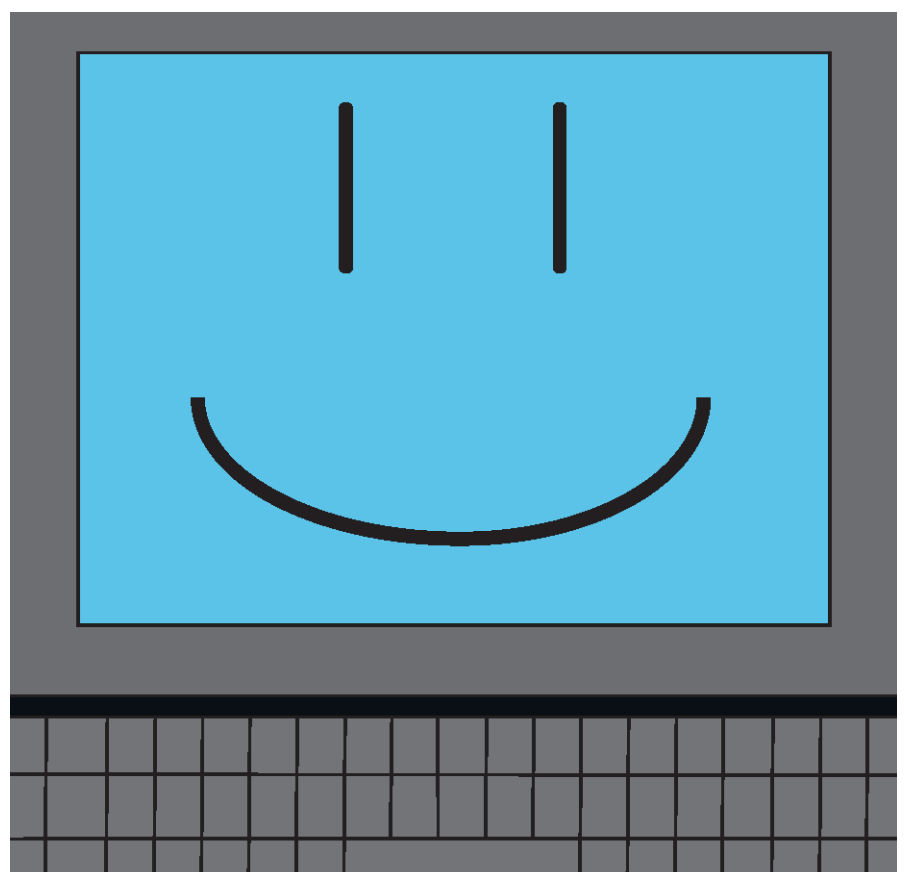
The Importance of Students

Behind the coders, program planners and administration, WITS hires fellow students for the Helpdesk “Students basically run the help desk. We have a help desk manager but everyone else are students.” You can see these friendly faces in Smullin, and going from classroom to classroom helping professors with any technical difficulties that may arise during class.

The main point that Barretta would like to emphasize, is that WITS is not just for administration or what they think is best. It is catered to students and strives to help students, “We like to talk to ASWU and get their view about what’s most important to students. Our student workers are usually the first students we talk to, so they not only work for us but they also give feedback.”

Through the budget cuts and brown fields, it’s a refreshing reminder that students are always the priority. WITS is so much more than a network server, or the “tech people”. They are an organization that helps push Willamette to new heights of academic resources, both online and in classrooms. We can expect to keep our WITS about us, and see some pretty interesting changes within the next year.

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Men and women's soccer fight on

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Women's Soccer off to a hot start

On Friday night, the Willamette University women's soccer team welcomed the Northwest Christian Beacons to their first match of the season. Willamette was down 1-0 at halftime after Northwest Christian scored at 20:01 from 18 yards out. The Bearcats could not score any goals in the first half, and were out shot 6-2.

The Bearcats scored early in the second half as junior Kate Matthews blasted a shot from about 16 yards. Sophomore Shanna Keil was given the assist on the goal. The game remained scoreless until the 102 minute when senior Megan Lau found the back of the net. Sophomore Annie Strom recovered a loose ball at midfield and sent a beautiful pass to Lau for the assist.

That was enough to secure the victory, as sophomore goalkeeper Kristen Barclay was solid in goal with seven saves on the game. The Bearcats out shot the Beacons 16-12.

The first victory of the season set the Bearcats on the right foot, "Getting the win on Friday was amazing for setting the tone for our upcoming season," senior Marley Duncan said. The vibe of the team and the energy from the stands were an essential part to keeping our team going through the double overtime, especially since it was so hot on the field."

The Bearcats carried their winning streak to Monday's game against Warner Pacific, winning 2-0. The game was scoreless until the 55th minute, when first year Lacey Jones scored. In the 80 minute another first year, Alli Young, scored to put the game out of reach.

Men's Soccer Starts Season in California

The men's soccer team spent the weekend in Southern California, where they played three opponents from the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

They opened the weekend playing the Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens. The game was tied 0-0 at halftime, but the Bearcats could not keep it that way, and the Sagehens scored twice in the second half, winning the game with a score of 2-0.

The first goal was scored on a penalty kick, shortly after halftime. First year Mack van der Velde took the first and only shot on goal for Willamette at 72:41. This was not the only opportunity for the Bearcats, as they were able to take 6 corner kicks, but not able to convert any of them.

On Sunday the Bearcats played against the alma mater of Barack Obama, Occidental College. This game got off to a very different start than the previous game, as the Tigers were able to score on a penalty kick 8 minutes into the game. Sophomore Nicholas Ballenger took 2 shots on goal, but was not able to score on either of them. The Bearcats had another opportunity to score early in the second half, but sophomore Hijiri Lijima missed on his shot. The Tigers then went on to take two more goals to put the game out of reach.

On Monday the Bearcats were again tied 0-0 at halftime, but could not overcome the second half surge by the LaVerne Leopards, as they scored 3 goals in the last thirty minutes to come out on top. The Bearcats were able to get six shots in the first half, outshooting the Leopards 6-2. However, the Leopards scored their first at 60 minutes. The Bearcats did outshoot the Leopards 11-9, but could only get 5 of them on goal.

The next men's soccer game will be at home, Sunday Sept. 10, against UC Santa Cruz.

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Bearcat Football off to an exciting start

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The Bearcat football team put up a great fight against the Rhodes College Lynxes last Saturday night. If you missed the game, here's what you need to know.

The final score ended up being 45-42 with Rhodes barely ending up on top. Willamette started off strong with a long drive that ended with a 40-yard rush by senior Joey Thurman. Senior Ben Jahn followed up that touchdown by kicking the extra point. This put the Bearcats on top with a lead of 7-0 within the first five minutes of the game.

Not too long after that, Rhodes answered back with a 75-yard touchdown thrown by Lynx quarterback PJ Settles to receiver Josh Lucas. The first quarter ended with a score of 7-7.

The beginning of the second quarter gave the Bearcats a boost ahead due to Jeremiah James scoring a touchdown on a 24-yard run. Jahn kicked the extra point again and the score went up to 14-7.

Rhodes attempted to score on their next possession, but ended up having to punt, which gave the Bearcats the ball and another opportunity to score. And score they did; The Bearcats' third touchdown was scored by Junior Matt Stone on a 3-yard run giving the team a 21-7 lead over Rhodes.

After a pick that Elijah Crockett had, there was a fumble and Rhodes ended up advancing to the end zone and scored a touchdown that was thrown from Settles to receiver Lucas. The first half ended with the Bearcats leading 21-14.

The beginning of the third quarter had no action until Rhodes began to make some moves toward the end zone, driving 58 yards. The Lynxes ended up scoring a touchdown again with a pass thrown from Settles to Lucas. The kick was good and the score was tied at 21-21.

After a punt by senior Ryan Knowlton, Rhodes kept possession of the ball and ended up scoring on a run made by Settles, which advanced the Lynxes ahead of the Bearcats with a 28-21 lead.

After this touchdown, things got interesting; Rhodes player Adam Martinez fumbled the ball after being nailed by junior Tyler Schay, which led him to swoop up

the ball and run it for three yards, giving the Bearcats the ball back and a chance to advance their score. The very next play, senior Jordan Fickas caught a pass from sophomore quarterback Matt Castaneda for 30 yards, putting the Bearcats back on the board. The touchdown by Flickas was good but the extra point missed, putting the score at 28-27 with the Lynxes still ahead.

At the very end of the third quarter, Rhodes kicker Edmiston kicked a field goal and put Rhodes ahead with a 31-27 score. In the fourth quarter the Bearcats scored a touchdown and had a two-point conversion. Rhodes answered back with another touchdown, and then one more after that.

Willamette came back and got the score to 45-42 with aew minutes left, but couldn't make

it to the end zone with the time remaining. Rhodes ended up holding strong and beating the Bearcats.

Even though it wasn't the best result, the football team had an exciting start to their season. The next home game will be on Sept. 16 against California Lutheran University.

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(bottom) Tight end Gaiter Keizur blocks a Rhodes defender as running back Matt Stone rushes in for a touchdown at the end of the 2nd quarter. (top) Sophomore Terae Jones celebrates with a coach and teammate in the 1st quarter.

Volleyball comes out swinging

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The women's volleyball team kicked off their season this Labor Day weekend at Pacific University and Lewis and Clark College in the Oregon Trail Classic. After falling short to Augsburg University and Gustavus Adolphus College, the Bearcats came back strong, defeating Olivet College in just three sets.

Senior middle hitter Emma Liband saw this weekend as a really good indication that the team has what it takes to be very competitive this season.

"We faced some really good teams and we were able to learn a

lot about how we work as a team."

In their game against Olivet, the Bearcats hit .308 as a team with 35 kills. Leading the team in kills was Jaiden Mason with 12. Mason also recorded 15 assists, three service aces, three digs and a block assist.

"It's one of those moments you can't believe is happening until it's happening," Mason remarked about her first few games of college volleyball. "The first few weeks of being around the team definitely prepared me mentally and physically for that moment. Overall, no matter what team you play for, the idea of being a part of an inclusive, family-like environment is a big deal."

A few other standout players from their game against Olivet, include sophomore outside hitter Kendall Fox, who added seven digs and two block assists, and sophomore hitters Jen Lane and Lauren Stiles, as well as Liband who contributed five kills. Liband also recorded eight total blocks.

Junior setter Morgan Webster adds a positive mindset looking ahead to this season for the Bearcats.

"We have a saying on our team that we talk about before every practice and game, '1%'. It doesn't sound like a lot but over the course of the season if we can get 1% better every day we will be very good.

If we can concentrate on our side of the net and overcome the adversity we face, we will be a great team."

The team will take on Multnomah this Tuesday, Sept. 5 for their first home game. They will then head to Nebraska where they will play in the Nebraska Wesleyan Tournament, and then head home to start their first conference game at Linfield on Friday, Sept. 15. The team has been putting in a lot of hard work so come out and support your fellow Bearcats this season!

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Major League playoff race heating up

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Let's talk about the big three. The Astros lead the American League West, the Nationals lead the National League East and the Dodgers lead the National League West.

The city of Houston has been through an unspeakable amount in the last few weeks, but it isn't a bad time to be an Astros fan. They just scored former Cy-Young Award Winner Justin Verlander. Verlander is not the same pitcher he was five

years ago, but the former Tiger's ace will add some crucial depth to Houston's rotation. He brings a nice set of second-half splits with a 2.41 ERA, 3.69 FIP, and 10.4 K/9 to the table. We can't forget about Jose Altuve either, who has a fair shot at winning AL MVP this year, and has been an extremely valuable asset for them at the plate, hitting a stunning .357 so far this season.

Let's take a trip down to Southern California, where the Los Angeles Dodgers are unconsciously good. After losing Clayton

Kershaw- arguably the best pitcher in baseball- to a back injury, they still managed to go 23-10 without him. As of Sept. 3, the Dodgers have a record of 92-43. Put this into perspective: the Dodgers are on pace to set a National League all-time record of 112 wins in a season. The Dodgers have proven they can win without Kershaw, but will his return catapult them to victory, or will his career postseason ERA of over four become their downfall?

Over in our nation's capital, the Washington Nationals sit comfort-

ably atop the NL East by about 15 games. However, one has to wonder if Washington has what it takes this year to win. The Nationals are now approaching their fourth division championship title in six years, but haven't been able to make it past the first round of the playoffs. Before hyperextending his knee on Aug. 12, Bryce Harper was tearing it up, hitting (.326/.419/.614, 29 HR, 4.7 WAR). If Harper can avoid any additional setbacks to his injury at this point, he will likely return in time for the playoffs.

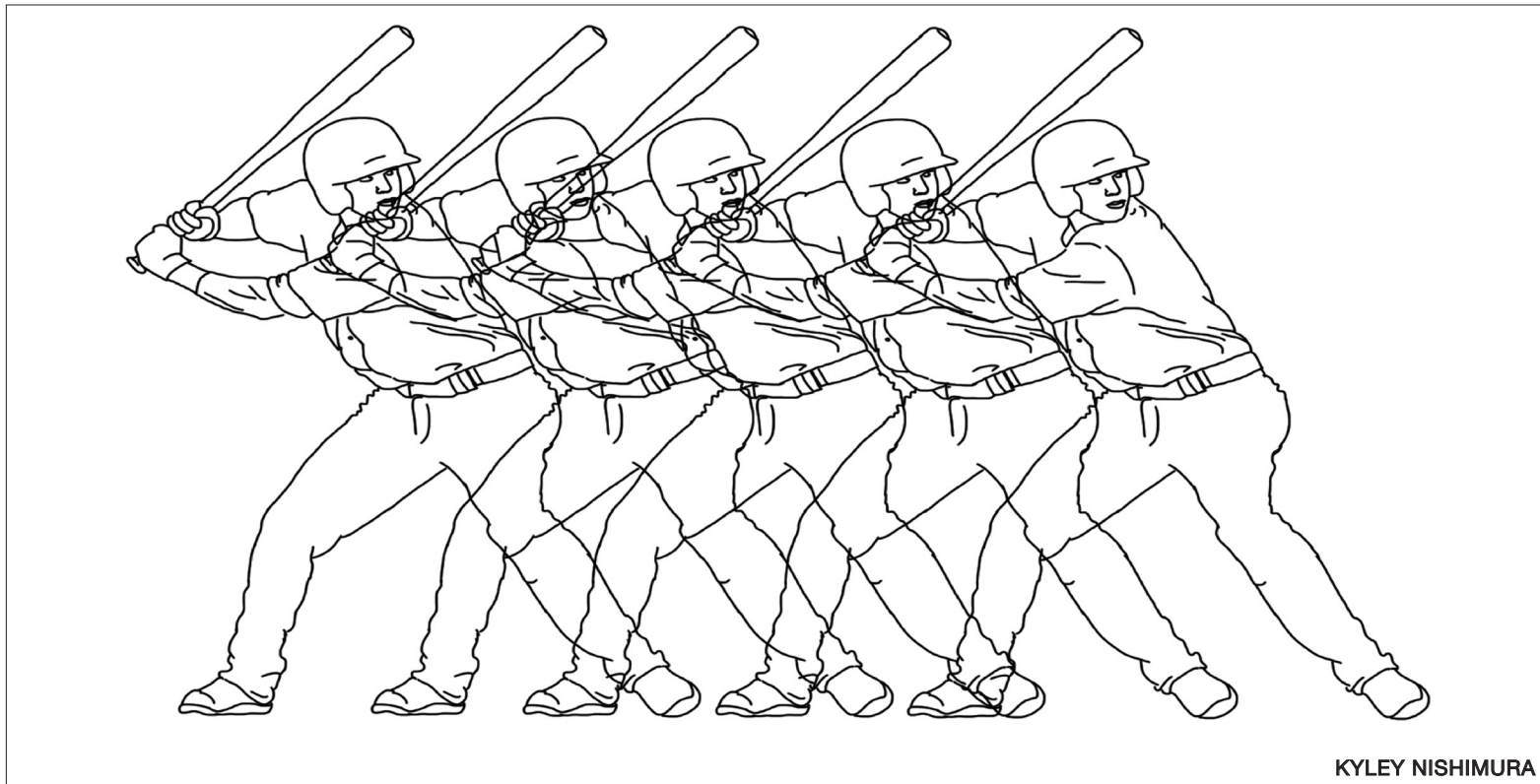
The Wildcard Race is a mess right now. Back on the east coast it's getting personal. The Yankees are only 4.5 games back behind the Red Sox, and are primed to secure a wildcard bid. However, ace Chris Sale of the Sox is continuing his display of dominance on the mound and is showing no signs of letting up.

The filthy southpaw just became the fastest pitcher in history to reach 1500 strikeouts. If he does not let up his tirade he will become the first pitcher to strike out 300 in a season since Pedro Martinez in 1999.

Nolan Arenado and the Rockies are only 5.5 games back of Zack Greinke and the Diamondbacks, which is a race guaranteed to intensify. The Rockies lead in runs (681 to 647) and hits (1,245 to 1,150), but trail the Diamondbacks in home runs (174 to 160) and extra-base hits (465 to 426).


Last but not least, nobody can count out Mike Trout and the Angels. Before tearing a ligament in his left thumb, Trout was having a career-best start. He is still atop the league in OBP and SLG percentage, even after missing six weeks.

The Angels just acquired outfielder Justin Upton and infielder Brandon Phillips, and with these moves it is apparent that the Angels are not backing down. However, the Minnesota Twins are still ahead of the Wild-Card Race in the AL, and the Angels will need a strong push if they are going to steal it from them.



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This week we will be covering a multitude of events spanning from Hurricane Harvey to the long balls in baseball. With the end of August having come and gone the start of fall and the rest of the major American sports are all on the horizon.

MLB

This season has been dominated by the long ball. The Major League record for home runs in a single season is 5,693, which was set in 2000. With about a month to go in this season, there have been a total of 5,145 home runs. In the month of June the big leaguers hit a total of 1,070.

Two of the players that have been doing the most damage have been a rookie and a player who stands 6 feet 6 inches and 250 pounds.

The towering beasts name is Giancarlo Stanton, who has launched 52 home runs so far this season and is the current leader in the category. He is currently on pace to hit 62, which would give him the 6th most in a single season. The rookie is Cody Bellinger, who is a twenty two year old left handed stud who has launched 36 home runs so far this season. What is special about this record is he just surpassed Hall of Famer Mike Piazza's club record of 35 home runs in a single season. Bellinger is one of the great rising stars in baseball that is bringing a resurgence back to America's pastime.

NCAA Football

In the opening week of college football there were some surprise wins as well as blowouts. In the marquee matchup of the week it was number one ranked Alabama versus number three ranked Florida State. The Alabama Crimson Tide took care of business and remains the team to beat if any school wants to win the National Title.

Sophomore quarterback Jalen Hurts passed for just under 100 yards with a touchdown and ran for 55 yards as well. The defense of the Crimson Tide looked like the beast it is, holding the Florida State offense to only 250 yards of total offense and one touchdown. A goliath like win came from the matchup between the UNLV Run-

nin Rebels, a FBS team, and lower level FCS Howard Bison.

In one estimation the Bison came in as 45 point underdogs to the Rebels, who were playing at home. The Bison's quarterback Caylin Newton is the younger brother of NFL and MVP winning quarterback Cam Newton. The young Newton lit up the Rebels defense rushing for 190 yards and a touchdown as well as passing for 140 and a touchdown.

NFL

We will have actual games to talk about next week as the NFL starts then. With all of the destruction and flooding that Hurricane Harvey caused in Houston, its star defensive end JJ Watt has

been at the forefront of helping his city out. To date, Watt has raised 20 million dollars to help aid and help the recovery process for the city of Houston. With many athletes pledging money or donating clothes to help the cause, Watt has been the man who has been going out to the front of the line and getting his hands dirty. Watt is not only getting ready for his season to open next week, but also lifting boxes and rallying the the city that he plays for. This has shown how people with a platform can rally their peers as well as a community to help out people in need. Until next week, K DEN.

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Redefining opinions

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Opinions in national discourse are becoming increasingly common. It is progressively more and more difficult to find objective reporting or unbiased primary sources, leaving national rhetoric less productive and more hostile. With this in mind, I want to encourage members of the Willamette community to observe their opinions and evaluate both the way that they have been formed as well as what role they play in your world.

When discussing the way opinions are formed and presented in formats such as an Opinions section, it is important to make a significant clarification. The opinions in an Opinions section are not the same as everyday opinions. They share a name and little else. An Opinions section is not a place for rants or propaganda or things you like and dislike, it is a place for well-constructed and logical arguments in favor of a position.

When you form an opinion on something trivial, such as favorite food, it doesn't need a thorough evaluation; you can simply go with what tastes better. By contrast, when your opinion is related to events or policies with far reaching and nuanced implications, simply trusting a subjective feeling is irrational and potentially dangerous.

The reason for this distinction is highly important. Trivial opinions about tastes have very little possibility of causing harm. Opinions on significant issues have great potential for harm, and when these opinions are not formed with some level of objective logic or support, they can easily turn into harmful misconceptions, prejudices and biases.

This in turn leads into the role opinions play in your world around you. They have a powerful ability to shape the way you choose environments, both consciously and unconsciously. But, they do not necessarily determine your fate. You can willingly choose to override opinions when making decisions, and a lot of growth and learning comes from being able to do this.

Therefore, as you go about this year, watch the way your opinions impact you. Find your biases, your prejudices, and reevaluate them. Have conversations with people that disagree with you and have an open mind. By this I don't mean you should have a passive mind that accepts anything, but rather go into serious discussions about big issues and know that you could be wrong.

My hope for the Opinions Section this year is to be a place to facilitate these discussions. There will be things that will challenge you, there will be things you disagree with. When these arise, stop and critically examine them for a while. Dig deep into issues and find more information to understand the topics at hand. If you still disagree, have a discussion about it or write a response.

The only thing I ask is that you do so with an open mind, a critical thought process, and a desire to make the world a better place. In doing so you do a service to the rest of the world around you and help build a better foundation for our society in the future.

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Living with first principles

Analyzing dangerous beliefs after Charlottesville

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These are violent racists and they should not be listened to. There are very few shortcuts you should take in pursuit of knowledge, but 'Nazis are wrong' is a pretty good one. That isn't to say that you can't disprove white supremacist logic (I suggest watching videos by Contrapoints for a starter) but you don't need that.

While it may seem like a contradiction to say that one should keep an open mind and not listen to Nazis, it's actually a useful part of growing and learning. When one knows less, it makes sense to reevaluate what you know every time you learn something new, but at a certain point it becomes better to work from first principles.

First principles are fundamental facts that are then built upon to establish a complete network of knowledge. Thought, from Platonian philosophy to Euclidian geometry, is based upon first principles. They are a helpful heuristic in establishing what to take seriously and what to ignore.

"I've always tried to live my life by a pretty simple set of beliefs: do as little harm as possible, do what good you can, and, in fairness, let nobody call you a hypocrite," said designer James Portnow in an explanation of his own first principles.

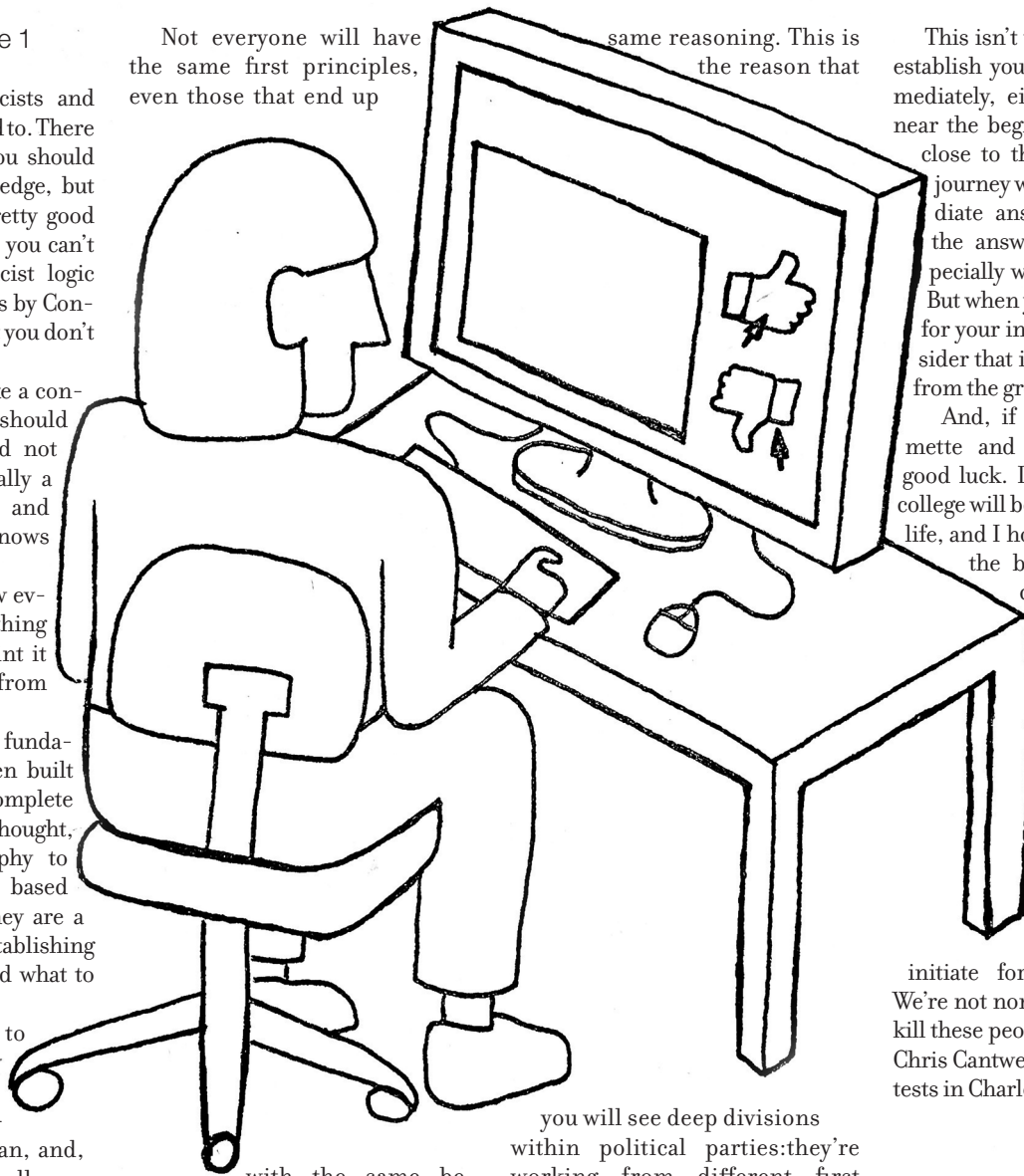
Not everyone will have the same first principles, even those that end up

same reasoning. This is the reason that

This isn't to say that you have to establish your first principles immediately, either. Whether you're near the beginning of your life or close to the end of it, life is a journey with no right or immediate answers. Nobody needs the answers immediately, especially when you're in college. But when you're building a basis for your intellectual future, consider that it is important to work from the ground up.

And, if you're new to Willamette and you're reading this: good luck. I won't guarantee that college will be the best years of your life, and I hope they aren't; I hope the best days of your life continue past college. But I've found great people here and grown a lot. I hope you will too. Think critically, but not of the belief that people shouldn't be divided into different states based off of their ethnicity.

"We didn't aggress. We did not initiate force against anybody. We're not nonviolent. We'll f***** kill these people if we have to," said Chris Cantwell, a leader of the protests in Charlottesville.



with the same beliefs. Not all of those on the same side of an issue reached that conclusion based off of the

you will see deep divisions within political parties: they're working from different first principles and will reach different conclusions upon new questions.

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Managing tensions with political 'others'

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A big post-election topic has been the call to action for us all to step outside our bubbles in favor of conversations with those who hold very different foundational beliefs. I absolutely affirm that our major societal problems stem from the historical and institutional isolation of different groups. A segmented society blocks empathy for those we perceive as different from us, allowing complicity in persistent systematic oppression. Separateness breeds continued fear and prejudice.

However, while it seems that conversations with the "other" are seen as a quick-fix to mend these problems, the trauma that can be associated with them is largely overlooked.

Too often, the rhetoric urging these conversations doesn't take the trauma of racism into consideration. Public health sociologist David R. Williams is among a growing number of scholars who have gathered data to support that everyday racism can lodge in the body.

Everyday, 200 black lives are lost that could easily have been prevented if only their health were equal to their white counterparts. This stark imbalance exists across all different socioeconomic identities and levels

of education. High levels of discrimination correlate with a host of stress-related health issues, including high blood pressure, breast cancer, heart disease and early death.

A clear case of an individual who has chosen to put himself in these emotionally and

due to personal aggression and self hatred that stemmed from childhood traumas.

While Davis' contribution to these klansmen's lives is clearly invaluable, it is also entirely valid for members of marginalized groups to choose hard-won safe spaces over subjecting them-

Such intrinsic intensity will not live in every interaction. However, underlying racism in any form is worth consideration. It matters.

The recent events in Charlottesville make it impossible to ignore the hatred and bigotry that persists today. I see potential in the power of direct contact with those who think differently on major issues, and the capacity for individual efforts to extend into a culture of improved open mindedness. Still, the call to action feels oversimplified. I think our eagerness for these conversations is born from a great need to comfort ourselves in these times of upheaval, and believe that our shared humanity must still be accessible through one-on-one interaction.

Rather than require these dialogues of each other unconditionally, I think we should encourage historically marginalized people to take stock of their triggers, and be realistic about how taxing and damaging these conversations might be.

While it seems that conversations with the "other" are seen as a quick-fix to mend these problems, the trauma that can be associated with them is largely overlooked.

physically demanding conversations is Daryl Davis, a black man who aims to befriend KKK members. He's guided by the question, "How can you hate me when you don't even know me?" Davis is famed to have brought about the change in upwards of 25 klansman that led them to disrobe. In the Frontline documentary "Accidental Courtesy," numerous former klansman are interviewed and share that unconsciously, white supremacist ideologies appealed to them

selves to forms of attack. Davis' mission is controversial with Black Lives Matter activists like Kwame Rose and Tariq Toure who feel that Davis betrays their movement by focusing his energies on white racists rather than contributing to black communities.

Now, it's important to note that Davis' conversations are emotionally demanding by definition because the value of his life must be put into question as the premise of the conversation.

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Growing universities, shrinking communities

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Development of colleges and universities in new areas has always been considered a good thing. Land Grant universities exist to provide increased resources to students from that area. If lacking a major college or university, cities and states often see their brightest youth leave in search of better opportunities.

But new institutions aren't all good — new doesn't always mean improved.

New developments often change vibes, cultures and norms of areas. When older individuals and institutions don't fit in, they often have to leave — through eminent domain, or simply rising costs of living.

We often hear about gentrification as a cause of lack of education, but rarely do we hear about the opposite effect — that increased educational institutions can aid in a city's gentrification.

New developments such as new football fields, new high-tech libraries, and new business schools all are seen as increased opportunity for students — and when it comes to Land Grant universities, those who live in the surrounding area.

University of Chicago is known for constantly trying to “revitalize” the surrounding area of Hyde Park, attempting to bring a Borders Music and Books, clothing stores and landscaping projects to the area.

Those who push for such changes are seen as martyrs by those who feel ashamed or afraid of the city prior to revitalization.

In a Politico article in July of 2014, John Marchese praised Drexel University President John Fry for his gentrification efforts in the “sketchy” Philadelphia neighborhood of Man-tua.

These developments have good intentions.

Gentrification is a tricky line to cross because better grocery stores that offer healthier food, more parks to play with your kids in and new libraries are all things that most neighborhoods or cities would greatly benefit from. But when that comes at the cost of pushing out those who represent the area, share a part of the history and culture of an area, have a life that tells the story of the area, those developments become worthless.

Fordham University in The Bronx, New York has acquired nu-



merous housing complexes that were once tenement housing and turned them into new dorms for their vastly white student body.

This looks like The Bronx having a 24% white population in 2009 and a nearly 50% white population in 2015. This looks like People of Color being forced to leave their homes, their families, their lives just so the students who can afford to pay \$46,000 a year have more room to put their Keurigs and bean bag chairs.

The price of housing has increased drastically surrounding institutions of higher learning: in the Bronx surrounding Fordham, in

Salem surrounding Willamette, in Berkeley, Los Angeles, and Corvallis. All of these neighborhoods surrounding Land Grant universities were built with the mere intention of providing educational resources to those around it.

The issue we need to address is this: how do we provide more resources, increase opportunity to those living in disenfranchised communities, while still preserving the city and its residents?

Instead of building a new fancy library, maybe remove institutional barriers that exist for the students to access resources that are already

available. This is why providing free glasses in Baltimore has boosted test scores — poverty is cyclical because so many low-income families and communities lack access to basic needs.

It's about understanding the needs of a community and listening to those who have been there. Provide glasses, free lunch, tutors and transportation before making the assumption that all they need is a new football stadium or a Whole Foods.

We need to be reminded that those who know what a community needs the most will be those living in the community. Universities should not be catering to those who will push

the surrounding community out, but should be reaching out to said community.

Land Grant university or not, Salem shouldn't have to suffer to benefit Willamette Students, Hyde Park shouldn't have to suffer to benefit University of Chicago and West Philadelphia shouldn't have to suffer to benefit Drexel.

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Careless labeling: How the Left's rhetoric helps the Alt-Right

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The events in Charlottesville highlight the growing division in our country. Liberals and conservatives remain engaged in an unproductive battle of rhetoric. In national dialogue, labels such as “racist”, “fascist” and “Nazi” without respect for the severity of these terms can desensitize moderate conservatives to extremism and expand the alt-right's presence.

Those who have been falsely branded by the left have a greater openness to extremist ideas. There are many people in America who hold prejudiced beliefs, but don't see themselves as racist. When these types of people in conservative circles hear a statement of condemnation from the other side, they tend to shrug it off as a typical

overreaction of the left because they don't agree with the accusation.

If the labels of racist and Nazi are used in unwarranted situations, they stop carrying the weight they once did. To a labeled conservative, someone placed into the same category stops being a political outcast, and starts becoming a fellow martyr. They may pick up a radical book they once dismissed, or reconsider ideas they once thought were questionable.

The murky mentality created from extreme labeling makes this new class of conservatives a prime target for radicalization, something the alt-right has been capitalizing on.

The result of this is a neo-Nazi in self-denial: a person who repeats Nazi slogans and holds white supremacist beliefs, but doesn't view themselves as what they emu-

late. When they are given a certain label, it's hardly the first time. They shrug it off as slander and continue marching down the rabbit hole.

Watch videos of Charlottesville and you would be surprised how many of the infamous tiki torch bearers denied being white supremacists. The ideological canyon labeled conservatives once needed to cross to become sympathetic to Nazis transforms into a crack in the pavement. Although many who attended Charlottesville had already crossed, those who haven't represent the young people entering the far right at ever increasing rates.

Through the last year, left-leaning media publicized the alt-right by trying to validate their labels of Trump. To those that opposed him, Trump's support from extremists meant guilt by association, so the media scoured the far-right for

anyone who praised him. Journalists swarmed white supremacists at their first comment of the new President, treating them with event coverage and interviews. In this way, media gave the alt-right millions of dollars in free advertising, when they should have let these figures languish in obscurity.

The press fed the public's demand for neo-Nazis, because it made the left feel even more correct about Trump. But validated liberals weren't the only audience, and the alt-right's message wasn't meant for them. The carefully tailored talking points of far-right groups began to seep their way into the mainstream conservative psyche.

Does solving this problem mean stop labeling people? No, if someone is a Nazi, racist or white supremacist call them out, but be sure that this person truly meets

the severity of the term. If you want to avoid further radicalization of the right, do not overuse labels like Nazi, because it only devalues the term. Left and right need to band together if they want to succeed against extremism, and that means drawing clear battle lines that don't cast out people with good intentions. Many Americans with prejudiced beliefs see themselves as good people. Casting them aside ruins any chances of recognition of their wrongs, and pushes them into the welcoming arms of the alt-right.

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Humans of Willamette

What do you do to beat the heat?



Caspar Croft

Sophomore

I live in Kaneko so I like to stay in the air-conditioned dorms, but if not I make sure to have a water bottle or go to the Bistro and get an iced coffee.



Navi Hewage

Senior

I don't go out. I think I stay indoors where it's air conditioned and try to be out as less as possible.

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Brandon Miller

Sophomore

By being a cave troll in the basement of Smullin. [Also] eat some celery, drink some water, and stay hydrated.



Sam Franke

Sophomore

I usually bring a lot of water, and try to stay inside as much as possible so I don't get dehydrated.



Montreal Gray

Junior

I try to look for air conditioned spaces. I have two fans in my room and recently chased out on popsicles so that helped me out, and overall hydrating.



Clair Wiley

Senior

I definitely try to stay in air conditioned spaces and indoors rather than outside. I also make tasty water-so I have tea but it's so hot I don't want to make tea, so I turn it on and pour it into the glass with sugar and it kinda makes a juice so it's easy to port around and tastier than water so you can mix it up depending on your teabag so it's kind of like an adventure.



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