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Protesters from the Salem community speak out against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

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Sitting along the bank of the Mill Stream, I watch memories pass as the current runs by. The stream is a source of belonging, a place that becomes our new home. It is a source of ceremony. For many, the first contact with the stream that flows through campus is during our matriculation ceremony, as we watch our candles drift away. It is a source of joy when we give our friends a quick bath in the water to celebrate their birthday.

As I sit here, my mind starts to think about the significance of the Mill Stream in relation to the Missouri River and many more water resources that serve as a viable resource for many lives. Now, imagine that water, no longer being crystal clear. Imagine the flow of water coming to a halt, lifeless. This is the reality for the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in North Dakota. Currently, Standing Rock is fighting for water rights, which the Dakota Access Pipeline Company (DAPL) is trying to take away. The only support from the federal government is in the form of delays.

CONNER WICKLAND

Cross country hopes for NWC hardware

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Last year was the fourth consecutive year in a row that the Men's cross country team took home a Northwest Conference title. With titles in 2013 and 2014, the Women's cross country team is eager to take home another title as well. Both Bearcat teams are led by Coach Matt McGuirk, who is in his 13th season as the head coach and his 18th season on the coaching staff.

The men's team is ranked No. 1 in the preseason polls in the NWC, No. 3 in their region, and No. 31 in the nation. They only have four returning runners, and the majority of the team is made up of first years and sophomores.

The men's team is led by junior Patrick Loftus and sophomore Keith Carlson. Loftus placed seventh at last year's NWC Championships, which earned him First Team All-NWC recognition. Carlson placed tenth in the NWC for Second Team All-NWC honors. Jack Kobylka also returns for his junior season as a Bearcat looking to make some noise after competing in the 2015 NCAA championships.



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Junior Jack Kobylka sets the pace during a 8K race last fall. Kobylka is hopeful that the young men's team will capture another NWC title.

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Painting life with music

A review of Will Bakula's "Chromatic Colors"

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A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step or as people often more commonly say: "fall semester started a week ago." However, the semester was destined to start off right when junior Wil Bakula, a music and philosophy double major, decided to drop his debut studio album "Chromatic Colors."

Bakula is a featured performer and collaborator within Willamette's burgeoning music scene. His contemporaries range from the Frontallobes, to Rabid Habit, to Percy Lounge, among many others. Bakula's "Chromatic Colors" was met with high anticipation and has seen exponential traffic on his SoundCloud posts.

Thus, as with any music receiving considerable hype, I had to give my personal two cents. Normally I would not take the time to write album reviews on any medium except Facebook, but frankly, Bakula's album is so damn good I felt compelled.

Last Thursday I took the time to personally meet with the "Chromatic Colors" creator, and reach

into the furthest depths of his mind to extract all the information he thinks readers should know about his debut album. The questions were fascinating, but his answers about inspirations and creative processes were far more intriguing. First and foremost, "Chromatic Colors" is actually a reference to Apple's chromatic 4th generation iPod Nano — Bakula's first iPod. The album itself is also self-titled under Bakula's performing pseudonym. Initially weighing in at over 90 minutes and 20 tracks, the album was carefully crafted into a 15 track oeuvre with multiple features from Willamette's talented musicians. Future singles and others works are in progress for a final release date.

The album's beats and overall production set the perfect blank canvas for any performer to excel, but that goes without saying as Bakula produces all of his own sounds. He inhabits a very different body than Compton rapper-producer Dr. Dre, but his talents are equally identifiable with Dre's.

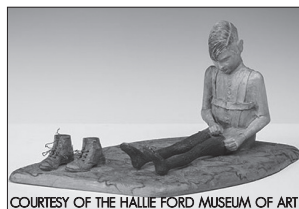
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The art of an institutionalized man

Hallie Ford's new exhibit showcases the woodwork of Russel Childers



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The Oregon Outsider exhibit will be shown in the Hallie Ford Museum of art until October 23.

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Russel Childers' wood carvings, currently on display at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, provide a view into the life of a man institutionalized by the state in 1926.

Russel Childers spent nearly 40 years at the Fairview Oregon Home in Salem, which was opened in 1908 as the "State Institution for the Feeble-Minded." It is not clear exactly what, if anything, Childers' impairments were—it is possible that he was autistic. Childers was deaf and did not speak, but upon his release from the institution in 1965, he was given a hearing aid and, at the age of 50, learned to speak, read and do math.

Much of Childers' work revolves around his early childhood, before he was moved into Fairview. He was 10-years-old when his mother was forced by the state to deliver him to the institution. His childhood home was in Eastern Oregon, and the fact that traveling to Salem would have been long and arduous at the time, combined with his mother's death in 1930, meant that he likely never saw his mother again. The policy of mandatory institutionalization stemmed from eugenics and it was not until the 1960s, after eugenics became associated with Nazi Germany, that the treatment of the mentally ill changed significantly.

Childers began carving after learning about woodworking in Life magazine

in the early 1940s. The subjects of his carvings are often bears or dogs, along with those likely autobiographical carvings of a mother and a young boy, or a young boy alone. Jonathan Bucci, who curated the exhibit, notes that Childers knew a great deal about history, especially in the U.S. He carved likenesses of some historical figures and Western scenes including cowboys, wild west bars, and a scene from Iwo Jima. He also carved a bust of John F. Kennedy, who signed legislation increasing funding for Americans with disabilities and ending the practice of forced institutionalization. It is not clear that Childers knew of the impact that the legislation had on his life.

Childers also carved a likeness of Pauline Lindell, founder of the Willa-

mette Valley Rehabilitation Center in Lebanon, Oregon, where Russell lived upon being released from Fairview. It is still in operation today. Lindell recognized Russell's talent and was able to use it as a lobbying point to get him released. He worked on the carving of her for 11 years.

Bucci struggled to find more than a couple pieces carved by Childers while he was at Fairview as most of the work in the exhibit was created post-1965, which is a typical problem when looking for work by artists with disabilities. Artists with some form of disability, regardless of skill, often go without gallery representation, which means that there is no paperwork following sales of their work.

Organizations like the Creative Growth Art Center in Oakland are popping up all over the country to address this problem. They provide a space for artists to create, and then help market their art. A speaker from that organization is coming to the Hallie Ford Museum and giving a free lecture on October 16 at 3 p.m.

The Hallie Ford Museum is opening another collection of Outsider Art, (which means the artists have had no formal training) on September 7. The exhibit includes a collection of tiny thrones made out of chicken bones, sand paintings, blinged-out pipes and even some conjuring sticks.

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Montag Center to go through new renovations

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The Montag Center will be going through drastic changes this semester. Along with Campus Recreation relocating from the Putnam University Center to Montag, a number of renovations have been planned as a way to change the way students view the space.

In terms of design, there will now be a Campus Recreation Reception desk, at which students can find information about most Campus Recreation related programs. These include the Outdoor Program trips, intramural sports and fitness classes.

Campus Recreation will have two offices in the Center. One will

have a more traditional office-like aesthetic, while the other will be more akin to a lounge in which faculty, students and staff can share space.

The Bike Shop will also be moved to Montag Center, keeping in line with the plan to make it the center for recreational needs. Along with this, there will be a covered area to lock up bikes and storage lockers for cyclists on campus.

Inside, there will be a new emphasis on staying healthy. There will be a variety of cardio equipment and a new room dedicated to practicing yoga and meditation.

On a less active note, there will be three new big-screen television sets and the art on the walls will be completely redone.

The person in charge of these changes is Director of Campus Recreation Bryan Schmidt, who explained in an interview with the Bearcat Bulletin that he wants Montag to be a hub for students to relax and feel free to pursue different things.

"What we want to do here is create a space where students feel welcomed and empowered to seek out whatever they want on campus, whether it's recreation related or anything else."

These renovations are scheduled to be completed before the end of the fall semester.

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The Montag Center will be undergoing a complete redesign this fall

The Buzz keeps WU informed

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Kristen Kittleson, ASWU Vice president, has been working with USA Today to create an app called the Buzz that makes news more accessible to students. "I had zero part in the literal creation, but I was responsible for communicating what we

wanted to see from Willamette on The Buzz," Kittleson said. The app is meant to act as a

hub where members of the Willamette community can get news updates relevant to them from multiple different sources.

"It is a streamlined way to preview different articles and social media posts in one place rather than checking multiple sources," Kittleson said. "This includes the *Collegian* articles, athletic department articles, the Bearcat Bulletin, and more."

The app provides information on all things Willamette, such as *Collegian* articles, and USA Today news.

It all started with the creation of the Collegiate Readership Program (CRP), which brings news from other print newspaper sources to Willamette students.

"I decided to shrink the print program side of the CRP to get The Buzz with the hope that it would better connect students to campus and national news," Kittleson said. "It's a great way for all members of the Willamette community to stay current with what's going on with our campus, community and news on a larger scale."

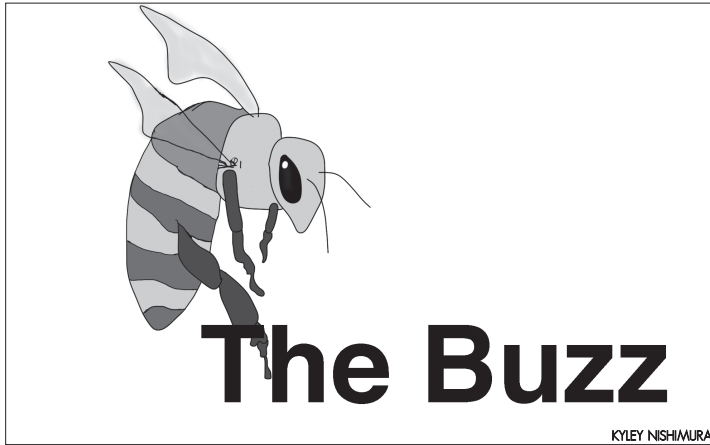
The print side of this program provides news from the print sources *The New York Times* and the *Oregonian*.

USA Today has helped launch this for Willamette and other colleges and universities, so other schools can have access to news around them as well. When opening up the website on a computer, all you have to do is search for your school and it connects you to different stories.

"It is a free app available to anyone who wants to keep updated on news from around the nation and our campus" said Kittleson.

The Buzz: Willamette University by USA Today can be downloaded on iPhone through the App Store and on Android through the Google play store.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

September 4, 2:15 a.m. (In a campus residence): Campus safety received a call stating that a student had hit their head. Officers responded and evaluated the student. It was determined that the student should seek further medical evaluation. The student was then transported to Salem Hospital in the Campus Safety vehicle.

September 5, 11:30 p.m. (In a campus residence): Campus safety received a call from a student requesting medical assistance. Officers responded and learned that the caller had dropped a drawer on their foot, and it was beginning to swell. The Officer provided her with ice packs and offered to transport the individual to the ER.

September 7, 6:40 a.m. (In a campus residence): Campus Safety received a call from a student stating that they were experiencing pain. The officer asked the caller if he would like to be transported to the ER. The officer responded and transported the student to Salem Hospital.

September 10, 12:49 a.m. (In a campus residence): Campus safety received a call from a student who was concerned that their friend had had too much to drink. An officer responded and evaluated the student. It was determined that the student needed further medical attention. Paramedics were called and transported the student to the ER.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

September 10, 12:04 a.m. (Matthews Hall): Campus safety received a call from an RA stating that they had found drug paraphernalia in a bag sitting in a hallway. An Officer responded and confiscated the paraphernalia.

SUSPICIOUS PERSONS

September 4, 5:47 p.m. (North Lawn): While on patrol officers observed a male sleeping on a bench. As the officers approached, they recognized the male from previous contact. Upon contact the man woke up and began to walk away. Salem Police were contacted and one of the officers continued to follow the man until police arrived. The subject was arrested for an outstanding warrant and for trespassing on University property.

September 8, 1:25 a.m. (On Campus): A Campus safety officer discovered a trash can that had been broken apart and trash was thrown about. The officer continued to check the area and encountered a suspicious person. The officer followed the subject for a period of time, then lost contact with him. As the officer searched for the subject he observed a number of signs defaced and a bike appeared to have been tampered with. Another bike appeared to have had its handle bars removed and a picnic table had been overturned. The officer observed the individual, but their identity could not be determined.

September 9, 8:44 p.m. (The Quad):

Campus safety received a report from a student that a male subject was asking students for money and the students observed a handgun in a holster on his belt. An officer immediately responded and searched the area. Many students were seen, but none looked agitated, upset or reported having heard anything unusual. The dispatcher called the cell phone number back to learn more details, but there was no answer to multiple call attempts. The officer continued his search and was contacted by a group of students who had talked to the suspect. They stated they had seen a man who looked suspicious, wearing a fur coat, and believed they had seen a holster on his hip. The officer continued to re-check the area, and was unable to find anything suspicious, or a person matching the description given. The officer contacted students who had taken shelter in various buildings and let them know the area was safe.

September 9, 9:29 p.m. (On Campus): While on patrol, officers observed a suspicious person. Officers followed the suspect and made contact with him. The subject was informed that taking cans from campus was considered theft, and that he was trespassing on University property. The officer then looked in the bushes where the subject was hiding and found that a screen on a window had been bent and the window was slightly open. Salem Police was

contacted to perform an area search for the individual. Salem Police arrived on scene to investigate and file a report. A work order was submitted for the window.

THEFT

September 8, 11:00 p.m. (Jackson Plaza): A student called to report that a table had been stolen from the Activities Expo. A report was filed to document the theft.

September 10, 3:00 p.m. (Ford Hall): Campus Safety received a report from a student stating that the wheels had been stolen off their bicycle. The student stated they had parked their bike by Ford Hall the night prior and upon return found both tires had been stolen.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

September 6, 4:15 p.m. (Atkinson Annex): An employee contacted Campus Safety stating that a street sign had been knocked down. The complaint stated that when they had left for lunch the sign was standing, but upon return it had been knocked down. An officer responded and looked at the sign, and determined that it was struck by a large vehicle. A work order was submitted.

*PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS SAFETY IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS.

Rowing injunction

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Willamette University will not have a women's rowing team this fall season. On September 7, the former rowers' request for a mandatory preliminary injunction against Willamette University was denied.

The injunction would have required that the University find third party sources to support the team, find new facilities and reinstate the coaching staff that was let go when the team was decommissioned.

One of the main concerns brought up by the University was the method of transportation to the Salem Yacht and Boat Club.

"It's a risk," Director of Athletics Valerie Cleary said during her deposition. "I mean with prior experience, you just didn't have student athletes transporting themselves to and from campus."

This also tied the issue to that of the motor pool disbanding for the 2016-2017 academic school year.

"The other concern I had with transportation is at the time, the University vantage point that we were utilizing, the vans are 15-passenger vans, and older," said Cleary.

The other primary factor discussed in regards to why the team was cut was the conditions of the Willamette River. According to Vice President for Planning James Bauer, the University had even considered making changes to the river itself.

"We had thought, and whether it was true or not, we had thought there might be, you know, a possibility of doing some kind, you know, if somebody else was, for instance, concerned about the river, is there somebody we could partner with on a dredging project."

Ultimately this idea was scrapped due to the complicated nature of such an undertaking.

The team is currently undergoing a Title IX case against the University, and it is noted by Judge Michael McShane that it is likely the crew will win. Despite this, there was not enough evidence for the court to decide that Willamette hadn't done enough to try and keep the program going, and could not force them to reinstate the team along with all staff and facilities.

"It is not the court's role to manage Willamette's decisions that were based on legitimate safety concerns associated with proposed off-site facilities," the order denying the preliminary injunction states. "The University proffered good faith reasons to decommission the team's boathouse due to the changing currents of the Willamette River and they had bona fide safety concerns regarding the river currents and transportation issues associated with other potential sites."

While this all means that there is still the possibility of a rowing team coming back in the future, the University will not have a crew for this season or this school year.

In spite of the results of the case, the whole situation has brought the Willamette community back to the concepts of transparency that were so prominent last school year.

While the team did not learn that they would be cut until May, a confidential memo was sent from Cleary to former Dean of Campus Life David Douglass on March 8 which included a recommendation to discontinue the program. This occurred over a month before discussion regarding the boathouse occurred with the crew.

While this memo was not a final decision, it showcased how deep the issue had gotten before the individuals within the crew were given a heads up about their situation.

Despite the loss of the injunction, the Title IX case will continue.

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Don't spend it all in one place

Balance your finances with these money-saving tips

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The year is young at Willamette, which can only mean one thing: those bank accounts are loaded up from the summer and ready to go! But c'mon, we all know as the weeks pass by, as if out of the blue, that hard earned cash will continue to disappear, fade and disintegrate before our eyes, seemingly going to nothing and everything at the same time. The day-to-day financial burdens of college living can be many things. One of them is scary, but there are a lot of fun, easy and innovative ways to save (and make!) money all around. Don't forget, the more money you save, the more money you can waste. And sometimes, nothing feels better than buying something you don't need! So consider these ideas while contemplating the best bang for your buck.

Productively fill your free time

The most secure way to lock down some extra income is by finding an on campus job. The hours are flexible to fit with your daily classes and other miscellaneous commitments. Take a look on JobCat, or ask around in person to satisfy your inquiries, hopefully leading to the right job for you.

If you have some trouble getting employment, don't worry! You can always start your own business on campus. Charge your peers to clean their dorm room or do their laundry. If that's gross for you, charge an extremely high rate to ensure the quick cash, and then they probably won't ask you to do it again either. A

win win. Maybe weasel your way to the depths of the Bistro, steal the recipes and sell half-priced goodies in Jackson Plaza. Be a self starter — that looks great on a resume. The possibilities are endless.

Are you hungry?

Your meal plan gives you pre-paid points to spend and six set meals a week, so take advantage of it. Stay consistent with your breakfast and lunch points, as longevity is important. Taking a trip to the grocery store for some fresh fruit, bread and quick easy meals might also help you save up those meal points. Any easy way to justify getting two desserts at 11 a.m. once in a while is by having some points to kill, so do yourself a favor. Also, lurking around the dining halls at the right times looking just pathetic enough might compel a generous employee to slip you something extra to snack on.

As for your "all you care to eat" meals, think what you want of Goudy, but it nurtures the evolving brains of Willamette's most impressionable demographic, the seeds of whom will become the future garden of esteemed alumnus. That's no easy feat, so have some respect! Even if you limit your Goudy feeding time to salad and a bowl of rice, any meal that (it appears) you don't have to pay for, is a good one.

Of course, if you want to skip out on Goudy, you can still take advantage of on-campus resources. Grill up a Mill Stream duck and use the fresh tomatoes growing around campus that you probably saw someone peeing/vomiting on last weekend as a tasty side salad. What's more sus-

tainable than living off the land? Nothing.

Ultimately, if you decide to go off campus, it's still possible on a budget! Try 503 Sushi or the Straight From New York pizza. You could even take advantage of your favorite guilty pleasure fast food chains. But you might need to befriend some peers with cars. Then every time you want to go to Taco Bell, you can make them think it's their idea to seamlessly (and cheaply) attain your goal.

Don't let academia living get you down

Textbooks are expensive blah blah blah everyone knows. Before you choose to rent or buy textbooks, do some upperclassman networking and see if you can borrow anything. Check the libraries, too. Hatfield of course, but the Salem Public Library is also a short walk from campus and proves to be a great resource. All in all, avoid spending a lot of money on textbooks outside of your interests and main areas of study.

After a long day of classes, it can be nice to lock yourself away in your dorm room. It might get dark and lonely, and it may feel like your Amazon suggestions know you better than anyone in your Opening Days group, but avoid unnecessary online shopping! Bed rest retail therapy is the fastest way to throw money away while simultaneously filling your already limited space with more clutter. Stress can be replaced with other, more disposable things instead.

Laundry might also be on the back of your mind when the sun goes down, and yes, laundry is the most annoying way to spend your money. When the time comes, take your roommate's

compass card to the laundry room instead of yours, that way you won't be tempted to spend your own money. You could also just rub some dryer sheets on your dirty clothes. Good as new!

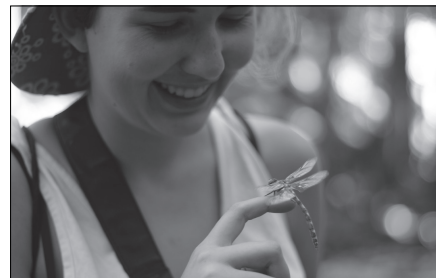
Fun funds

Having friends can end up being very expensive, so making the choice to have none is really the most economic option. If that ship has sailed and you've already made a few, there are plenty of fun ways to spend time together, free of charge. Play Frisbee on the quad, stream a movie in Ford Theatre, dip your toes in the Mill Stream and have a chat, and don't forget to take advantage of on-campus events. They can be fun depending how you approach them (usually with free food also). Friends can additionally prove to be really helpful financially on occasion. An easy reminder to staying cost effective with friends in the mix is: don't forget to be passive aggressive. Being passively cost-effective could look like offering to send a Venmo when someone covers you, but purposefully failing to follow through. If someone does this to you, however, you can be aggressively cost-effective by fearlessly taking advantage of the underused Venmo "request" feature.

Keeping your wallet full can be unexpected fun, and well worth it. So question every dollar you spend, swindle or be swindled and you'll be on your way to a cost effective and profitable semester.

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Top 5 senior bucket list items

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1 The Naked Run: a staple for every senior. Drop trou, slap paint on your ass and go crazy. Willamette is one of only 18 universities nationwide that have nudist traditions, so if you can't say you've been stark naked in front of your peers at least once over these four years, do you even belong here?

2 Ram/Jam: emphasis on the Jam. The difference between Pint Night at the RAM and a trip to Jammers is a bit like the drop between the first and second "Back to the Future" films. You start out feeling good, in control and sexy, and before you know it, you're on the ground, drenched in the remnants of an AMF and singing, "Ms. New Booty." Something mysterious happens on that long road to Jammers and dare I say it, Jammers might not even exist in the daylight. It is merely a magical

haven away from all the stressors of college life, much like the North Pole or the lost city of Atlantis.

3 The Willamette Challenge: do it any way you like. There's only one way to truly mark your presence on this campus, and that's by boning in every single academic building. Just be sure the classes have cleared out before you start. Bonus points if you can make it into Katke.

4 Campus Tour: AKA how anyone survives senior seminar. Get drunk. Go into buildings. There's not much more to it than that and yet, somehow, campus tours remain a Willamette favorite. By the time you reach Ford, you'll actually be able to enjoy your QA*.

5 Floating Down the Mill Stream: a truly wonderful Willamette tradition. By the time you reach May, the weather machine will have rightfully restored the Mill Stream back to

its lovely waves. Celebrate your graduation, and save money on airfare by simply floating to your next destination, whether that be abroad, Portland or even the short trip to the MBA school.

6 Senior Scramble: you have nowhere to go but up. The senior scramble is like a delicate tango from "Mad Hot Ballroom," or like a bong in Terra. Each year, seniors return to Willamette to view their fellow fourth-years through excited and appreciative eyes. Senior goggles are, optimistically, a fresh start, and, more realistically, a symbol of complete wear-down at the hands of the Willamette dating scene. Tinder seems scarce, and freshmen might be fresh meat, but they're also 17. We've been together for four years, and still, every year, we manage to find love within our very class. Good luck, and hit a girl up.

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The age old question of "What would you ask for if you were granted three wishes?" is often followed by some standard responses. People want wealth, fame and good fortune. This comes in different forms to every individual, but usually includes jewels, clothing, a car, a house, a vacation and the like.

When I consider my personal response to this question, I like to imagine that I have a few more wishes than three. I know "Aladdin" taught us all that you can't wish for more wishes, but I'd like to think that I would have more like six. Three is simply not enough to rid the world of all the discrimination and suffering in the world. Once you use some wishes to create more equality, you aren't left with any for a personal venture.

I would like to rid myself of the looming post-college sea of debt I will be drowning in, but there is also one other thing I would like to eradicate ants. I hate ants more than any other little creature out there. I am aware that the systems of the earth are rather complex, so the eradication of ants would need to come with a condition. I would wish to get rid of these little monstrosities, while having the world continue on as if they were still in existence. Anything can happen, right?

Now, you might be wondering what ants did to deserve my hatred, and it all starts back when I was in elementary school. Ants used to swarm in my home back in California like no other. I remember being four-years-old, innocently leaving some candy out on a dollhouse, and waking up to a takeover by the ants. They came in and acted like they owned the place. They continued on in the same fashion for years to come. Nothing was sacred to them. I remember working my hardest on baking and decorating cookies for an elementary school party, running to grab them from the table and promptly sobbing once I discovered that the cookies were unrecognizable due to the black masses.

This hatred has followed me into my young adulthood and has even taken on new forms. This past summer, I discovered ants that were some relative of the fire ants. They were huge and showed no mercy. Every step I took was greeted with small demons straight out of purgatory, eager to chomp on any flesh I made the mistake of leaving uncovered. I went from carefully tiptoeing to full on sprinting and yelling in order to escape the creepy crawling feeling I have grown to hate so much.

I would choose a bee over masses of ants any day of the week. Nothing bothers me the way ants do and I dream of the day I live in a world without them. If you have a fascination with the workings of ants and admiration for their sheer strength, don't share it with me because I am not impressed. I am careful with most living creatures, but I'm always ready with a bottle of Raid and a paper towel when I see an ant crawling by.

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"Chromatic Colors": Five out of five stars

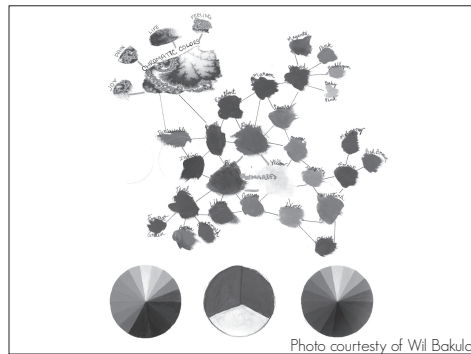


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He is a multi-faceted musician who could go in any direction and succeed. Thus it is no wonder that "Chromatic Colors" has something for everyone. His ear for unique sounds leads to alt-rock-symphonic tracks such as "Fantastic Heartbreak (feat. Rabid Habit Live)

[Bonus Track]. Other features are neo-R&B-inspired, such as "Runyon Canyon," which pays homage to Frank Ocean's "Nights" by beautifully covering the track in an original and clever fashion. Even more astonishingly, Bakula's the album includes philosophical Good-Kid-M.A.A.D.-City-esque ponderances with tactile sounds that makes the

listener feel as if they are engaged in a conversation. Jonah Miller and Josh Trissle's deep trains of thought on "Swells and Revelations" would be the best example.

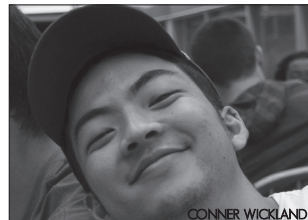
The entire album is loaded with eclectic stand-out tracks which steal the listener's psyche, emotions and heart. Heavily-laden trap-beats underpin multiple tracks, steadily hypnotizing the mind (Flossstradamus and RL Crime would be proud). Bakula even pumps out songs featuring psychedelic hooks and melodies, such as "Teardrop," "Break Away (feat. Dan Pekich)," and "Late Nights and Good Weed." Further still, "Chromatic Colors" drips with the same energy as Phil Spector's "Wall of Sound," not enough can be said about "Love Me (feat. Chloe Lawton)." This young woman is destined to do great things. Stepping off of my pompous third-person-music-critic soap box, I actually felt like having a cathartic, hour-long, crying session about all of my life problems when I heard this song. Please feel free to do the same. Chloe Lawton is to Bakula, as SZA is to Kendrick Lamar.

Bakula embodies his music on "Chromatic Colors," he pays homage to musicians (such as Swedish indie folk singer José González) who inspired him through covers. In fact, he pretty much embodies his own life via his music. Bakula's Facebook profile picture was a re-enactment of James Blake's "Overgrown" album artwork- a single man alone in a celestial, heavily-wooded setting. Other artists who have inspired him include Anderson .Paak, Tame Impala and Jon Bellion. But most importantly, Bakula conveyed that "Chromatic Colors" is a reflection of his life and personal insecurities — he needed to overcome his own fears to produce this album. His music is deep, relatable, and "Chromatic Colors" has songs for music lovers of every genre. In summary, combine Bakula's music with beautiful album artwork by Chloe Lawton and Ellena Christensen, and listeners have the courage to take the first step in a journey of a million miles.

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Willamette Celebrity Swap

If you had to switch places with a celeb, who and why?



CONNOR WICKLAND

Aaron Oda
Junior
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"Tom Hanks, because I would want to be Buzz Lightyear, and what was the movie he was in on the desert island? He's definitely in some cool ass movies. "Cast Away!" Yeah, and "Forrest Gump." Dude, he's badass in "Forrest Gump," he owns Bubba Gump Shrimp!"



CONNOR WICKLAND

Zoe Gantner and Emma Giron
Juniors
History and Economics
Redondo Beach, California, and Missoula, Montana
Zoe: "I definitely want to be Vin Diesel because he looks like a buff version of Pitbull, also "Seven Fast and the Furious." Pitbull saved my life. She would be Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and the reason why we would get in a feud for seven years. After the feud, "The Fast and the Furious 8" and we would win the Oscar." Emma: "Love it, I would do that."



CONNOR WICKLAND

Asalia Arauz
Sophomore
English
Los Angeles, California
"I would definitely want to swap places with Nikki Reed because she's an activist and I think she's amazing and she's also married to Ian Somerhalder who also think is amazing and I work for both of them. I work for Ian's foundation as a college advisory board member."



Altruism drives service-

Office of Community Service Learning expands University's community impact

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Whether you're a brand new Bearcat recovering from the whirlwind of Opening Days, or a senior on the verge of churning out your thesis, I'm willing to bet you've heard the University motto at least a dozen (if not a hundred) times. Not unto ourselves alone are we born, right? It's the motto that cast a spell on me three years ago when I was frantically mailing applications and opening envelopes; to me and many others, it's a promise that our education won't just be a diploma and a handshake at the end of the day, but a commitment to better the world around us.

But occasionally, that zealous, save-the-world attitude can get lost in the sauce of hectic college life. Maybe you can't seem to find the time, or you don't know where the opportunities are hiding, or you don't even know what cause you're passionate about yet. The Office of Community Service Learning (CSL) wants to help you to help other people.

The CSL Office is a grassroots center dedicated to generating a service-oriented, "live the motto" energy on campus. Our office is responsible for planning service trips (local and distant), all-campus events and volunteer programs which use students' strengths to benefit the surrounding community. Some of the best-known and well-loved CSL projects include Service Saturdays (2-3 hour weekly service trips to various service sites around Salem), Tiger Club (an after-school mentorship program at Bush Elementary School) and the Take a Break (TAB) program (which has been offering Willamette students the opportunity to serve marginalized communities as an alternative to spring break since 2001).

The service-learning initiative is all about transforming the learning process at Willamette from the impersonal to the personal, catapulting us out of classrooms and into community gardens. While some service events are mostly task-oriented (beach clean-ups, for example), others have been known to confront topics like poverty, gentrification and justice in ways your 8 a.m. lecture just can't seem to do. On top of that, most of these programs are student-led, which opens new doors for any Bearcats seeking empowerment in their education and a chance to set an example of radical service for their peers.

Loads of local organizations have noticed a difference in the way our students strive to serve through CSL. Years of community service and volunteerism led organizations like Habitat for Humanity, Marion Polk Food Share, Causa and a growing number of others to partner with CSL in search of student helpers. So regardless of what cause is close to your heart, chances are the CSL Office can connect you to an organization that inspires you and has been waiting for your help. And if you're the adventurous type, looking for a brand new cause to support and serve, check out the Service Opportunity Database on the CSL page of the Willamette website for an extensive list of our community partners and which positions they have available.

What else can you expect from CSL this year? Keep your eyes peeled for on-campus sustainability initiatives like Global Climate Change/Eco-Challenge Week in October and the Food Justice campaign next spring. Service Saturdays start up again the second week of September, and there will be ongoing service opportunities throughout the fall, like guiding costumed kids through Willamette's Haunted Halls this Halloween or setting up the Joys of Living Service Dog graduation ceremony. Make sure to check your email for the CSL news bulletin, or email Eric Lassahn <elassahn> if you have questions.



oriented organizations

We believe you: SARA combats sexual and interpersonal violence

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Willamette University's Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARA), founded by students in 2007, was envisioned as a peer advocacy group to provide pertinent information, and to act as a support avenue for sexual assault survivors. We believe survivors and are here for them. Today, we still stand for these ideals and offer resources to the student body.

We are comprised almost entirely of students, guided by Audrey Schwartz of Bishop Wellness Center, as well as Carli Rohner of the Office for Student Support and Standards. Many students can trace our involvement to the lobby Reality Check, the Not Alone cards (often seen in bathroom stalls) or our Bistro hours, held in a comfy corner of the Bistro last spring semester. We are proud to offer these services to the Willamette community and have every intention to do so in the future.

Next fall, we will celebrate a decade of advocacy, support and unity against a common cause, creating allies and safe spaces in the name of sexual assault victims. 2007 was only a beginning to a long life at Willamette for SARA.

The purpose of our organization is found in the services we provide, primarily our phone hotline and chat services, variations of which are offered every day of the week. SARA holds chatline hours from 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Monday through Thursday. Our phones are open 5 p.m.-12 a.m., Monday through Thursday and 24 hours a day starting at 5 p.m. on Friday and continuing until 12 a.m. on Sunday. Our hotline can be reached at 503-851-4245 and our chatline is found on our website, simply found

under "contact SARA" at <http://saresponseallies.wixsite.com/sara>. It is also possible to schedule meetings with any of our trained SARAs; sign ups are available on our website and you can pick which SARA makes you feel most comfortable.

Our resources can also be tied to Title IX, a federal law that works to ensure equal access to education, regardless of gender. The Title IX office is an on-campus resource provided for all survivors of sexual assault and other forms of interpersonal violence, as well as for those seeking information and support.

Just as we interact with campus through our resources as SARAs, we are also members of the community. Every SARA is a Willamette student, a peer, a classmate, a friend. Most importantly, while we are always SARAs, we are not always on duty. Please feel free to ask us questions and approach us on campus. We love to offer support and information. But we may choose to direct you to another SARA or an alternate resource if we are unable to provide the best possible care at that time. Understand that as members of the Willamette community, we have limitations to when and in what context we can provide support. Please reach out to us, use the hours we have as much as needed and get to know us in our separate roles, both as individuals and as an organization.

Making that distinction can be very difficult for us SARAs. It is a large part of our lives and the work we choose to do represents many aspects of ourselves, such as empathy, desire for social justice and involvement. I have been a SARA for about a year and a half, and I am proud of the work I've done. It has become a defining piece of my time at Willamette and how I have

oriented myself as a member of this community, as well as everything else I do on and off this campus.

SARA has allowed me to play a part in the pursuit of justice and closure for survivors, meet incredible advocates and Willamette staff, learn and share vital information and fight for a cause I firmly believe in. I became involved in this orga-

nization because I care about this community and strongly feel that sexual assault is an unacceptable part of human culture.

Reach out to us and see us as a resource. We exist for the sake of survivors and the Willamette community. We believe you.

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Appointments with SARAs available upon request.





SPORTS BRIEFS

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MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer team improved to 2-0 on the season after beating the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs this last Friday September 9. They were coming off of a 2-0 win against Warner Pacific. Noah Walin scored the game's only goal as the Bearcats shut out the Slugs. Goalie Josh Fuentes had six saves in the win. Two more shots went off the post within two minutes of each other late in the game as Willamette controlled the field in the second half. On Saturday, September 10, the men's soccer team played Corban University, just a few miles away, losing 0-3. Corban is ranked number 20th in NAIA, so they were a tough team to compete with.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Cal Lutheran defeated the women's soccer team on Friday by two goals, 0-2. The Bearcats had multiple scoring opportunities, but were unable to convert. The Regals scored their first goal of the game early, by the 28 minute mark, and never relinquished the lead. On Sunday, September 11, the women's soccer team played Oregon Tech, and they clenched the win in overtime, 2-1. This was their second win in overtime this season, following their win against Warner Pacific 1-0 in overtime. The women's soccer team is off to a very good start, being 4-1 on the season.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball team started off their season playing a tournament in Minnesota at Bethel University. They ended the tournament only winning one game, and losing the three other games they played. The volleyball team then went to Texas for the Austin College Tournament. Their record in Texas was 1-3 after defeating Sul Ross State 3-1 in their first game on Friday. After, they lost to McMurry State (0-3), Concordia (1-3) and Austin College (0-3). They will resume their season with a game against Linfield on Wednesday, September 14, at home.

FOOTBALL

The Bearcat football team started off their season playing at Rhodes in Tennessee, coming home with a loss (35-21). The football team had a tough time against the College of Idaho on Saturday. They turned the ball over five times and allowed the Coyotes to score on all three of their first possessions. The Coyotes led 27-0 at the half, and despite a Willamette rally in the second quarter, the Coyotes offense stayed hot and it was more than enough to carry them through. The final score was 42-12 with a win for the College of Idaho.

CROSS COUNTRY

Two men and two women represented Willamette Friday at the Ash Creek Invitation in Monmouth, Oregon. Emily Evans and Rosalba Cabrera ran 19:07 and 19:10, respectively, over the 4.6 k off distance course. Matt Taylor and Robbie Melhorn ran 20:54 and 21:41 in the men's 6.3 k.

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Dream team seven

Stop comparing when there is no comparison

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One of the Olympic year features of NBA 2K17, the most popular basketball video game series to date, is to make this year's Olympic team and the 1992 Dream Team playable. It's always marketed in the same light, "put the current Olympic squad up against the best of the past!" Although everyone still asks the question, who will win that match-up? The answer is obvious, but for some reason it remains a selling point.

Before we go further, it's important to understand exactly what and who the original Dream Team was. It had 12 future Hall of Famers and Christian Laettner, the best player of all time at his athletic apex, and beyond that, a cultural resonance that can never be equaled no matter how much star power future U.S. Olympic teams may have. Beyond Jordan's already global fame, you had Magic Johnson and Larry Bird's swan song, Chuck Daly throwing scrimmages and the stories you simply couldn't

write about that consisted of Charles Barkley up until the crack of dawn on the streets of Barcelona. The legend surrounding this team goes so far beyond basketball, but the point of this article is basketball, and why the idea of any team coming close to them on the court is totally absurd.

The original Dream Team set a simple, yet impossibly high, standard. Win big against everyone and go home with the gold. Anything less than that would be considered a failure. Since then the U.S. has stuck to that standard. Failure has always been the thing that's driven the United States men's Olympic basketball program.

A disappointing finish in 1988 was enough to finally get the United States to challenge the sanctity of amateurism, and the double standard that professionals outside the United States were considered amateurs. Bringing in the professionals was not enough by itself however, and as the years wore on it became more and more obvious that simply pulling all the best players did not ensure a victory. This came

to a head in 2004 when Argentina's "golden generation" consisting of Manu Ginobili, Luis Scola, Andrea Nocioni and a smattering of other heady players were able to defeat the U.S. in the 2004 Olympic Semi-final game and go on to win the gold medal. It was the difference between a team and five guys on that team. The sports clichés could flow wild here about the whole being bigger than the sum of its parts, but the change it prompted was a yearly team U.S.A. tryout, and a requirement that you had to play in at least one FIBA (the international governing body of basketball) tournament before competing in the Olympics.

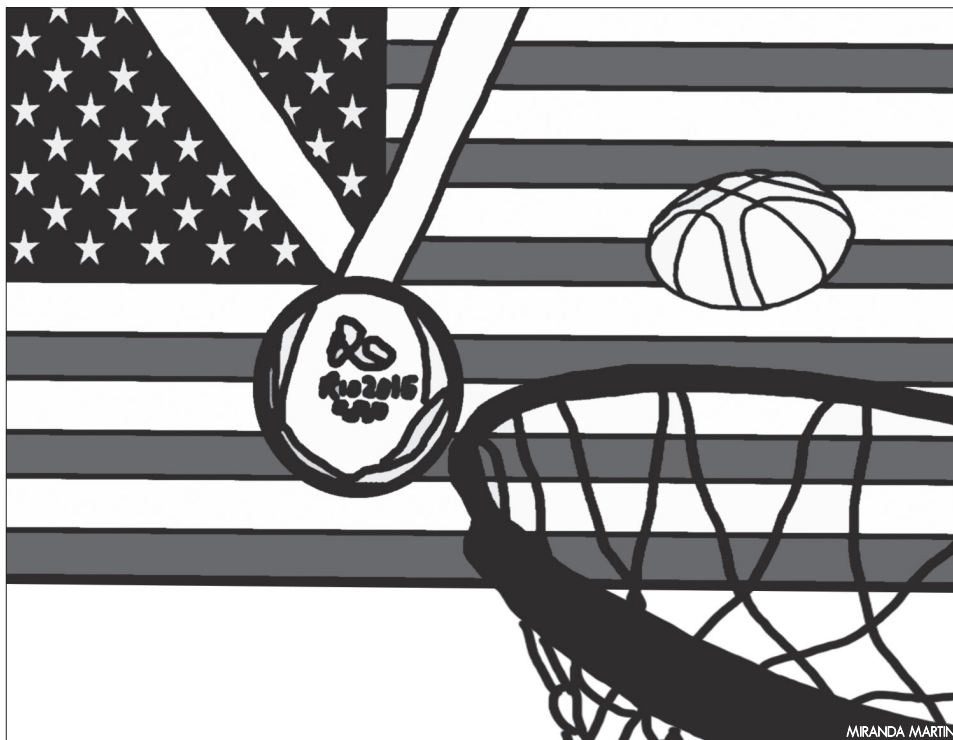
Now the teams were more than just a glorified all-star team, but despite the justified praise Jerry Colangelo and Mike Krzyzewski have received for revitalizing the program, it still isn't perfect. This year we saw three close calls in one Olympic tournament, and they were all in pool play. A 10 point game against Australia was only the tip of the iceberg. The 2016 team was in a three point game with Serbia (a good team with NBA level

talent, but on paper nowhere near the U.S.) and France (minus Tony Parker). It began against an Australian team in a ten point game. Those 2004 demons, the ghosts of Stephen Marbury and Latrell Sprewell, manifested themselves often. A pass to the wing and a shot, or no pass at all, just dribble dribble shoot.

To conclude, it's not fair to hold every United States men's team up to light of the Dream Team. They were the perfect lightning storm in a bottle. The circumstances leading up to it's creation can never be recreated, along with the talent it was assembled with.

I do believe that they may not have been as bulletproof as they were made out to be sometimes. Magic and Bird really weren't Magic and Bird (Larry rarely practiced with the team) and they did struggle with quick guards, but it is the best team that isn't hypothetical. Comparison doesn't make sense, so there's no need to continue the imitation and hype every four years.

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Athletic department raises funds, increases opportunities for athletes

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On Monday, September 12, the FORE Willamette athletic fundraiser took place. Every year, the fundraiser welcomes Bearcat alumni, parents, community partners and trustees to attend The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Oregon, for a day of golf, elegant meals and amazing raffles and prizes in order to raise money

for Willamette's Athletic department. The goal of this fundraiser is to encourage athletes at Willamette to strive as student athletes; all the proceeds from FORE are attributed to Willamette's Athletic department, which is home to over 400 students at Willamette University.

The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club is a prestigious golf course in Aloha, Oregon, that has been the location for the PGA

Tour and multiple PGA championships. Celebrities such as Arnold Palmer, Tom Watson and Peter Jacobsen are just some of the few that have golfed on this beautiful course. Willamette takes pride in hosting it's FORE Willamette fundraiser here.

There are a few ways that people can support the Athletic department of Willamette without attending Willamette or athletic events. There is a Corporate

Foursome, which means that four different companies or groups can collaborate to donate \$1,300, there is a Tea/Green Sponsorship donation of \$500, or a company, group or individual can donate an auction prize.

Willamette's Athletic department is very well off and lucky to have this amazing fundraiser.

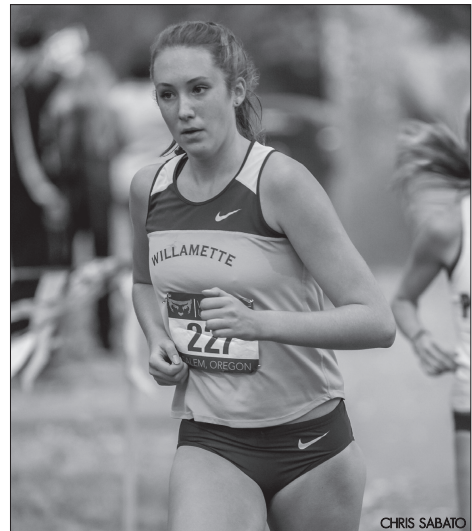
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Cross country poised for another great season



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Seniors Olivia Manel, left, and Hannah Swanson, top right, and junior Patrick Loftus compete in cross country meets last fall. The runners hope to build off of successful 2015 seasons to continue NWC dominance.

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The Bearcat women's team is ranked No. 1 in the preseason polls in the NWC, No. 3 in their region, and No. 23 in the nation. Leading the Willamette women is Senior Olivia Manel and junior Hannah Swanson. Manel placed second in the individual standings at the NCAA Championships. She won the NWC title and finished second at the West Regional. She was named First Team All-Conference, All-West Re-

gion and All-American. In addition, Swanson placed 10th at the conference race and was named Second Team All-NWC. Swanson and senior Ami Boucher joined Manel as All-West Region selections, as they placed 18th and 21st, respectively. Last year, the women took second place by a narrow margin behind Whitworth at the NWC Championships, but won the 2015 NCAA West Regional title and placed 10th at the 2015 NCAA Division III Championships.

I had the privilege of interviewing a few members of this year's squad. I sat down with Jack Kobylka and Patrick Loftus to ask them about the upcoming season. When asked what it was that he is most excited about this season, Loftus said, "I'm just excited to see what we can do, we have a big new core group of guys and a much younger squad than usual." When asked the same question, Kobylka made the point that, "this is the strongest group that I've ever

seen. I'm excited to get out there and compete."

For those who aren't familiar with cross country meets, each one consists of an 8K race (4.97 miles). The most important part of running a race, according to the runners I interviewed earlier, is mental toughness. Patrick defined his strategy for success as, "somewhere between pacing myself and full-steam ahead." Jack took a slightly different approach, declaring that, "races are more of a mental battle with your-

self than anything else." In addition, I asked Hannah Swanson what she thinks the key to success will be this season, and she responded with, "I think our key to success is packing it up in practice and in races."

On November 16, the Bearcats will have their first official team meet at the Bill Dellinger Invitational at the University of Oregon. The event is slated for 5:15 p.m. at the Springfield Country Club.

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this week in sports

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I hope week three of school is not hampering your hours of sleep just yet, but if it has I got you covered with all of the best things that happened in the sports world this week.

MLB

Focusing on the American League, we will look at playoff pretenders and contenders for MLB. With three full weeks of the season left - which equates to about 17th games - contenders need to finish strong in order to make the playoffs.

There are about seven teams within striking distance of the two wild card spots, which are currently held by the Toronto Blue Jays and the Baltimore Orioles. The Seattle Mariners find themselves four games out of the second wild card spot, but things are looking bleak. With Robinson

Cano having stellar numbers offensively and on his way to another golden glove, there's still better competition that they have to beat in order to gain that second wild card spot.

Out of this whole mess for the two playoff spots, the team that I believe will be sneaking into the playoffs are the Houston Astros. Jose Altuve, who's a whopping 5'5", is sparking to the top of the lineup with a MVP season, and looks to keep it going straight into the playoffs.

NFL

It's finally back! This last Sunday, the National Football League started its 2016 season. One of the notable games that happened this weekend was the Oakland Raiders defeating the New Orleans Saints. The Raiders, in the last 10 years or so, have been one of the worst teams in the league, but this season looks bright after the win against New Orleans. With quarterback

Derek Carr now having multiple targets to throw to, the Raiders look to make the playoffs for the first time since 2002, where they lost in the Super Bowl.

The other game that people should know about was played between the New England Patriots and the Arizona Cardinals. The Patriots started a new quarterback named Jimmy Garoppolo, who is playing in place of Tom Brady. Brady is suspended for four games for his potential involvement in deflating footballs in a 2015 playoff game. This game is worth noting because the Arizona Cardinals are considered to be a really good football team this season, and should make the playoffs. This was a big win for the Patriots being on the road and without their pretty boy quarterback, Brady.

NCAA Football

Watching sports always brings out extreme emotions, whether it is wild happiness at a win or uncontrollable sadness

and shock at a loss. Both extremes were on full display this weekend when there were two losses within college football's top 25 ranking teams, both games ending with a dramatic finish worthy of a good lunch time soap opera.

No. 15 TCU went down at home in double overtime against Arkansas last week. With a crowd-silencing touchdown coming from Arkansas, TCU responded with a kickoff return that went 64 yards to put themselves in field goal range. The kick ended up being blocked and thus brought the game into overtime. With both teams scoring a touchdown on their first possessions, TCU only came up with a field goal on their second possession, leaving the door open for Arkansas. On third and goal, running back Austin Allen willed himself into the endzone like a black friday shopper trying to get a thirty dollar flat screen TV. Until next week Willamette, K DEN!

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Mni Wiconi “Water is life:” Fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline

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For many of you, this may seem distant or unfamiliar. Water is life, but what happens once that water becomes contaminated? No more life.

For those who may not know, the Missouri River passes through seven states: North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana, Missouri and Kansas, and then feeds into the Mississippi River. This waterway is the largest river in the United States and serves many communities of the midwest. It is not a matter of if the pipeline leaks, but a matter of when it does because all pipelines eventually leak. A leak will poison the drinking water of over eight million people, including the community of Standing Rock.

This wouldn't be the first time these pipelines have threatened the Missouri River. In the beginning of January there was a leak of 3 million gallons of contaminants, which contained crude oil

in a runoff creek that leads into the Missouri River.

This fight began on April 1, 2016, and news media is still failing to cover this issue sufficiently. Mni wiconi is Lakota for “water is life.”

In response, the Native people of Standing Rock have established the Sacred Stone camp, a place of prayer that has grown in numbers from a couple hundred to thousands of people. Here, supporters stand in solidarity and represent people from all over the world and from non-indigenous and indigenous communities.

Standing Rock Nation has filed a suit in U.S. District Court to prevent the 1,200 mile pipeline from crossing the Missouri River. DAPL was then told by a federal judge to halt work until they received approval from the courts. Sure enough, that did not stop them. Without approval, DAPL resumed work and continued to destroy several sacred burial grounds of the Lakota people. In videos taken

by Democracy Now last week, you can see several “protesters” being attacked by guard dogs and being pepper sprayed by private security in order to prevent them enforcing the court's decision.

Communities that have joined the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in solidarity are not going to back down. They know this issue is bigger than themselves and puts millions of people's drinking water at risk. They will keep on pushing in order to preserve the life of water for future generations. They cannot do it alone, and we must not allow them to do it alone.

As a Willamette student and an enrolled member of the Chippewa Cree tribe that owns water rights in the Missouri River Basin along with 27 other tribes, I believe we should be concerned about the environment, cultural preservation and the future of our water because mni wiconi, water is life.

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GENEVIVE LAWRENCE



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Students and Salem community members protest the dapl on the marion bridge in salem, oregon.

Just a new soul living in this strange world: Life at Willamette

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No matter how well traveled or well read you are, nothing can really prepare you for the culture shock that comes from attending a small liberal arts college. You can watch the news all you want, but very few of us have had the experience of being in an environment where we are constantly challenged to evaluate who we are and how we are affecting the world. We don't all come from places where gender pronouns are a dangerous subject and a protest always feels like it could be one poorly worded email away.

A couple of weeks ago, a few hundred recent high school graduates took their first steps onto this campus as bona fide college students. Some of you have undoubtedly settled into this place, ready and willing to fight the good fight and maybe even get a college education while you're at it.

Some of you, however, proba-

bly feel at least a little bit lost. You came here to go to class three times a day, build a life for yourself in the Hatfield Library and test how many times a week you can order pizza in your dorm before the buildup of boxes becomes a legitimate fire hazard. Instead, people are asking you about your “feelings,” and worse, everyone else's.

The pressure to be an “advocate,” both for yourself and for others, is fairly constant here. That can be a little frightening to people who don't come from that world. On the one hand, you're learning about Wundt's introspection; on the other, you're expected to learn how many points of privilege you need to check and what words to use when describing gender. For many a freshman, that can get a little overwhelming.

The truth is, while Willamette grapples with the same issues of equality and acceptance and change that most college campuses are known for, at times it can feel like everything that hap-

pens here is just one giant simulation. Our school is so isolated that it doesn't always feel possible to make a difference in the wider world, and everything is so small and self-contained that every problem seems to involve the same usual suspects.

This isn't high school anymore, but it is a far cry from the “real world.” It's a whole different beast that you are tasked with understanding and living with whilst spending up to half a decade getting your degree.

So, how can you best deal with this? You, who didn't quite get the memo on what 2,000 people confined together to one liberal arts college would entail? You, who just wants to get by and has never wanted to hold up picket signs next to the fountain with the chicken statues?

Well, maybe the answer is to just let Willamette do what it's meant to do. This school is here to educate you, yes, but also to open you up as a person. Despite the fact

that you'll be constantly expected to see things through strange lenses and different perspectives, the focus of your undergraduate experience is still your own education. It isn't necessarily so bad that our ability to engage with the issues that arise here is limited to the space of this campus. The very act of getting involved with them may not change the world, or even do much to change the campus, but it could very well change you.

It may be that your gut instinct is to keep your head down in this alien world, but I wouldn't advise that course of action. This school will constantly threaten to change you on many different levels, and maybe that's not something you need to run from. Maybe through fighting actively for others and making a stand in ways you never would have before, you can learn more about yourself. Just because you think you can never be the kind of person that you feel like this school is trying to turn you into, doesn't mean that you can't

find who and what you really are here.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that you don't need to be afraid. Sometimes the people here do come off as aggressive, and sometimes you'll probably feel singled out for thinking a certain way. That kind of targeting can be somewhat common here, to be honest. However, in the end you came here for you and, if you let it, Willamette University has the potential to really show you the kind of person you are. It's not for everybody, but I sincerely wish all of our new students good luck in navigating this place. I hope that you find what you're looking for, and maybe a little extra.

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Know your privilege: Our student rights

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We all like to think we're rare and unique beings imbued with superhero capabilities, or at least I do. I've been through trauma and abuse and all kinds of things no one should have to go through, and sometimes I like to think that makes me the penultimate victim. I get really upset when other people try to steal my thunder.

I spent most of last year insisting that being of mixed ethnic background is the same thing as not being white, trying to protect my fragile little ego. I'm not apologizing for that or trying to engage in some sort of self-indulgent guilt-induced mea culpa. I'm not going to plead for forgiveness I haven't earned.

We're told we're powerless in so many ways, us white girls. We're told if we leave the house after 9 p.m., eat after 7 p.m., wear fishnets in public or leather corsets in private, we're asking to be raped. We spend so much time learning to defend ourselves against male intrusion that I think maybe we, or at least I, forget to make sure I'm not intruding on someone else. We forget that there

are some spaces in which we have all the power, or else we just wallow in our ignorance and never bother to learn. When people call us out, we, or at least I, nod and smile and produce all the right words of apology, and tell myself I'll "fix it" — meaning, start fighting racism — when it's more convenient.

I may not have much power in society, but I do have the ability to do all kinds of things to at least try to make life better for the people around me that I care about. I can insinuate myself between them and aggressive teachers who seem to treat anything Women of Color have to say as a personal attack. I can speak up to administration whose incredible lack of self-awareness or empathy for the struggles of people who are not white seems to speak to not very well buried racism. I can recognize and publicly name how entirely unfair it is that the color of my skin makes it that much more likely white people, particularly white men, in positions of power will listen to me and take my words seriously.

Thanks in part to the private school education my grandparents' money bought me, I have some power to decide what goes into this space,

the Opinions space of the *Collegian*, for the rest of the year. Though the space is already theoretically open to anyone who would like to contribute, I want to go ahead and publicly extend that invitation. Though we all know I love to hear myself speak and have plenty of opinions to share, I would be honored to turn this space over to people who can do both of those things better than I can. I see you, all of you, and I want you to know I will do what I can to make this a place that's safe for you to shine. If you think I'm failing, send a letter to the editor. I publicly commit to publishing these, regardless of my personal opinion about their content.

My personal opinion is just that, in spite of decades of conditioning insisting to me that since I'm white, my opinion matters more, or even most. It does not.

We all have our burdens, and mine happen to be really awful, more so than most. That doesn't absolve me of the responsibility to use the power I do have for the better, and it doesn't deprive me of the right to do that either.

Phillip Pullman wrote that we have to build the kingdom of heaven where we are.

I'm pretty sure that doesn't mean "everyone except white girls."

So, in that vein, let's just do a quick count-off of all the things that could be happening on this campus to dismantle Willamette's particular participation in systemic white privilege.

1. Professors could receive anti-oppression/unpacking privilege training.
2. Willamette Academy could still exist in the form that was, and probably would still be, functional for the students, instead of being altered to be more effective for Willamette's administrators.
3. There could be People of Color working in the health center.
4. The administration could be channeling money and energy into the American Ethnic Studies Department, which incidentally is the reason I came to this school, not out of it.
5. There could be more professors who are also People of Color, and they could be working in areas other than the Social Sciences.
6. Opening Days could include an 'unpacking privilege' workshop.
7. The consent workshop that takes place during Opening Days

could include a discussion of the role intersectionality plays in sexual assaults, including the role the survivor's identities will play in how the police [and administrative officials, let's be honest] will react.

In so many ways, this place is a haven for upper-middle-class white kids. In so many ways, it's intended to be.

That's been great for me in some ways, frustrating in others. What it is mostly is a particular kind of insidious, rather devious violence. Just because the vast majority of it is not aimed at me does not mean I accept or welcome it.

Being a white girl on this campus makes life a whole lot easier, in so many ways. I would prefer, however, to be one of the brave ones, someone who earns what I have, not simply one of the privileged.

Phillip Pullman, who persists in being one of my favorite authors regardless of the age of the audience he writes for, says we have to build the kingdom of heaven where we are. I'm pretty sure he didn't intend to exclude girls like us.

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Colin Kaepernick: Fiend or hero?

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Quarterback Colin Kaepernick of the San Francisco 49ers refused to stand for the playing of the national anthem. His declared reason for doing so was to protest the abuse against African-Americans and minorities in the United States. This event occurred during the team's preseason loss to Green Bay at Levi Stadium on Friday, August 26. Kaepernick has since sat for two other renditions of the national anthem during the 2016 NFL preseason.

It's hard for me to understand Kaepernick's reasoning in part because I am a white woman who lives in the United States. Therefore, I have not faced the racial discrimination that occurs daily in our country.

However, I am bothered by Kaepernick's choice because I feel as though he is showing disrespect for the military men and women who sacrifice their lives for us and this country. I do believe that Kaepernick has the right to protest and do what he did. Nonetheless, ultimately, in my opinion, it was disrespectful to our country as a whole to take this action.

Racism still does exist in our country today, but our flag stands for so much more than just the specific events Kaepernick was protesting and trying to draw attention to. Kaepernick doesn't have to live in the United States if he feels so disgraced by our country for its recent actions. He is a well paid professional athlete, and this country offers him a lot.

The question that I keep asking myself about this situation is, why does he have to use disrespect in order to try and gain respect? I am also confused as to why he decided to start protesting now, when racist events in our country have occurred for so many years. If this is what he believes in, he should have been taking a stand and protesting long before this.

Overcoming racism in our country has been a very slow process, and

we still have a long way to go. A lot of people are trying, no matter who they are, what color they are or where they come from. They are trying to generate change.

Moreover, the American flag stands for the freedoms we have in this country. The flag represents all the soldiers who are risking their lives overseas for us daily, and the ones that will die fighting for our country. If you want to protest for your rights, that's fine, but don't disrespect people who have died for our country by simply not standing during the playing of the national anthem. It is true that the issue at hand is bigger than NFL football, but that does not mean you have to disrespect our country in front of millions of people.

There are so many other ways to go about protesting and standing up for what you believe in. We have seen many other athletes and celebrities do this. Beyonce, Chris Rock and Alicia Keys have all done an excellent job of speaking up against racial prejudice without resorting to Kaepernick's tactics.

It is Kaepernick's right as a citizen to not stand during our national anthem, but that doesn't mean that what he did wasn't disrespectful. What the American flag represents is bigger than Kaepernick himself. Kaepernick has the right to freedom of expression, but the flag also represents the people that look up to him as a football player. Many of these people, including myself, are proud to live in the United States.

Yes, Kaepernick is allowed to sit down for the playing of the national anthem, and he did. He is allowed take a stand for what he believes in. Nonetheless, isn't there a better way to make his point? To take action and make change is clearly what he is ultimately trying to do. I can support this.

Is disrespect the way to gain respect from others? That, I'm not so sure about.

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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick quietly sat during the national anthem, a small dot in a sea of stationary bodies. This solemn and demonstrably nonviolent protest against police brutality was met with jersey burnings, racial slurs across social media and angry veterans.

"I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick said to NFL Media. "To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way. There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder."

Now joined in protest by scores of other football players all across the NFL, as well as Seattle Reign FC's Megan Rapinoe, Kaepernick helped renew the conversation about the reality of racism in this country that so often gets drowned out. An act of freedom that lasts a minute at the most has received weeks of news coverage.

The 49ers released a statement in response, saying, "In respecting such American principles as freedom of religion and freedom of

expression, we recognize the right of an individual to choose and participate, or not, in our celebration of the national anthem."

Even President Obama commented on the controversy, saying, "If nothing else, he's generated more conversation about issues that have to be talked about."

Three-time Olympic gold medalist Gabby Douglas was met with similar criticism during the recent 2016 summer Olympics when she did not put her hand over her heart during the singing of the American national anthem. In contrast, 28-time Olympic medalist Michael Phelps was excused for his laughing during the anthem because he was "emotional" and went through the acceptable motions of putting his hand over his heart while standing.

Even Jackie Robinson, the first Black baseball player in the Major Leagues, was no stranger to negative feelings toward the patriotic song. In his autobiography "I Never Had It Made," Robinson said, "Today, as I look back on that opening game of my first world series, I must tell you that it was Mr. Ricky's drama and that I was only a principal actor. As I write this twenty years later, I cannot stand and sing the anthem. I cannot salute the flag; I know that I am a black man

in a white world. In 1972, in 1947, at my birth in 1919, I know that I never had it made."

Regardless of whether one agrees with the message behind this protest, one cannot say Kaepernick is being unappreciative of the rights afforded to him by this country. As ESPN senior writer Ian O'Connor said, "If you don't like what the man did or said, that's your prerogative. But telling him that what he said and did was un-American is to lose sight of what it means to be an American."

We have political parties because we disagree. We have discussions in class because we disagree. We have the Youtube comments section because we disagree (and like to hate things). Dissent is our way of life and an American blessing. The freedom to disagree is a right in the United States, but to some it's not even a privilege.

The only reason one of Kaepernick's nonviolent protests is getting so much attention is because the media can't spin it as a negative commentary on the Black Lives Matter movement.

Even as a Black individual, Kaepernick has the privilege of being wealthy, famous and a man, just as the privilege of being white and middle class and he is choosing to use his platform as an influential athlete to deliver a message. It may have been a quietly messy act that was often misinterpreted, but at least he was doing something.

Many equate the national anthem and the American flag with our military, and to disrespect one is to disrespect the other. Yet is not the right to speak freely exactly what our veterans are fighting for? I do not believe Kaepernick is looking to dishonor or insult the United States, but to improve it through critical reflection.

I believe that the United States is capable of overcoming hurt feelings from some healthy self-criticism.

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Humans of Willamette

If you could change one thing about Willamette, what would it be?



Tianna Vasquez
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"Oh, where do I start? That uphill slope in front of Smulin – get rid of that because I get winded so easily walking to class, it's awful. Honestly, that's it, I can't even think of anything else. That's number one on my list right now."



Amanda Fong
Sophomore
Biology
El Cerrito, California

"Bring your dogs to school day because dogs are awesome."



Morgan Rivest
First Year
Undeclared
Juneau, Alaska

"I would change that the Mill Stream would be fuller. Just because it makes it more lively."

Correction: In the issue published on September 7, Nebraska Lucas was incorrectly named Brendan Blosser-McGinnis. The *Collegian* regrets this error.

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Please submit questions you would like featured in *Humans of Willamette* at our dropbox in the Bistro.



Sabrina Hockett
Junior
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Santa Cruz, California

"I would probably change the way they do class registration because it's very difficult to get into classes that you really need or want and I always seem to get very terrible times."



Callie Spevack
First Year
Undeclared
Oakland, California

"I would want Cat Cavern and Kaneko to be open for dinner so there was more dinner options."