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PC problems

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The amazing thing about the undergraduate experience is the degree of insularity. College is kind of like a chill little commune (at least at small colleges like ours), where we get to learn, eat, go to events and have discussions with like-minded individuals who just “get” us. The level of understanding of complex issues on college campuses never ceases to amaze me, and the same goes for the amount of passion students feel for these issues.

This has led to the encouragement of communication that is choreographed in a way that is sensitive to the backgrounds of others. This is a complicated topic, and while I love to read articles about the political correctness/SJW movements on college campuses, I am not necessarily the best at writing about them. But here is my attempt to provide a perspective that I think Willamette isn't comfortable with.

While the choice to attend university is made for a variance of reasons, we can all arrive to the least common denominator of agreeing that we are here to acquire knowledge. Whether that is to secure a bright future, learn about how the systems we participate in oppress other, or elevate our level of discussion of complex issues, I think we can all agree that we're not paying upwards of \$45,000 to be where we are when we start.

The process of learning requires challenge. And learning is uncomfortable. You are a young adult entering the real, cruel and Trump-supporting world, and by protecting yourself from this reality through the silencing of noise you do not wish to hear is the equivalent of covering your ears and screaming.

You are in college to learn how to deal with and address these perspectives, so that you may enter the post-college abyss and do just that. The only way you can do that is to allow discussion to occur. I agree, standards need to be implemented for discussion so direct attacks aren't thrown, but traumatic experiences are not reasons to not have a discussion.

While the line between free speech and offensive speech is murky, as college students, it is our role to pursue that line so that we can have discussions that push boundaries—in preparation for a world filled with these obstacles.

I have no idea where that line is, but silencing others' opinions is in no way helping you learn how to address these issues in productive ways. You're simply covering your ears, and you are lucky enough that here, that's acceptable.

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Bearcats hope to rebound for conference opener



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They keep kicking. conference play begins Saturday, Sept. 19 at home.

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The Willamette University men's soccer team dropped two hard fought games at home this weekend, the latter of which came down to the final minutes.

On Friday night against University of California, Santa Cruz, Sparks Field was rocking as senior forward Yazan Hishmeh headed the ball into the back of the net to give the Bearcats an early 1-0 lead 15:48 into the game.

This lead would diminish

when Santa Cruz's Rodrigo Diaz-Valdes dotted one into the upper right corner from 19 yards out at 37:27. The score would remain tied at 1-1 until just over ten minutes into the second half when Banana Slug forward Shawn DiRocco went streaking down the pitch and tapped the ball in after a pass from Brandon Flores. The Bearcats then began to pepper Banana Slug goalkeeper over the next 30 minutes with six shots, but it was UCSC that put the nail in the coffin when Samuel Horton scored on a counter at 85:57.

The Bearcats looked for redemption on Saturday night as they took on the Evergreen State Geoducks. What a Geoduck is, no one may know, but they found a way to come out with a win.

The Geoducks were first to put the ball through the posts. Willamette was able to even the score when sophomore striker Alan Hernandez received a pass from junior Jack Elton placed one into the left side of the net. The game remained 1-1 until 85:38, when Juan Oropeza broke the hearts of the Bearcat faithful by tapping

the ball in the net off of the hands of senior Bearcat keeper Braydon Calder after a save. While the Bearcats are now 1-3-1, they definitely displayed the competitive spirit necessary to contend for the Northwest Conference crown.

Conference play begins this Saturday, when the 'Cats host the defending champion Whitworth University.

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FWD Important message

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The beginning of September brought with it a wave of compromised email accounts.

WITS Help Desk Manager Mitch Jones said that over 400 accounts were affected starting the week of August 31, when WITS began receiving notifications from Google of suspicious login activity.

“They would say something

about an address that was logging in from an IP address in Romania, and then Taiwan, and then some other place that ends in ‘stan,’” Jones said.

The problem was visible to only the students whose accounts were compromised until said accounts began sending mass spam e-mails to other members of the Willamette community on Labor Day.

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Hot doggy “Dawgs”

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In an effort to change things up and escape the long Saturday afternoon Goudy lines, I ventured on a short search for an all-American meal. Roxy Dawgs satisfied my craving with food and service that does not break the college piggy bank. This sausage and burger joint in downtown Salem will give you a com-

plete and genuine hot dog eating experience.

During my visit, I had the “Beaver Dawg” and their most popular item, the “Tornado Fries,” and a soft drink all for under \$6! Their tornado fries are a savory spiral-cut potato on a stick with a touch of garlic and pepper, and were fresh and tasty while my “dawg,” which had smoked sausage, bacon and cheese, tasted delicious.

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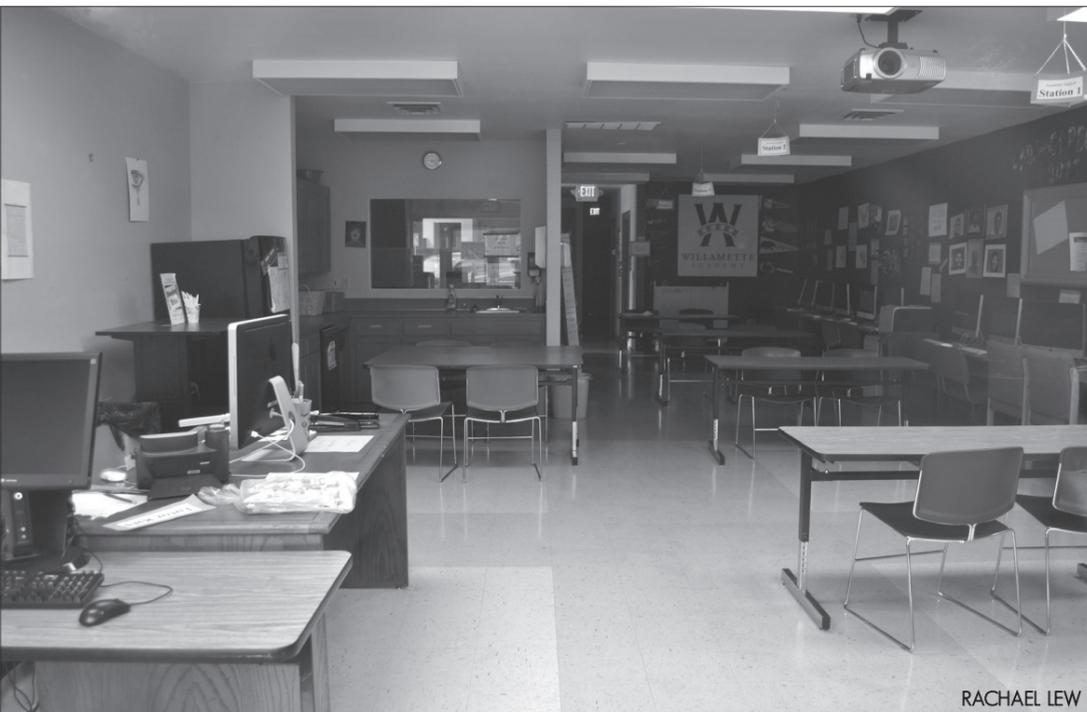


W. Academy task force reevaluates program's mission



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ABOVE, BELOW: The Willamette Academy uses a five year cohort program that begins in the eighth grade and follows students through high school.



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A new task force has been created this year to evaluate the Willamette Academy program that was started over a decade ago as a means to reach out to communities historically underrepresented in secondary and higher education institutions.

Associate Professor of Sociology and Chair of the task force Kelley Strawn said that as programs like Willamette Academy have become increasingly institutionalized in public schools like in

the cases of AVID and INSPIRE, now is an appropriate time to evaluate what the academy is doing well and to revise its mission to ensure that it is on track for continued success in the future.

The task force, consisting of student, faculty, staff and administrative representatives has only just begun their work to evaluate the Willamette Academy program, having their first meeting last week, but expects to have a completed assessment before Thanksgiving.

Part of the duties of the task force will be to find ways to provide metrics that accurately evaluate the

program's success, possibly leading to external funding support.

Strawn said, "We need to be sure that we're not reacting down the road to what funding organizations might want but that we're thinking now about the groundwork so that Willamette Academy has the information needed to successfully compete for supporting grants."

The task force is also expected to reaffirm the mission and goals of the Academy which will help in the University's ongoing search for a new director for the program.

"It is without a director but it's not without staff and it's not without direction," Strawn said.

"It is being taken care of. It'll be a really attractive job I think with a very clear mission and make it a lot easier to find someone with dynamism, experience and passion for [this] kind of program and lead it hopefully for the next several years."

According to Strawn, when Willamette Academy first started it was unique in the Willamette Valley in that it was a program to prepare kids for college from populations historically underrepresented in higher education enrollment. But as time has gone on similar programs have emerged.

"Society has historically treated college access as if everyone has equal opportunity when in reality they do not," Strawn said. "Over the last 15 years or so, programs like [the Academy] and Avid have been purposeful about encouraging a broader range of young people to consider college and to assist them in developing the skills needed to successfully apply, enter and complete a college degree program."

Strawn added that the Academy serves both an important social justice and service education function for Willamette.

He said the sociology department in particular has one of the clearest investments in the Academy, noting his colleague Associate Professor of Sociology Emily Drew, who runs a class that works there as part of their coursework.

Director of Community Service Learning Eric Lassahn who is also on the committee, said that the Academy is an important resource for members of our community,

particularly around college access.

"It's a place where current Willamette students do a great deal and wide variety of service that has the potential to make a huge difference in the lives of young people in the community as [the young people] make sense of their lives."

Prof. Strawn said that, "it also helps us learn all the ways that we all need to open our minds and think differently about what community is and what diversity means in a community. That it's not just about headcount; it's place and space and whether people feel ownership of that place and space."

The University has made a strong commitment to diversity in recent years and sees the Academy as well as the Chemawa Indian school partnership and international student recruitment as an integral part of that commitment.

In fact, the Board of Trustees approved 2013 Strategic plan highlights the Willamette Academy in the University's effort to assess current "pipelines" of prospective students and leverage limited discretionary resources to support programs that comport with the University's mission. Enhancing the quality of life of the University's community with student, staff and faculty involvement is another significant aspect of the strategic plan.

"It's an important part of the Willamette identity," Strawn said.

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Hack attack on WU accounts

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Jones emphasized that the sender names listed on these emails were often not the names of the actual senders. Instead, they were typically names that had been extracted from the compromised accounts' contact lists.

"The spam looked like it was coming from staff members and faculty members and students and things like that, but it really wasn't," Jones said. "It was just a few external non-Willamette accounts that were doing it."

Junior Ráe Moreno was among the students whose accounts were compromised and said that the problem worsened even after her password was changed.

"About two days after the spam horde began, friends and family started texting me saying they were getting weird messages from my email and were concerned. Of course, I immediately

went and changed my password again," Moreno said. "I thought my original password was pretty complicated, but obviously it wasn't complicated enough."

Jones' top piece of advice to students is to use a longer password and utilize Google's two-step verification process that sends a code to the user's phone that must be entered before a successful login.

"Even if they're complex, shorter passwords take much less time for a computer system to crack," Jones said. "Length is the number one thing you can do to keep your password secure, even if you don't worry about as many special characters."

WITS made the scare a learning experience for all students by helping affected students like Moreno recover their accounts and sending out an email to the entire campus community with tips on preventative measures.

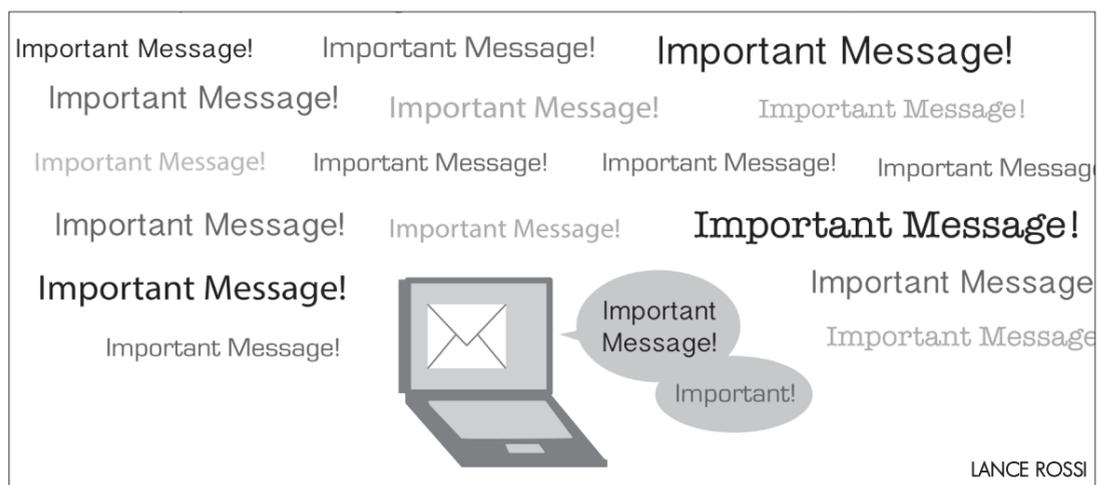
"I didn't receive any emails until after the notice went out so I was pretty lucky where I knew not to click on any of the links," said freshman Sali Arauz. "Overall it just taught me to be extra cautious, especially regarding the technical world."

"Don't be afraid to go 7th grade on your password," Moreno said. "Use some numbers and symbols for letters and whatnot."

Going forward, Jones said, WITS will consider a variety of measures that they can take to ensure that an incident like this does not occur again.

"We might move to one of those places where you have to change your password every year, or six months, or whatever," Jones said. "All of the WITS employees will be required to start up using two-factor authentication."

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Alumna brings it on home

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While most students are wondering where they're going, Linda Kelly '69 is thinking about where she comes from. This President of the WU Alumni Association has been hard at work prepping for Alumni weekend's activities—while still managing to stay on top of her coursework.

Though this president keeps a low profile, it's hard to miss the fervor in the air. The big tent goes up on the quad this week, which means the alumni are back in town to celebrate this year's theme of global relationships. Kelly hopes to achieve a similar connection one step beyond her graduated class.

Kelly is hoping to attract a diverse grouping of alumni from any and all classes. "The people coming back shouldn't just be the classes that are having their reunions," Kelly said.

"It should be for all alumni every single year."

This year, alumni have been trying to bridge the gap between graduated and current students. From attending admitted-students meetings to organizing class gifts, alumni have already been a recognizable part of campus life.

This past August, Kelly worked with Opening Days Leader senior Kelci Jacoby to incorporate alumni into a relatively new Willamette tradition: the matriculation and candle lighting ceremony.

This year's incoming first years will graduate in 2019, which also marks the 50th an-

niversary of Kelly's class.

Since the tradition began nearly a decade ago, OD leaders have been the ones to hand the young students the symbolic candles. In a figurative gesture, Jacoby and Kelly organized a group of 13 alumni from the class of '69 to be the ones who pass the torch. "I don't think anyone understood what was going on," Kelly joked.

However, Kelly is excited about the possibility of bringing alumni and contemporary students together. "We can adopt this class," she said, in the hopes that this weekend's festivities and other Bearcat gatherings inspire further partnerships within the Willamette network.

Off-campus, Kelly and a group of alumni from her class still keep in touch and meet fairly regularly to organize. Last year they celebrated their forty-fifth anniversary and capped off the successful event this summer with a barbeque in town.

Kelly also has a vested interest in the community as both of her children attended Willamette. "College kids are so optimistic, and it's enlivening... It's been an amazing thing in my life, being involved with the students."

Kelly and the Alumni Association are also enlivening the mail boxes of Bearcats 21 and over with a drink ticket for Bearcat Bash, which takes place on the quad this Friday from four to six p.m. Because if there's anything Bearcats past and present have in common, it's happy hour.

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WU store outsourced after decreases in revenue

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Citing significant decreases in store revenue, a committee headed by Associate Vice President for Financial Affairs Robert Olson made the decision in recent months to lease the Willamette store to an outside company.

Follett Higher Education Group, a privately owned company that manages nearly 1,200 campus stores across North America, now serves as the new manager of the Willamette Store. Follet assumed operations as of July, 21 2015 under a five year contract.

Olson said that the University made the decision to lease the store after observing that more and more students were purchasing their textbooks from outsider companies.

"Textbooks really are the driver of the sales for us behind the whole store," Olson said. Without sufficient revenue being generated from textbook sales, operating the store in its current state became financially less desirable for the University.

Olson's committee evaluated several possible courses of financial action. These solutions included keeping the store as it was despite losses in revenue, reducing the number of employees operating the bookstore or outsourcing the store to an independent company.

After a period of research involving visits to universities throughout the Northwest, outsourcing the Willamette Store soon arose as a desirable option.

"It's a very common environment now for college universities our size," Olson said.

Olson observed that the campus stores at Linfield College, George Fox University, Pacific University and University of Portland had all been leased out over the past years.

While leasing the Willamette Store appeared the most realistic option, the committee wanted to ensure that students who purchased textbooks from the store would not be negatively affected by the change. The committee in particular felt concerned by claims from various companies that the University would be guaranteed 10 percent of gross sales revenue.

Looking at gross sales revenue sales from previous years, the committee found that the leased store would be making around ten times more revenue than when Willamette managed the store. Committee members feared that significant-

ly higher textbook prices were the source of this increased revenue.

Companies were asked by the committee to price out a collection of textbooks as a means of comparison. Olson says that Follett, the company that was eventually selected, offered textbook price that on average, were less expensive than the books offered by Willamette. With these concerns lifted, Follett Education Group became the new manager of the Willamette Store.

The principle staff at the Willamette Store will remain at their current jobs but will now be considered employees of Follett rather than Willamette. "It was a hard thing for them," Olson said. "They had been Willamette employees for some cases upwards of ten years, in Melinda [Hochendoner's] case close to 20 years."

To help ease the transition concerns, Olson worked closely with Follett to ensure that the store employees would be giving comparable salaries and benefits to what they had as Willamette employees.

In addition to lower textbook prices, Follett will provide the Willamette community with an improved shopping experience, an estimated \$100,000 in renovations to the Willamette Store and a "refreshing" of inventory.

Students and staff can expect to see these updates to the store over the next several months.

"Follett is an expert in running campus stores," Olson stated in a Bearcat Bulletin update. "We look forward to a long and successful partnership."

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CAMPUS SAFETY

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

September 9, 2:10 p.m. (Smullin Hall): The vending machine in the basement of Smullin had appeared to be tampered with. Upon the arrival of the officer noticed the credit card reader had been loose, and looked as if someone tried to pry it off.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID:

September 8, 7:54 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student had fallen in the Martha Springer Garden, and was then transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

September 7, 3:57 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a request from a student who needed to be transported to the ER.

September 6, 12:24 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety was called to assist an intoxicated student who was the restroom. When the officers arrived they assessed the student, and found them to be alert, and did not need further medical attention. The student was told to contact Campus Safety if she needed further assistance.

September 5th, 11:42 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): An officer was requested to assess a student who had begun feeling ill after consuming alcohol earlier in the evening. The officer discussed the student's options for further medical attention, and initially the student was hesitant. After they began feeling worse, they were transported to the hospital.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

September 10, 12:56 a.m. (Hatfield Library): A student called to report being chased

through the Sparks parking lot by a male subject who was screaming at them. The students had never seen this subject before, and started to run after they noticed he was following them. On their way to Campus Safety, they pressed a blue light call button which immediately notified the officers of an emergency. Officers spoke with the students, and attempted to locate the suspect. The students were urged to call Campus Safety if they saw the suspect again.

THEFT

September 11, 10:15 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): A student reported their bike stolen after locking it up at the bike rack at the end of the skybridge. The cable lock was cut and was laying on the ground when she arrived hours later to retrieve her bike. The student made a theft report, was referred to Salem Police's non-emergency number to make an additional report.

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

Arts

The Historic Elsinore Theatre partnered with Willamette's Film Studies program for the Wednesday Film Series screenings of classic and silent films. The first film presented is "Top Hat" on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The other movies in the fall series range from silent films with organ accompaniment to "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." The box office opens at 6:15 p.m. and the films begin at 7 p.m. The films are free to Willamette students with ID.

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Looking for something unique, or just interested in the history of Salem? Check out the Vintage Flea Market at the Historic Deepwood Estate on Saturday, Sept. 19 starting at 9 a.m. There will be over a dozen vendors, food and entertainment for just a suggested donation of \$2.

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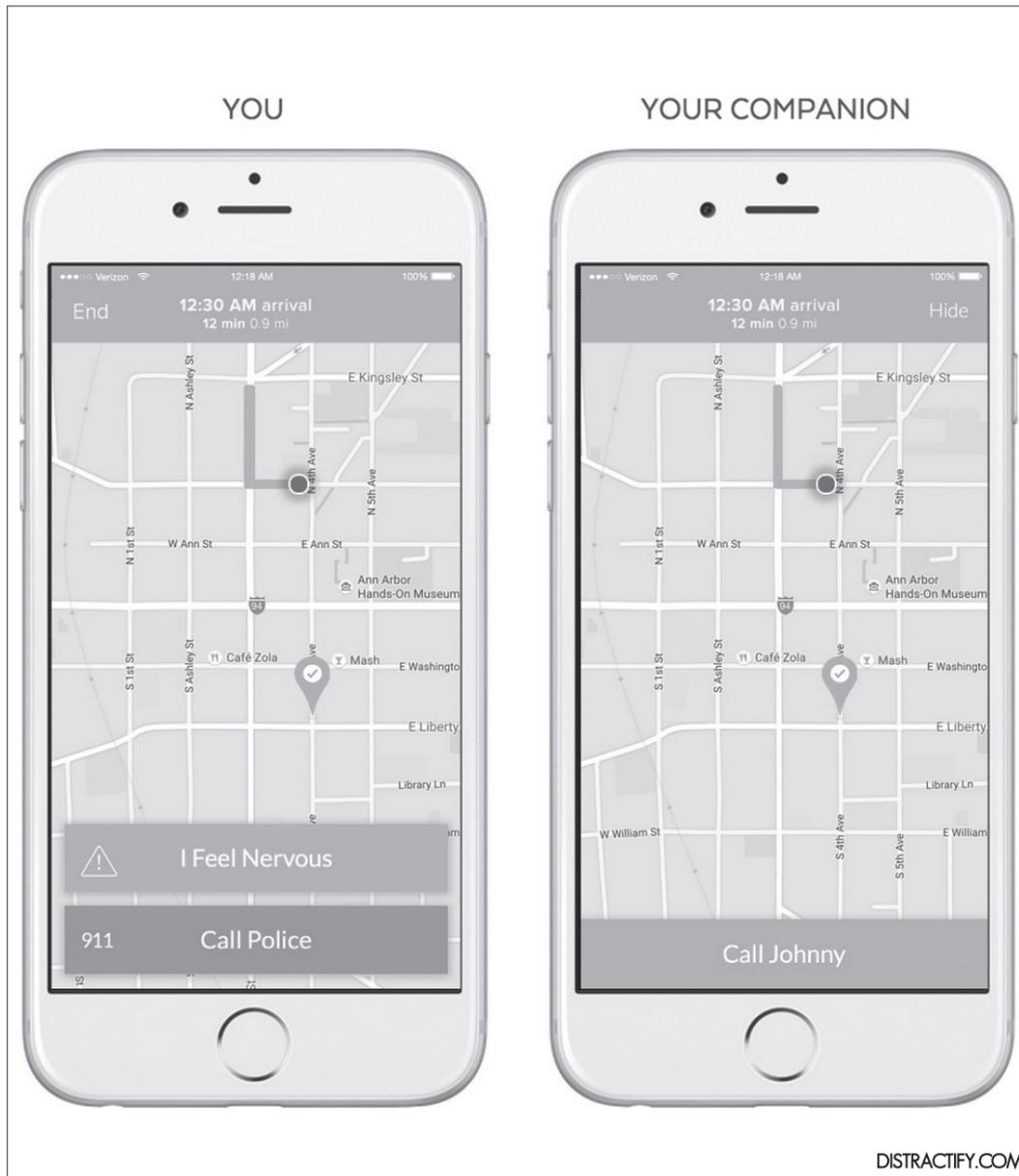
Load up your wagons and join the fun at Oregon Trail Live, hosted at the Willamette Heritage Center (the mill by Kaneko). Teams of two to four people can enter the competition for a team fee of \$30 if purchased beforehand, or \$40 at the door that includes a day of challenges like hunting and grave digging. If you are not up for the task but still want to check out the fun, spectators can grab a ticket for \$7. The trail is waiting!

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Riverfront Park will be hosting an outdoor screening of "Upriver" on Sunday, Sept. 20. Live music, exhibitors and poetry readings will also be of entertainment starting at 3 p.m. and the film ends at 9 p.m. This is a free film that recognizes and highlights the importance of the Willamette River.

Got culture?
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The app that walks you home



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Your friends are safe and asleep, but there is a phone on the nightstand and it is ringing. Something happened on your 3 a.m. walk home, and your choice will decide who answers that call. When you're walking home alone at night, wouldn't you rather have a companion?
Therein lies the premise of the

personal safety app Companion, a service that allows you to map and track your journey from point A to point B, all while keeping a group of "Companions" up to date on your whereabouts. For college students, the appeal is obvious, so much so that the app claims to cooperate not only with local police departments and law enforcement, but also with campus police.
The concept is simple and ele-

gantly designed. Once downloaded, the app requests your phone number and permission to link itself to your saved contacts and location services. From there on, all you need to do is drag the map to your destination and hit start. The app then asks you to pick out what the app calls 'Companions,' and as you head out on your journey, the app uses SMS messaging to ping anyone you have selected as a Companion, notifying them you have

picked them out as a Companion, and with further updates as you walk.

Did you start running for some reason on your path? Your phone will pick up the sudden change of speed and vibration and ask you if you are still okay. If you do not respond, it will message your Companions and ask them to check in on you. If you are feeling nervous or sketched out on your walk, you can hit a quick button that will notify both your companions and—if applicable—your campus safety department to notify them that a certain area of campus should be more closely watched.

No need to whip out your phone and write out a lengthy text explaining the situation, the Companion app will do it for you. If it is a bad situation or you are in danger, there is a 911 speed dial function—just hit the panic button at the bottom of the screen, confirm you want to call 911, and you will be connected immediately to the closest dispatcher to you, and your GPS information and current location will be provided to them.

It is not just good for lonely walks though. This is college after all, and if you are walking to or from a party, drunk as hell, this will help you keep your friends—either at the party or back on campus—in contact as to your whereabouts and how you are doing, and whether or not you have made it back safely. All this facilitated by a mapping feature unique to Companion, one that tracks your path from start to finish, and shares it with your chosen Companions via a private Google Maps link that charts your journey.

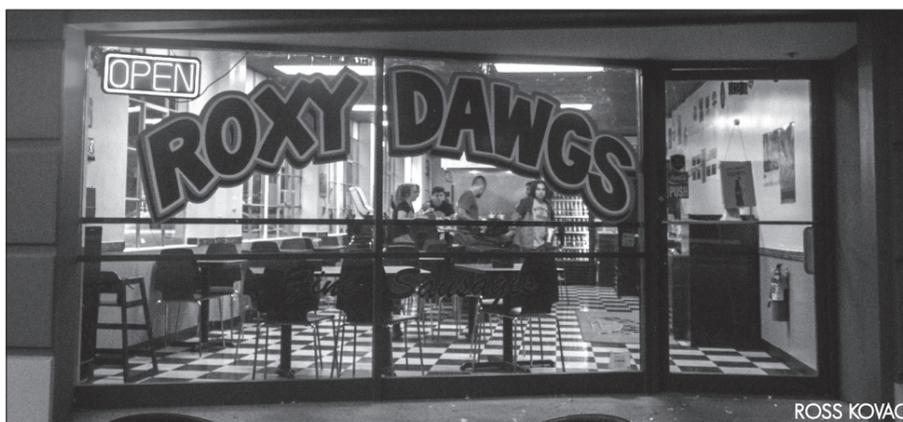
It is all very slick and well designed, and while I have only been playing around with it for a few days, I highly recommend to anyone who feels lonely or on edge walking alone, anyone headed off-campus, today or the weekend or any time at all—download Companion. Peace of mind is priceless, and so is Companion, quite literally, with a price tag every college student loves to see: free. The app is there to help; when you're walking home alone at night, wouldn't you rather have a companion?
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Have your dog however you like it - as long as it's hot

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The taste was amplified by the many toppings that I chose from their extravagant condiments bar. What gives this place a unique flavor in comparison to your local Five Guys is the incredible selection of condiments and gourmet sausage options they offer to customers.

The restaurant equips patrons with anything they could possibly want to take a hot dog from a classic to an exotic show dog. You can choose from a burger patty made to fit a hot dog bun, pick a German or Polish sausage or even have a soy and wheat protein if you are a vegan or vegetarian. From jalapeños and sweet relish to Chipotle mayo, teriyaki sauce, and six different types of mustard, Roxy Dawgs gives you many different condiments to shape your hot dog eating experience.



ROSS KOVAC

Countertop trivia game cards were available at the tables that entertained the group I was with and made the place feel like a college student-friendly atmosphere. Workers are often on campus passing out coupons and promoting; they are even had a table at the Activities and Resources Expo and are looking to hire exciting individuals. If you are someone who enjoys trying new flavor

combinations or you simply appreciate having many options, Roxy Dawgs is a hip place that gives you a great value meal that is well worth your visit.

Curtis Fisher, the owner, said "Roxy Dawgs is not just a hotdog joint. All of the "Dawgs" are served dry, just meat and bun. Customers then get to top their Dawgs with any and all of our selections from the 40+ item con-

diment bar—everything from Ketchup to Cap'n Crunch. We started at Oregon State University three years ago and are very excited to introduce our concept to the students at Willamette."

If you don't find something you like here, something must be wrong.

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Salem Film Series - progress at a cost: \$5



Nuts about Neanderbar

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Willamette students are swamped with a full load of classes, their personal life developments and over-commitment issues, leaving them pressed for time and ravenous. Bon Appetit recognizes the demand caused by busy schedules and created a new superfood bar to appeal to the student body. This Neanderbar became my lifesaver last year and restored my faith in Goudy on occasion.

I am a big fan of superfood bars; there is not much better than getting the majority of a day's vital nutrients in just a few bites. I have tried Lara bars, Clif bars, Barz bars and more, but this bar features an original house recipe and is distributed on campus. These bars changed my dining experience entirely because when all else failed, I knew there would usually be a Neanderbar there to satiate my sweet, salty and protein cravings all at once.

Chris Linn, general manager of Bon Appetit, shaped the creation using ingredients he regularly finds in his mother's pantry. Many processed options are offered in Montag, The Millstream Market and Goudy, but this bar is composed of raw healthy ingredients as an alternative. It combines oats, goji berries, peanut butter, almonds, cacao nibs, hemp seeds and chia seeds. It is every vegan and health enthusiast's dream come true, pre-packaged and ready to grab and go. These are generally expensive and highly sought ingredients in the health food realms, yet Goudy offers it for around two bucks.

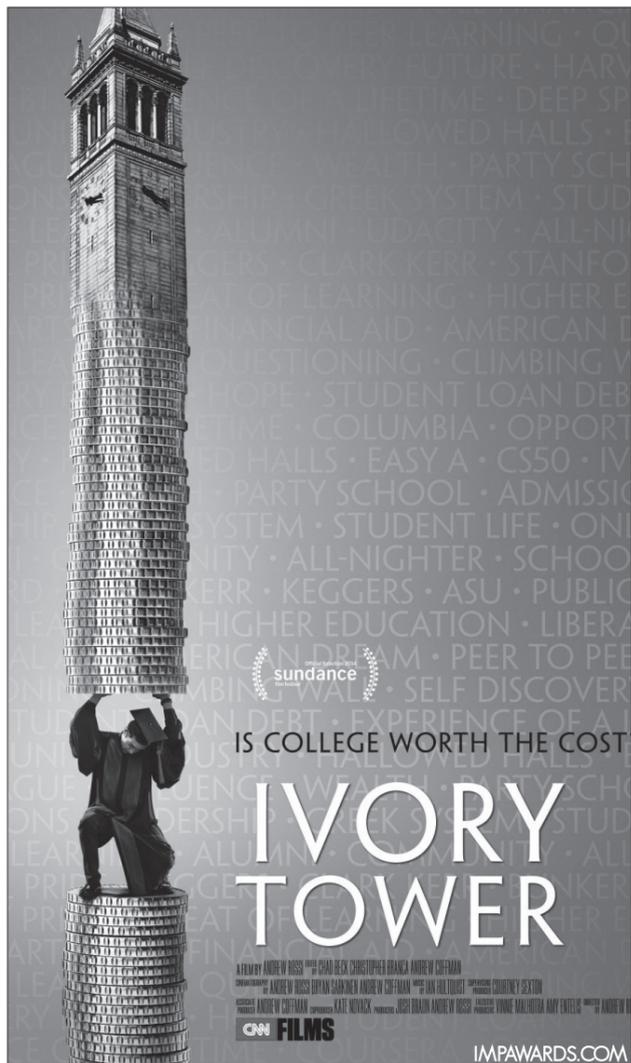
The introduction of the bars to students was initially a test run, but the current demand means they will be around for quite a while. According to Linn, the primary issue with the bars is making enough every day to keep students happy. New batches of Neanderbars are made daily early in the morning and continually sell out. They appeal to health enthusiasts, vegans and vegetarians, and provide an option to those regularly going on outdoor program trips and embarking on hiking trails. Many students also snag one in the morning because it fills them up when they do not have time for a lunch break and I have witnessed many disappointed looks when the designated Neanderbar bowl is empty (my own included.)

The product is selling well, but it also is not widely known across campus yet.

"I hope people come in to try it to fuel themselves because I know some are hesitant about trying things too much like 'hippie food'" Linn said.

This is one of the few products that Linn has received specific emails of praise about and he expects it to continue appealing to the student body. My regular Goudy meal usually consisted of a salad, white rice and soy sauce, so the Neanderbar is a step up indeed.

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It is important to recognize flaws in our political and economic system so that we can have a possibility at enacting change. This mantra mirrors that of the Salem Progressive Film Series, which believes "the power to effect change begins with knowledge." They included "Merchants of Doubt" in their series on Tuesday, Sept. 15 as this month's film to shed light on dire issues of this era.

In 1953 the tobacco industry had scientific studies at their disposal showing that ill-health effects correlated with smoking, yet it wasn't until the early 1990s that the tobacco industry began to face losses in court.

In the landmark work "Silent Spring" Rachel Carson was right when she called out the grave danger DDT poses to the ecosystem and to human health? Yet, in 1972 when the US banned the use of DDT in America, the chemical industry painted Rachel Carson as a hysterical female, who was a mass murderer worse than Hitler and Stalin.

In both of these cases, industry was not trying to aid in scientific research to protect the American people. Rather, its representatives were crafting campaigns to merchandise doubt in the public. The tobacco industry, the chemical industry, the fossil fuel industry... are all culprits who have "conspired to fight the facts, and to merchandise doubt."

This sort of tactic is exactly what Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway hash

out in "Merchants of Doubt." They take a historical look at how a select group of scientists used clout—inherited after aiding US scientific military efforts—to work hand-in-hand with industries to deceive the government and the public about the harmful effects of tobacco, DDT, chlorofluorocarbons and carbon emissions.

Upon reading "Merchants of Doubt," I found myself questioning the validity of our democracy. Today free speech allows for a cacophony of contradictory assertions making it hard for any one individual to discern what information is true from what is false. This allows for industry to make absurd and unproven claims.

Through this mechanism, industry can temporarily evade regulation by the government, as the burden of proof lies in the scientific community... which takes time. This interval of time leaves the public to contemplate provided doubt. Which leads to inaction, causing harm to the entire biosphere.

The Grand Theatre on High Street will be screening thought-provoking films every third Tuesday of the month from September to May and have powerful speakers to follow the films. October's film "Ivory Tower" examines the college experience in the United States and what needs to be present for a worthwhile and sustainable post-grad experience. It only takes a short walk from campus and \$5.

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Narcos: Everyone is watching it

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"Narcos" is a strong new weapon in Netflix's agenda of hijacking television viewership from basic cable. The series reaches a new audience for Netflix, one that lives off of foreign films and drug lord tales. Many people have already binge-watched their way through the first season of the biopic about the infamous Colombian drug lord, Pablo Escobar (Wagner Moura).

Our first glimpse of the famed drug lord occurs around fifteen minutes in, but is well worth the wait. Escobar's first few minutes of screen time perfectly capture the criminal's ruthlessness, ambition and intelligence. It is a credit to Moura's acting that he never exaggerates the traits of his character shows in this first display. The story picks up in the late 1970s with Escobar's rise to prominence in the Colombian drug trade due to his connection with Cockroach (Luis Gnecco), who is the sole survivor of a group of lab workers executed by a firing squad.

Another acting delight in the show is Pedro Pascal—yes, the vengeful Oberyn Martell from "Game of Thrones"—as Javier Peña one of the DEA agents on the Drug Lord's tail and Boyd Holbrook as DEA agent Steve Murphy

While subordinate to Escobar in screen time, Murphy's narration, in the first couple of episodes at least, is a constant presence. This often feels like a cop-out that is "telling" instead of "showing." It also gives the viewer the sense that this is Murphy's story as opposed to Escobar's, despite Escobar's charisma and ambition, which is more interesting to watch than Murphy's every day family-man act.

Director José Padilha and creator Chris Brancato give the series a docudrama-like feel, often using a handheld camera and playing real footage of 1980s Colombia and the States. This adds to the show's authenticity, giving the viewer a sense of zooming in on the major events of the show. The show's strengths lie in the performances of the actors and in the overall atmosphere of the show. The combination of documentary footage and the grey and gloomy cinematography (specifically in the scenes set in Colom-

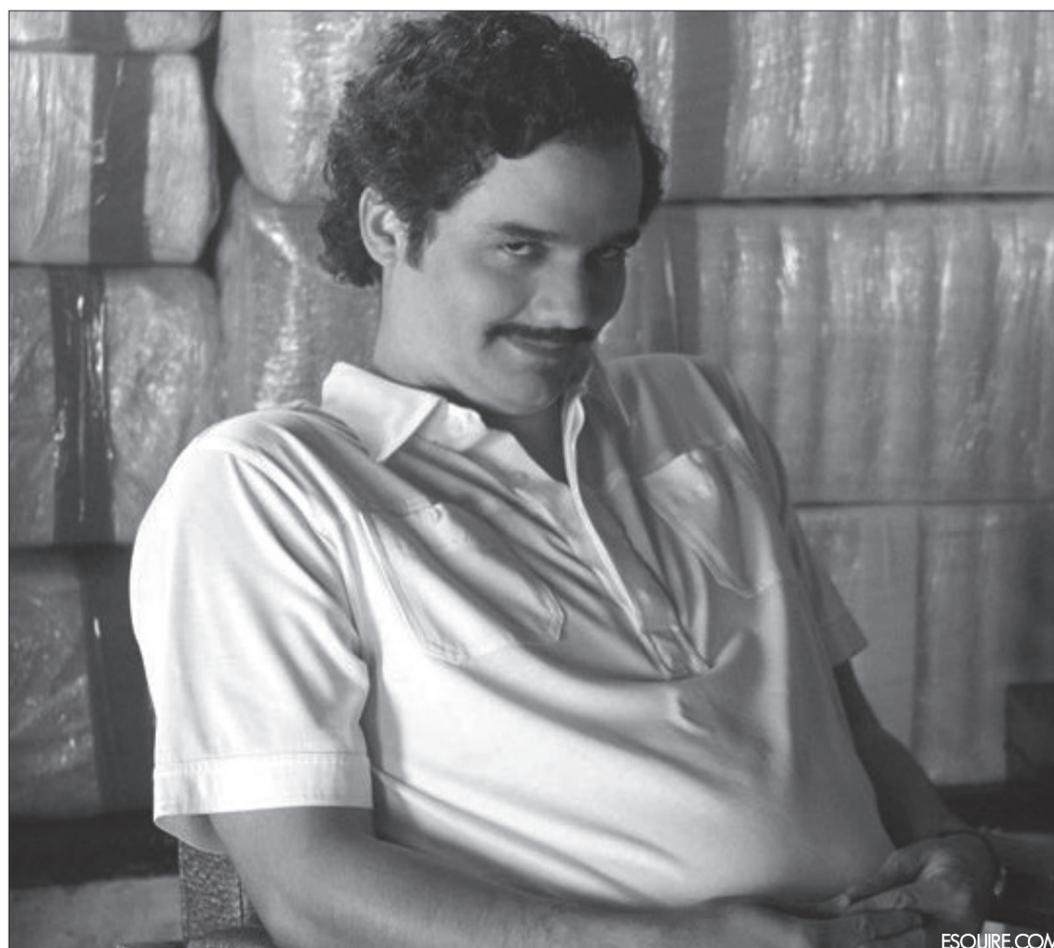
bia) create a gritty environment.

Still, the series is not perfect. Despite Moura's strong performance as Escobar, his transition from simply criminal behavior to politics feels sudden, and we learn little about what motivates him to make this change. The documentary shots are often used effectively, but there are moments that appear to undo the authenticity of the scenes shot in the regular dramatic format. These moments simply serve to remind us that what we are watching is purely dramatic and not

reality, which can detract from our investment in the events of the series for their own sake.

The period crime aspects of the series, as well as the violence and grit, may attract fans of acclaimed series like "Boardwalk Empire" and "Peaky Blinders." "Narcos" doesn't reach that level of excellence, but is still a positive, more modern addition to the genre. Here is to hoping that Netflix's drug cartel escapades last.

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What's in a name... or a pronoun?

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A warning for readers: this article discusses violence against transgender individuals and mental illness in the trans community. Some readers may be upset by this.

Imagine five year old me: a little kiddo with flowing golden locks who refused to wear anything but ball gowns and glass slippers. My all-time favorite outfit to wear on special occasions was a poofy blue Cinderella dress from Disneyland with sparkly silver sunglasses; but lucky for my mom, who couldn't really budget for actual ball gowns, I would settle for a sundress and Mary Janes on school days.

Fast forward to nine years old: imagine a kid in a Linkin Park t-shirt and cargo shorts. I brought a picture of my dad to the hairdresser and said, "I want to look like this." I told everyone who would listen that I wanted to be a man when I grew up.

In high school I happily wore a uniform on school days but felt panicked every weekend trying to figure out what girls wear to the movies.

Freshman and sophomore year of college, I comfortably wore dresses and makeup most days but woke up feeling inexplicable hatred toward my whole wardrobe.

Junior year, I noticed the fat forming curves on my hips that hadn't been there before. I was looking at my body naked in the mirror wondering why it was changing like this, becoming more "womanly" without my permission. Me and my straight-hipped frame had had such a good thing going before— what had changed? I felt a nameless anxiety lurking; I knew I didn't want to look more feminine, but couldn't yet begin to tell you why.

Later that same year, I wrote an

essay on transgender and nonbinary young people for my anthropology class (if you get a chance to take Anthropology of Sex and Gender, definitely do that). To my surprise, I found that rather than writing a report about folks for whom I felt sympathy but not identification, I was actually writing about myself.

Reading and understanding more about transgender identities, particularly those that don't quite fit anywhere in the rigid male/female binary, helped me realize that all the misgivings I'd had about my own gender were experiences I shared with millions of others.

From the non-binary community in particular, I learned that even though I don't want to be a man doesn't mean I have no choice but to be a woman. Having realized these things, I proceeded to discover that "woman" doesn't apply to me at all, because I'm simply not a woman.

Near the end of junior year, I abdicated the identity of "woman" entirely. First, I identified as agender — or, in my more whimsical moments, gender-liberated — because I felt that I had no gender at all. Later, I started to explore more and more possibilities of gender identity and expression.

Ultimately, I began to joyfully and confidently announce myself as genderqueer, a term beautiful in its ambiguity and fluidity.

Discovering genderqueer and non-binary identities liberated my worldview, my self-expression and my most fundamental sense of self. The realization that people and identities can exist in-between, outside of, and including but not limited to the categories "man" and "woman" opened up space for me to exist in the most honest way I can. I no longer feel constrained by expectations placed upon women. I feel freed and joyful in a way that I never felt before.

However, feeling fully liberated requires me to rely heavily on others. While I see myself as a gender-fucking-deity of rainbows and Doc Martens, busting the binary one ambiguously-dressed day at a time, the world insists on reading me as a woman. I rely on others to be not only supportive of my identity, but enthusiastically affirming of it. I need people to vouch for me. I can't be there every time someone screws up and calls me "she." This article is my attempt to explain why you, reader, need to step up your game a little and give me a hand here. Or, if you're a trans student at Willamette, this article is an attempt to make us a little more visible and to let you know I'm trying to have your back.

A quick note on terminology: I'm using the term "transgender" to mean anyone whose sex assigned at birth does not match their gender identity and who identifies as transgender. While many non-binary people — like myself — identify as transgender, this is not the case for all non-binary or gender-nonconforming people.

Let's start with some basics: according to ABC News, there is a minimum of 700,000 transgender people in the United States. That's 100,000 more than the population of Portland, and many experts suspect that the 700,000 estimate is low due to mistrust of government, safety concerns of survey respondents and other issues. By these numbers, a school of Willamette's size should have around two to four transgender people at a time. However, I suspect that this number is higher due to Willamette's reputation as a fairly liberal school in a fairly liberal state.

So why should this matter to you? Easy: either you are a trans student at Willamette, or you probably know someone who is. I'm assuming that you're a rea-

sonably empathic person who cares about others. If this is the case, you should care about supporting your trans peers for a variety of really important reasons.

An estimated 41 percent of the transgender community has attempted suicide at least once. This number is slightly higher for gender-nonconforming people like myself at 43 percent according to a study conducted by the LGBTQ Policy Journal at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

We're much more likely to struggle with anxiety and depression. Despite being statistically more likely to have received college educations, we are four times more likely to live in poverty.

At least 20 trans people have been unlawfully killed in 2015. According to a report prepared for the UN in 2009, a transgender person is murdered every three days worldwide. Collecting precise data on murders of transgender people is difficult due to police and family reluctance to identify the individuals as trans, and the propensity for perpetrators of domestic violence to make the death appear to be a suicide. At least one case, that of Kristina Gomez Reinwald, was initially investigated as a suicide before being switched to a homicide investigation. Most of these killings are either random acts, often perpetrated against transgender prostitutes, or the results of domestic abuse.

These numbers get more drastic when we discuss trans people of color, who face the compounded discrimination of a racist and transphobic society. According to New York City Anti-Violence Project, transgender people of color are six times more likely to face police brutality than white cisgender people. Of the 20 people killed in 2015, only three were white.

Presenting ourselves honestly costs. We need a society that al-

lows us to be ourselves without penalty.

We can all work towards building that society, but that means we all need to be actively engaged in supporting our trans peers. The following suggestions are by no means a complete checklist of everything we need to do to be good allies to the trans community, but they are some important places to start.

First, pronouns and names are incredibly important. Many, if not most, transgender and non-binary people experience what is referred to as dysphoria. This is a deep sense of discomfort or anxiety with one's assigned gender. While many things can trigger dysphoria, one of the most common ones is others' incorrect use of pronouns to refer to the person. This is because pronouns are one of the most casual ways we can indicate how we perceive others. We use pronouns flippantly as a shorthand for gender. Long hair? Probably a she. Beard? Most likely a he.

The problem is that designating pronouns relies on stereotypes of how we think people of certain genders should look and behave. When others refer to me as "she" or tell me I've got some serious "girl-power," I know that they are preferring societally dictated ideas of how people with high voices and breasts should be referred to over my own identity. In doing so, they place additional societal expectations on me that I don't want.

To ignore someone's pronouns is to say you prefer the ease of restrictive and dangerous social norms over a person's most integral sense of self.

Some people reject the singular "they" pronoun (as in, "Tom looks great, where did they get their skirt?") on the basis that singular "they" is grammatically incorrect. There are a couple reasons this is wrong. The most important is that rejecting



Senior Celine Sannes-Pond searches for neutral ground in a binary world.

GABE TARRAN

Know your pronouns:

<p>FEMININE</p> <p>She • Her • Hers</p> 	<p>NEUTRAL</p> <p>They • Them • Their</p> <p>Ze/Zie • Hir • Hir</p> <p>Xe • Xem • Xyr</p>	<p>MASCULINE</p> <p>He • Him • His</p> 
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Left: Senior Celine Sannes-Pond receives flowers from their big at Pi Beta Phi initiation in the fall of 2013. Right: Sannes-Pond shines in their poofy blue Cinderella dress from Disneyland.

“they” as a pronoun on the basis of grammar prioritizes language rules over other human beings.

Language is also ever-evolving. A few years ago, we didn’t even have words like “selfie” to describe one of the most important art forms of our generation. If we can adopt “selfie” and “muggle” into our vocabulary, we can adopt pronouns that make others feel much more comfortable.

Also, you use “they” in the singular all the time. For example, remember when your roommate complained about a professor’s assignments and you asked, “Oh no, what did they do?” because you didn’t know the gender of the professor? Just keep doing that.

If you forget to use someone’s preferred pronouns, it’s okay! The Transgender Mafia only gets involved after the sixth pronoun screw-up. If it’s your first through fifth time, just politely correct yourself. Say, “Chaz broke her – oops, sorry, I mean ‘his’ – cell phone.” Don’t make a thing out of it; spending too much time apologizing and exonerating yourself makes the conversation about you. Apologize, correct yourself and move on.

A lot of people wonder what to do if they don’t know someone’s pronouns. There’s some debate about this, but the prevailing idea is pretty simple: ask. Many trans people will see it as a

sign that you want to be inclusive and will feel more comfortable around you because you took the initiative to ask. In my experience, most cisgender people will not be offended if you ask their pronoun. If they are offended, there’s a solid chance they’re at least a little transphobic so don’t hang out with them.

It’s also especially important that we affirm trans identities not just when we’re around our trans peers, but when we’re in spaces occupied exclusively by cisgender people. I struggle with knowing that if people screw up my pronouns and identity in front of me, they’re probably doing it even more when I’m not around. I count on my close friends to defend my identity when I can’t, either because I’m not there or because I’m too exhausted to explain to yet another person that, no, I am actually not a girl.

Constantly engaging in verbal battles for others to view us with respect leaves us vulnerable and tired. I simply don’t have the energy, or the confidence, to speak up for myself every time someone misgenders me, regardless of how frustrated I am to be viewed incorrectly by society.

Names are important for much the same reason. Many – but not all! – transgender people ask to be called by a name more reflective of their true gender. Names

often carry a great deal of gendered weight; for many, having a name that is quite clearly gendered causes a lot of discomfort. If someone you know has begun to use a new name other than the one you knew them by, be careful to use this name whenever you’re talking to or about them.

In the same way that ignoring someone’s pronouns shows that you value your own ease over their identity, using the wrong name can do the same, sometimes to an even greater extent.

Pro tip: Never ask someone’s “real” name. The name they told you is the name they consider real. Even if you’re genuinely curious, asking for a “real” name implies that their identity is phoney. Trans people aren’t phoneys. Implying that we are feeds into a culture that allows trans women to be killed for “tricking” prospective sexual partners.

In the trans community we often refer to the names given to us at birth that are no longer used as “dead names.” The names are dead. They don’t work. Move on.

I’ve sometimes heard cisgender people complain that it’s difficult to remember to use a person’s pronouns or name because they still look like a man or woman. Comments like these are concerning for a few reasons. The most obvious is that saying they still “look like” a man or

woman places preconceived societal notions of masculinity and femininity over how the person wants to be perceived.

I often wear femme-y outfits like dresses or skirts, but when I put on these outfits I don’t take off my genderqueer identity. Rather, I say, “Fuck the idea that skirts are for girls. I wear what I want.” I know a gay trans man who rocks a suit on some days and kills it in a hot pink kitty-cat sweater and purple eyebrows on other days. Someone’s presentation doesn’t actually tell you much of anything about their actual gender.

Beyond this, though, it’s important to remember that not everyone is capable of transitioning to present in a way more obviously compatible with their gender. Transition is often expensive.

Hormones and surgery are pricey and often inaccessible. New clothing costs money, as do things like prosthetic breasts or chest binders.

Safety is also a major concern for many transgender people. Glance back up at the murder statistics. Many of those women were murdered by romantic partners. One was murdered by his father. Many were killed on the street just for being trans.

Being trans can be terrifying, and some spaces are safer than others. I consider myself incredibly lucky to be surrounded by

people like my best friends, who have worked hard to get my pronouns right, and my mother, who sent me gender-neutral clothing for my birthday. Not everyone has this luxury.

Support trans people without qualification, not on the condition that they look trans to you. Never compliment trans people on the basis that they’re passing well. We get it, you mean well, but what you’re saying is that other trans people are doing less well at passing. Don’t compliment us by putting members of our community down.

Affirm others on the basis that they, as human beings, are deserving of affirmation.

We’re all responsible for making cis-normative spaces more inclusive and welcoming to transgender people. This means that all of us must be called upon to speak up on issues regarding gender. Pronouns and names are just one place to start, but they’re one of the most visible ways that people can battle for transgender equality. Help make the world a better, safer, and more loving place, one correctly-gendered pronoun at a time.

'Cats look to start off on the right foot

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The Willamette women's soccer team made the trip down to sunny Southern California this weekend as they battled the Whittier Poets and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas.

In their first game, the Bearcats and Poets were all tied up until the 54th minute when Madison Shipherd scored for Whittier. Shipherd added two more goals to complete her hat trick as the Poets ended up winning 3-0.

However, this game was a lot closer than the score would indicate, as Whittier only outshot Willamette 12-10. Each team had four shots on goal. For Willamette sophomore, Kelsey Walker had three shots and junior Kinsey Keene added two more.

The lady 'Cats were engaged in another battle on the pitch Sunday afternoon when they fell to the Athenas 1-0 in double overtime.

Willamette's defense continued to stifle their opponents and Willamette offense managed seven shots on goal. Leading the attack with shots for the Bearcats were senior Veronica Ewers and Walker as they both contributed 3 shots - all of Ewers shots were on goal.

Junior goalkeeper Emily Sewall played a great game between the posts with a career-high 14 saves.

However, the Athenas were able to take the lead and the victory when they scored with a little over four minutes left in the second overtime.

After the trip to California, the Bearcats now stand 0-3-1, but look to right the ship in front of a home crowd today at Sparks Field against Northwest Conference rival Linfield.

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Bearcats battled hard against UC Santa Cruz but were unable to come away with a win. However both the men's and women's teams look to rebound this week during conference openers.

this week in sports

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I'm back to tell you about sports stuff!

NHL

It is basically like the end of the year in high school. There are still some rumors spreading around but everyone is just itching for the summer to start. Hockey's pre-season (summer) starts in a week.

NBA

Sadly, Moses Malone passed away. He paved the way as the very first player to sign straight out of high school and had a stellar career. A 12-time all-star and

three-time league MVP, R.I.P. "Chairman of the Boards."
MLS/NWSL

Sebastian Giovinco, the guy gone from Toronto FC's squad last week, came back and "nutmegged" two people in a row. He's still in the running for MLS MVP. Though, his team still lost 3-1 to the New England Revolution. Robbie Findley scored Toronto's lone goal. Fun Fact: Robbie Findley played college soccer at Oregon State University with Willamette's men's soccer Head Coach Lloyd Fobi.

The Timbers played Sporting Kansas City and tied 0-0, which is one of the main reasons people

hate soccer. However, there was a shot off the post and Sporting KC's goalkeeper had to make seven saves. You have to appreciate the little things in life.

Seattle played San Jose on Saturday. Obafemi Martins scored a goal with his back towards the net to tie the game 1-1 and that's how the scoring ended.

MLB

Big Papi, or David Ortiz, hit his milestone 500th career homerun. Now he can focus on his music career and follow up his hit single "Sippin" that he sang with Rob Gronkowski. Just give it a listen.

After sweeping the worst team in the AL West, the Seattle Mari-

ners split a four game series with the Texas Rangers and lost the series 2-1 to the Colorado Rockies. They are 69-75 overall. There is always next year, right?

The San Francisco Giants made up some ground on the Los Angeles Dodgers and the NL Wildcard, but they still sit 7.5 games back in both. They absolutely destroyed the San Diego Padres this week, but the postseason isn't looking too good. Don't fret though, next season is an even year.

NFL

Football is back!

It started with the New England Patriots vs. Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday night. The Patriots won

28-21, but the Steelers had some head-scratching headset problems during the game. The NFL issued a statement saying it was electrical issues made worse by the weather and that the Patriots had nothing to do with it, but I'm not buying it.

The Seattle Seahawks lost to the St. Louis Rams. Yes, you read that right. Seattle had a fourth and one late in the game and decided to run the ball with Marshawn Lynch and got stuffed, so who really knows what they should have done in the Super Bowl last year (and it stays relevant!).

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Football looks to wright the ship

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The Willamette University football team suffered a 35-6 loss at the hands of the Trinity University Tigers last weekend in Texas. This was the first time the Bearcats were in action during the 2015 season. Their record falls to 0-1, while Trinity improved to 2-0.

Missed opportunities defined the game for the Bearcats, who took several trips to the red zone, but were only able to get into the end zone once. Trinity also blocked a WU field goal, one of two missed field goal tries for Willamette. Trinity won the turnover battle 5-1.

The weekend was not a total loss for WU, however.

"It was a learning experience, a very humbling experience for us," senior defensive lineman Nik Ruiz said. "We know this season will not be easy, and this game provides a great opportunity for us to grow as a team."

Indeed, there are a lot of positive takeaways for the Bearcats after their first game. Offensively, first downs were not hard to come by; there were 21 in all for Willamette, which matched Trinity's total despite less time of possession.

Quarterbacks Trent Spallas and Reece Hack combined for 206 yards through the air, and junior running back Jimmy Sharpe led

the ground game with 72 yards on 12 touches, averaging 6.0 yards per carry.

Sophomore wide out Jeremiah James made the most of his only touch, taking it 16 yards for a touchdown.

On defense, senior linebacker Henry Adelman took an interception to the end zone before the play was called back due to a Bearcat penalty. Defensive back Rayvon Owens led the team with nine tackles, including four solo tackles.

"We just need to continue improving ourselves, and fixing the little things," Ruiz said. "We did a lot of positive things last weekend. Now, we need to build on it looking

forward to next week."

Willamette has already been hard at work preparing for this Saturday, when the Bearcats will welcome California Lutheran University for the first home game of the year.

Willamette won last year's bout with the CLU Kingsmen 42-24 in California.

The 'Cats are looking for a similar result this year. Not only will it be the first home game, but it will also be the annual homecoming game, and a great crowd is expected.

Kickoff will be Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at McCulloch Stadium, located down the street from campus at Bush Park.

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Kane is no Miracle



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The headline painted across the Buffalo News reads, "Kane under police spotlight: Hockey superstar is subject of rape allegation." National Hockey League fans went into shock. Comments filled Twitter and Facebook defending the Blackhawk's beloved star.

Occasionally there have been responses defending the survivor, but fans have been mostly concerned that Patrick Kane, 24, would miss the Blackhawk's annual Training Camp Festival.

Kane is one of the biggest stars in the NHL, and one of the highest paid athletes in all of professional sports. He recently signed an eight-year, \$84-million contract that was supposed to begin with the kick-off of training on September 21.

This past June, Kane led his team to its third Stanley Cup - the biggest prize in North American professional hockey - for the third time. He has also represented the United States at the 2010 and 2014 Olympics.

However, Kane's list of accomplishments is about as long as his list of priors. His first documented violent act against a woman was in May 2010. Kane was documented drunkenly attempting to strangle a woman at a fraternity party. The photos were met with little concern, as the survivor chose not to press charges, and Kane was in offseason - out of the spotlight.

Rather than be chastised for his actions - a social persecution that Kane's survivor is currently going through on social media - Kane's violent assault was swept under the rug. Not only did Kane continue about his life, he was chosen to represent the United States in the most recent winter Olympics.

If an Olympic athlete is caught with steroids in their system on two separate occasions the International Olympic Committee institutes a lifetime ban from all Olympic competitions.

If an Olympic athlete chooses to consume a drug, harming only their body - and the supposed "integrity" of their sport - they are permanently ostracized from the competitions. However, if an Olympic athlete chooses to violently put their hands on a woman's body - without consent or regard for her existence - the athlete is able to continue to represent their designated country in the games.

By allowing Kane to continue his rise to fame after assaulting a woman, we as a country gave him social validation. Kane's presence in Sochi 2014 was the United States putting our support behind his actions. Continuing to put merit behind the myth that women's bodies are property, and violence enacted against women is only deemed inappropriate when it is convenient.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman told reporters in a press conference earlier this week that the league would not rush to judgment about the current accusations against Kane. "It's a terrible thing but we're going to have to watch the process play out and at the appropriate time we'll make whatever decision have to be made at the time."

The time is now. Kane needs to be told that his actions are not okay simply because he can shoot a puck into a net. A gift in hand-eye coordination does not make abuse against women acceptable.

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Get active, utilize our new trainers

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Want to workout, but don't know where to start? Need help getting prepared for that 5k you want to run? Want a personalized workout just for you? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may want to check out the new personal training program at the Sparks Fitness Center.

To sign up for a personal trainer, all you have to do is go by the Fitness Center and ask a fitness attendant to fill out a form, which can be found in Sparks or online at any of their social media sites. After completing the form, a personal trainer will contact you to set up a consultation. The personal training staff currently consists of three students: senior Liberty Siegle, sophomore Caden Crowsten, and junior Kinsey Keene.

Once you sign up, there are several different packages for you to check out. Say you like working out with your friends - you can try the buddy training option. It's a fun way to get exercise, while still being able to spend time with your friends.

The cost for a personal trainer varies. Individual sessions cost ten dollars, but packages for four or eight sessions are also available and are an easy way to save money on your sessions. Buddy training is also a simple way to save some money, since the cost of the training can be split among each person.

Sophomore Sabrina Hockett, a member of the Willamette dance team recently heard about the training program.

"Whether you're an athlete or not, I think this program could benefit everyone. It's definitely a great addition to the fitness center," she said.

Stop by the Fitness Center or fill out the form online as soon as you can. The first 50 people to sign up for the program get a free consultation!

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Senior Liberty Siegle

International Studies major

"Passion for fitness goes without saying, but I also have had good and bad experiences in soccer and running that have shaped my mentality about fitness. I had an old soccer coach tell me I don't look like a runner when I said I was going out for cross country too. I told him bullshit and ran anyway and was the second best on my team! Now 6 years later I'm running ultra marathons and have just gotten back into soccer. So I wanted the opportunity to help other people find and realize their passions, regardless of what they think they should do, what they've been told they can't do, etc."



Sophomore Caden Crowsten

Undeclared

"I can create a program for anyone of any fitness level to target anything from muscle tone, to strength and endurance. Our goal is to make the Fitness Center a place where people of any fitness level can feel comfortable working out and working toward their own goals. Personal Training fits into this by giving people a credible resource that can help anyone to get involved with fitness or help already active people achieve that next step in their fitness."



Junior Kinsey Keene

Psychology major

"This is my first time being a personal trainer but I have a lot of experience from my wide range of sports I have participated in. It is something I am very interested in and passionate about. I specialize in circuit workouts using body weights and power lifting technique."

SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN'S GOLF

They will get their season underway this weekend, at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks, Oregon.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Three Bearcats, Taneesh Sra, Maddi Barnett and Aubryn Walters, compet-

ed at the PLU Invitational last weekend at Lake Spanaway Golf Course. senior Sra had a 36-hole score of 162, earning a ninth place overall finish.

VOLLEYBALL (4-4)

The Bearcats went 2-2 in Southern California last

weekend at the California Lutheran Invitational. The 'Cats were victorious against UC Santa Cruz and Whittier, but suffered losses against California Lutheran and Claremont Mudd-Scripps. In the 3-1 victory against Whittier, senior outside hitter Sarah

Fincher had 15 kills.

CROSS COUNTRY

Willamette's women finished second, and the men finished sixth in the Ash Creek Invitational last Friday. Olivia Mancl paced the bearcat women, finishing fifth overall, good enough for

NWC Student-Athlete of the Week honors. In the women's race, five bearcats placed in the top 25, including Mancl, Alyssa Reese, Hannah Swanson, Taylor Ostrander and Hannah Bressler. In the men's race, Nathan Conrad led all Bearcats finishing 28th overall.

Letters to the Editor

11 Sept. 2015

I wish to thank Noor Amr for writing her revealing and powerful story for the *Collegian* ("Academia in the age of apartheid," Sept. 9), in which she described her experience entering Israel via the checkpoint at the Jordanian border. Much of what she wrote I already knew, e.g. Arabs are detained for long periods of time at Israeli checkpoints, and sometimes turned back or even deported. I was not aware that West Bank and Gaza Palestinians are not allowed to fly into Ben Gurion airport, nor are American citizens of Palestinian descent. This type of racial profiling is disturbing; although I don't wish to defend it, it is important to point out that Israel is subject to an inordinate number of terrorist attacks, including a terrible massacre at Ben Gurion airport. Security is essential for the citizens of any country. However, what Noor's experience shows is that the Israeli security establishment has not found a way to distinguish between the few Arabs wishing to harm Israel, and the many innocent ones who simply wish to visit the country. This makes life miserable for many Palestinians, and it is unacceptable.

I wish to comment on a few of the points made by Ms. Amr in her article. She wrote that "Zionists try to tell you that Palestine is sovereign and unoccupied"; perhaps someone

really has said that to her, but to me it seems unlikely. Gaza is unoccupied and ruled by the elected Hamas government; Gaza is not sovereign however, as Egypt and Israel control the flow of goods in and out of the region. The West Bank is indeed still occupied by the Israeli military and civilian establishment.

Ms. Amr also wrote that an "apartheid wall separates the West Bank from the rest of 'Israel'... Israel is a settler-colonial apartheid state [that]... discriminates against 20 percent of its population, who are pejoratively labeled 'Arab Israelis'. This is to avoid recognizing that they are indigenous Palestinians who escaped ethnic cleansing..." Most of this prose comes straight out of Students for Justice in Palestine literature. It is inflammatory and mostly inaccurate. There is injustice in Israel, as there is in all states, even secular democratic states. As elsewhere, much of this injustice is inflicted on the poor and on racial minorities. If we consider American history, the United States could also be labeled a "settler-colonial apartheid state" that discriminates against minorities. Not only is this a misuse of the term "apartheid," but it demonizes an entire country instead of looking for solutions. Speaking of which, how in the world is the descriptor "Arab-Israeli" pejorative? Is the term African-American

pejorative? Finally, a note about ethnic cleansing in Israel/Palestine. Ms. Amr is correct as far as she goes: During the 1948 Israeli War of Independence (a.k.a. the nakhba) many native Palestinian Arabs were in fact forced to leave their homes and never allowed back. This was tragically unjust, and a sin for which the state of Israel should be atoning. But another tactic that Ms. Amr neglected to mention that the invading Arab armies and local Palestinian militias in 1948 also carried out ethnic cleansing in areas under their control, sometimes including mass killings of Jews. I raise this point not because two wrongs make a right, but to acknowledge that injustices have been and continue to be perpetrated by both sides. Trying to improve the lot of the Palestinian people is an important goal, but singling out Israel for unilateral excoriation moves us away, not toward, that goal.

Ms. Amr included a very telling phrase at the end of her article. She wrote that "I walked around Willamette's campus for four years hearing Jewish-American classmates who have no connection to the land of Palestine brag about how fun and effortless their ... trip to Israel was..." I found this statement to be confusing. One interpretation is that Ms. Amr was denying that Jews who have no family living there have no connection to the state of Israel,

the Jewish homeland. I hope this is not what she meant, because Jews have lived in Palestine since the time of the Canaanites, and if Ms. Amr rejects the right of Israel to exist as the Jewish homeland, then there's not much left to talk about. However, it's possible that when she stated that her Jewish-American classmates "have no connection to the land of Palestine" she meant the West Bank and Gaza, in which case her statement is true. In this interpretation she was simply restating her main thesis, which is that Jews (and white tourists) have "fun and effortless" visits to Israel, whereas Palestinians and other Arabs encounter many obstacles and frustrations when trying to enter and move about within Israel.

There is a movement afoot, which Students for Justice in Palestine is part of, which aims to institute boycotts and sanctions against the state of Israel; some members of this movement go further, aiming to actually dismantle and destroy the Jewish state. I agree with Ms. Amr that the state of Israel treats Palestinians poorly and unjustly and this must be protested. Allowing right-wing Jewish settler extremists to build settlements on the West Bank is certainly unjust, illegal, and inadvisable. By the same token, Israel is not the only country in the world that perpetrates injustices; I can think of

dozens, some of them Arab countries in the Middle East, that are just as bad, or worse. Ms. Amr's country of origin, Egypt, comes to mind, along with Pakistan and others. Why does only Israel merit such intense animosity?

The bottom line is that if we are going to solve this problem, we need to recognize the legitimate rights of both Israelis and Palestinians to live within their homeland. Pointing fingers at the injustices of one group while remaining silent about the other is not helpful. Those who fight against Israeli laws that discriminate against Palestinians should also be fighting against Palestinian suicide bombers and Gaza terrorist rockets aimed at civilians. All democracies are imperfect; just ask "Black Lives Matter" supporters for their view of the security system in the United States. To the extent that Ms. Amr informs us of injustices suffered by Palestinians she arms us with information and moves us to pursue justice. To the extent that Students for Justice in Palestine pretend that Israel is the only bad actor in the conflict and denies the right of Israel to exist as the (only) Jewish homeland, they move us far, far away from a just and lasting solution to the conflict.

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On August 21, a columnist published an article on the *Collegian* ("Current events corner: Why I think the Iran deal sucks and so can you," Sept. 2) attempting to discredit the Iranian nuclear deal on the basis of a faulty logic. The columnist misconstrued the intentions behind the nuclear agreement negotiated between the P5+1 and Iran. Negotiations have always rested on the belief that diplomacy, rather than war, would be a viable alternative to halt Tehran's perceived ambitions to weaponize its uranium stockpile. Critics who argue that the inevitable alternative is not war refuse to acknowledge that the sanctions that brought Iran to the table were only meant to keep it there, not compel it to abandon its program altogether.

The columnist downplays the benefits of the deal by attaching the misguided expectation that it would fail to encourage Iran to alter its nefarious foreign policy. This misperceived calculation has nonetheless contaminated the sensible, logical rhetoric surrounding the historic deal. While Iran should continue to be held accountable for keeping dictators in power, supporting terrorist organizations, and inflaming sectarian tensions, punishing it by failing to pass a deal it made painstaking concessions to would only be unfavorable to America's reputation around the globe, the region's longterm stability and the young Iranian population, who, after years of experiencing the costly price of isolation, are receptive to more nuanced forms of dialogue with

the West. The Obama administration was able to continue to keep the deal afloat by addressing the misguided expectations that risked sinking it in the Senate.

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I write to underscore a recommendation made by Jesse Sanchez in his "WU SJW Cheat Sheet" (9/9/15): Let your professor know. Please. We are as humanly fallible as anyone, but if we have been guilty of microaggressions, or of failing to see or to appropriately respond to such interactions among students in our classes, we want to know as soon as possible, and to do what we can to improve everyone's learning and living environment. We hope to be not just allies, but in solidarity.

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Flirting in the age of Instagram: at least it's not permanent

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Something really exciting to do when you're in Bozeman, Montana over the summer while you're waiting for images of the sun taken in varying wavelengths from the Atmospheric Imaging Assembly telescope on the

Solar Dynamics Observatory is to get coffee and check Instagram.

But there is only so much updating that happens in the hours it takes to download each set of images and in the additional hours it takes for an SS-WIDL script to process them.

I hadn't taken notice of Instagram's activity screen before, but WWan ac-

cidental thumb-press and a call to the click listener brought me to a flurry of activity beamed to me from satellites, to distract me from time-consuming downloads from a different satellite.

It's an interesting peek into people's lives. World lines are woven together like a giant tapestry, tangled in space-time.

I jumped into a couple alpine lakes this summer and I learned to revel in the moment of clarity at the deepest point in your jump, before the buoyancy from the air in your lungs pulls you to the surface.

But perhaps, most of all, as spring fever leeches into summer, I've learned that if I wanted to be flirted with over Instagram then I need pictures in bikinis from weeks ago that people can like.

Touch typing isn't such a good indicator or tech savvy anymore. So when I say that I can take those AIA telescope images and run it through a procedure that I've written to quantify the time delay in magnetic reconnection between an existing active region and one that is emerging, those skills do not necessarily translate to skill at communicating through touch screens.

One time, I tried flirting over Instagram direct by sending some random photo to a random boy. I don't remember if I added a caption or not, because I deleted it in that Sunday-morning-"Yikes!" realization.

But my friend and her boyfriend communicate almost exclusively through pictures sent over Snapchat.

I started using Snapchat last year. And it is hard to use as a flirting medium when you aren't photogenic.

Yeah, sure, there are memes about direct messages on Twitter, but I couldn't wrap my brain around the fact that people had conversations over the message feature on Spotify or through the Words with Friends app.

There are two emojis with the same eyes and eyebrows. One is smirking, and this is the flirty one. The other looks disappointed, and somehow that is always the one I mistakenly choose.

I'm a college senior. I'm smart. I've grown up with keyboards at my fingertips. And somehow, I can't seem to choose the right smiley with the right subtext.

Am I an old dog? Is this a new trick?

I just hope I'm not the equivalent of the grandma that tries to use Facebook, but doesn't quite understand the nuances of the medium.

Maybe as the rain rolls in and LL Bean boots step out is the perfect time to #tbt to one of those summer swimsuit days.



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Unlike our sexual tension this Snapchat will self-destruct.

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The 21st century underground man

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What is the culture of 2015? I feel like I find myself asking this question more and more as the years steadily progress away from the 1990s. The pre-9/11 post-Cold War dot com boom-and-bust era accented with Presidential scandal and Ricky Martin *livin la vida loca*. For some reason I remember it fondly.

Something about those times just feels wilder and more rowdy to me than today. We may be at the cutting edge of the present at the time that I'm writing this, but all the words we use to describe my world begin with "post": Post-modern, post-structural, post-industrial, post 9/11, post to Facebook, post to Reddit, post to Instagram.

The world as we know it couldn't be in deeper trouble than it is and because of modern technology, we as a civilization are aware of that fact now more than ever.

Ukraine and Russia, Syrian refugees, ISIS, Greece, "Chi-raq", international drug cartels and the ever present threat of global climate change are just an infinitesimal fraction of the things that might keep someone like me up at night if they aren't as desensitized as I worry I've become. I can't help but feel like there's a precipice our world is about to encounter, and when we do you, we'll all be trying to record it on our smart phones instead of taking action.

I won't try to pretend the 90's were much better, but at least back then there was more of an expectation to be a part of one's community.

If you wanted to go shopping or rent a VHS you'd have to at least interact with a couple other people. These days I find myself relishing in the introverted entertainment of "Netflix and chill" while I order a pizza online.

Thanks to the Internet we're now allowed to shape our community in any way we see fit, neatly compartmentalizing our lives based on groups and interests and making our worldview as narrow or broad as we want.

It's great being able to shape one's community the way they see fit, but it's a double-edged sword.

Those of us who really need to be coerced into going outside and meeting new people are instead allowed to create their own reality while escaping the community that's actually around them.

Others of us simply tailor the world in which we see to better suit us. The fact that Facebook and other aggregate sites now tailor our screens based on their computer program's perceptions of who we are in particular, perpetuates this indulgence in our own endless feedback loop of likes and morals.

In the information age we are all constantly being bombarded by, well, information. Instead of being able to process everything we instead simply pick and choose what we want to see and then shut the rest out.

It's no wonder to me that our society has become increasingly partisan, or at least I'm pretty sure it has. That's what my RSS feed has been telling me at least.

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We hear the oft-cited 77 cents on the dollar statistic put forth as a primary argument for mainstream feminism. Shattering the proverbial "glass ceiling" is important, but the truth is more complex than that. When we get intersectional* (as we always should) by throwing race into the mix, the figures only become more disturbing.

White men consistently hold the top of the wage hierarchy. Somewhat surprisingly, studies find that Asian women are paid the highest average among women. White women average the well-known 77-78 percent, while black and latin@ women tend to make about half of what the white male population is paid.

Of course, racial privilege goes far beyond income. While class is one of the primary ways of reinforcing racial privilege, it's not the only factor. Tokenization* and denial of opportunity is a significant factor in employment discrimination.

A major aspect of why this disparity exists is the type of work to which people of different races are structurally assigned. Many black and Latina women are relegated to low wages in the sector of domestic laborers.

Women of all races are passed up for jobs by male hiring staff who would rather maintain an ideal of male breadwinners. Women are then left to compete for a more limited pool of jobs. When you factor in that inevitably, some employers are racist, women of color are left with the positions hired by both anti-racist and feminist employers or take jobs with many available positions but low wages i.e. service, labor.

Critics of those who cite the wage gap argue that career "choice" is the explanation for the seeming unfairness. The issue goes deeper than that. While many of us in the University are privileged with the ability to explore and reflect on our personal and career goals, poverty often thrusts other people our age straight into a thankless workforce. Being deprived of educational opportunity for lack of affordability or socially-imposed feelings of incapability i.e. women being told they can't do math or telling men of color to get into college through sports to make up for academic inferiority (note: many athletes are also highly intellectual).

Even less discussed is the massive disparity in the treatment of queer/trans people, who face the issues of employment discrimination unprotected by clear federal or state laws. Less studies have been conducted for this issue than for binary gender, although we have some idea. In 2011, the National Transgender Discrimination Survey showed that 26 percent of the surveyed lost a job due to perceived bias. The Williams Institute finds that qlgbt people are paid 10 to 30 percent less. The trans unemployment rate is estimated at 14 percent and underemployment at 44 percent.

The clear message here is that all sorts of discrimination factor into employment inequity. We should absolutely value and build upon the recognizable 77 cents statistic. Let's take it further. Use it as a jumping off point.

*Intersectionality: Thinking about how related categories such as race, class, and gender function together to create social inequity.

*Tokenism: the practice of doing something (such as hiring a person who belongs to a minority group) only to prevent criticism and give the appearance that people are treated fairly.

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Backlash theory: political correctness and capital



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But what follows this is what is really concerning: the actual political backlash and the drain of political capital. While Willamette, like many college campuses, has a progressive majority, politics in the U.S. has shifted to the extremes. The left is sick and tired that the current system is defined by inequality and injustice, and the right is just sick and tired of hearing about it.

I find it hilarious when progressives have discussions about the rise of Donald Trump and conservative figures who somehow have a political base because all I want to say is, "Well, you brought it out in them." One of Trump's major selling points is his total disregard for political correctness. More than anything else discussed, whenever he says he does not care about political correctness, people roar with approval.

Regardless of whether or not you believe how justified political correctness is, this is the real-world backlash that is happening right now. The hard push to silence their ability to speak has been the rallying cry of Trump, pulling in what would normally be mainstream GOP voters. It doesn't matter if you think Trump won't win, a storm has been ignited within conservative America, one which may push their agenda into popular territory with what many deem an attack on one of our most popular values which isn't inherently oppressive:

free speech. You may say, that's fine, everyone now sees how terrible they are and how many of them still exist, so more pressure will be added to addressing issues of racism, sexism and homophobia, but can you surely say that the rest of the world will get behind that especially when many, not just ultra-right wing nuts, kind of get his stance on political correctness?

We must also look at what this is achieving. Can all of the effort being put into this movement can be directed at tangible policy goals? Are we directing political capital towards where it needs to be to make the necessary changes? By putting all of your energy into maintaining microaggression (a subtle but potentially offensive comment) blogs or reporting systems for "offensive" speech, you are detracting from the tangible goals you are trying to achieve.

If you are talking about racism, sexism or homophobia, you're targeting the wrong people. While people may not be as progressive as you, I think it is fair to say that anyone who strongly deviates from the progressive norm at Willamette is aware of that, and doesn't need to be called out. Especially considering that the real world is still fighting about whether or not the confederate flag represents racism or "states' rights."

You can address both issues here and in the outside world, however, every time my attention is brought to someone being microaggressed from a question like, "What are you?"

is time that you could be using to tell me about someone being unlawfully murdered by a police officer. There's a hierarchy of issues here, and if you've moved down that hierarchy to address issues that aren't about tangible harms to marginalized individuals, you are draining your time to show me bigger problems.

But what my biggest criticism of our irrational pursuit of politically correct speech is this idea of barriers to entry. Essentially, I'm calling you elitist. If you look at who is making the arguments for modified speech, and what they are asking, you see this: educated college students with class privilege (who may face intersectional forms of discrimination) who have the opportunity to learn about these issues, who are asking the rest of us to "check our privilege," and if we don't, to let them "educate" us on how to not screw up.

Yes, people say dumb things that are offensive, and yes, you have every right to tell them that you think they're being offensive.

But a line is crossed when you attempt to silence them, and then tell them how to think.

We all come from a different background in this conversation, which contributes to the way we speak. To shut down conversation and then claim that you are "educating" the rest of us implies that you have achieved some form of enlightenment that the rest of us have not.

Your education on social issues is

a product of your environment and experiences. So are mine. Call me out, say what is your problem and let's have a discussion where I can provide input as well, because you're not teaching me anything by calling me a bigot and ending the conversation there, and definitely not learning anything.

We have set up such a high barrier to entry on discussing these topics, to the point where the only voices in the discussion are those who go out of their way to educate themselves about these issues, essentially the privileged. How often do you hear conversations about microaggressions outside of college campuses?

Maybe I have no clue as to what I'm talking about, but I've felt strongly about this issue for some time now. But writing this piece scares me because I fear backlash, being ostracized and losing friends for an opinion and value that I genuinely hold. Academic freedom is something colleges uniquely need to protect. I am here to have my ideas challenged, and to challenge all of yours, and I think that should be encouraged. College is one of the most amazing experiences in our lives because we have the opportunity to clash ideas without worrying about repercussions, a safe space for the exchange of conflicting ideas. And I hope that if you have read this far, whether you disagree with me or not, you can listen to what I have to say.

Humans of Willamette

If you could eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?



Alex Tuchman
Senior

Spicy tuna rolls because: it tastes good, I won't get fat and I'll get really good at using chopsticks and then I'll finally be cool.



Bianca Dancy
Senior

"My mind keeps going peanut butter and jelly, peanut butter and jelly...because I'm a simple bitch."



Sarah Haghi
First year

Mint milkshakes with fries. You combine the flavors but you don't dip. It's an art form.

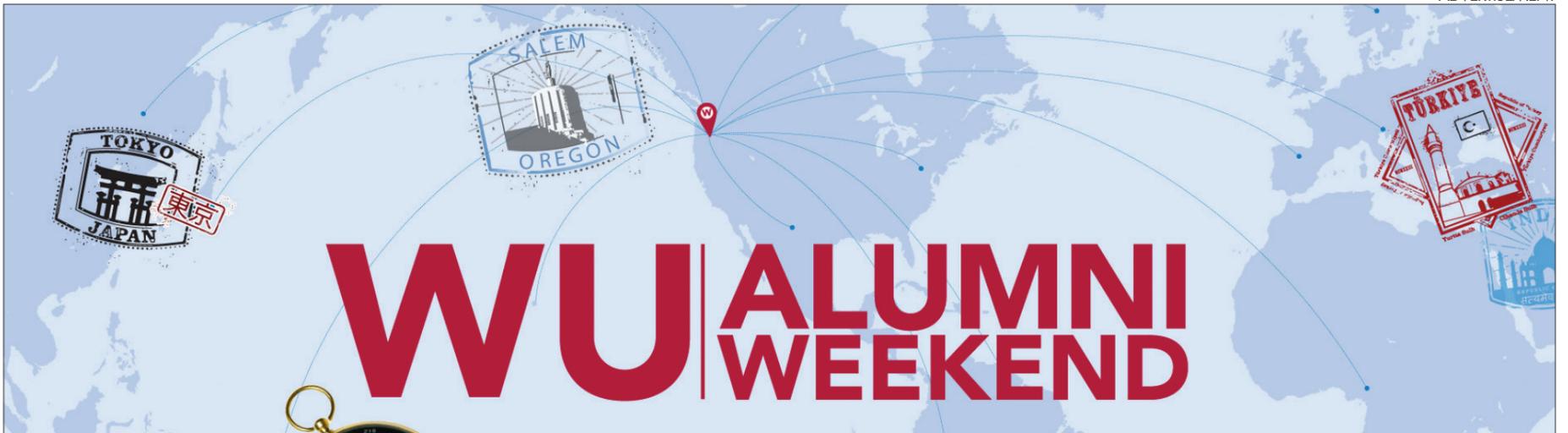


Sarika Iwamoto
ASP Junior

"Udon noodles with wakame. I went to udon school to learn how to make udon from scratch."

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