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## WU adopts radical transparency policy

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In response to recent student protests over Willamette Academy, the decreasing number of tenure-track positions and general anxiety over the University's future, administrators have decided to publically release nearly all of its records. This includes, but is not limited to, tax in-

formation, official program reports, employee salaries and the minutes from trustee meetings.

"Some of this information was already accessible to those curious, so long as they were willing to navigate Willamette's web of administrators and staff," President Richard Dorsett said.

"With the new changes however, finding information about

program changes, capital investment projects or just getting info about that faculty meeting you skipped will now be easier than ever."

As part of the new transparency initiative, all of the University's records will be uploaded to the school's website as Portable Document Format files (PDF) or published directly online.

"We've always said that we have our students' and community's best interests at heart, but now we're actually proving it," Dorsett said.

According to one of the University's trustees, the decision to institute the transparency initiative came after the University received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from a stu-

dent. Even though the University is a private, not-for-profit institution, because it receives federal funding and doesn't pay property taxes to the state of Oregon, it qualifies as a "public body." Nonprofits that qualify as a public body must comply with any and all submitted FOIA requests.

"Instead of trying to fight the request in court and continuing with our usual dodging-phone-calls game, we, as Willamette's most important governing body, decided it was time for a change," said the trustee, who asked not to be named because they don't exist.

"Besides, it's not like we really have anything to hide. It just seems that way since we've always been so secretive."

To be clear, the University will not be releasing the records of students or alumni. Degree audits, medical records, transcripts and other personal information will continue to be held in confidentiality.

"I feel like this is the first time the University has done something that wasn't either hugely disappointing or entirely misleading in awhile," senior Brock Powers said. "Frankly, I'm really impressed that the admin finally realized that if they just include the community in their discussions to begin with, we all wouldn't be so upset when they have to institute cost-cutting measures and make hard decisions."



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## Fork them over

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Goudy Commons is for many underclassmen at Willamette University, the one and only stop for dinner cuisine besides a microwavable meal or, if we're being realistic, four granola bars coupled with some cough drops.

Since the dawn of time, Goudy has been the cornerstone of nightly sustenance for Willamette students, with memorable all-you-can-eat entrees such as plain pasta, but Goudy has yet to properly answer our one, simple question: where are all the forks, and are you sure this vegan dish really doesn't have any meat?

I cannot answer the latter and frankly I doubt anyone could, but I do have a proposition regarding the fork issue. My solution is simple, cost-effective and only a gentle nudge

from our current system.

Instead of giving us more forks, just take them all away.

Fork shortage, like rising gasoline prices, will likely be a prevalent issue for the rest of our lives. Enough is never enough. There is simply no way to quench humanity's never-ending thirst for this specific eating instrument, and as our population inevitably increases, fork demands will only skyrocket to stratospheric levels. So like the solutions regarding fossil fuels, the answers for our equally important issue is simple: natural and sustainable alternatives.

For the vehicle industry, that was the electric car. But for us college students? That's going to be our bare, naked hands because fingers are just nature's forks.

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## The fuzz cracks down on beards



BEN MARTIN

Bearcats of all genders get their beards confiscated by Campo, leading to sadness. Utter sadness.

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The "aha" behind the "ha ha": Jarod Todeschi explores an oft forgotten holiday.

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Bearcat men's soccer is making the jump to the MLS. Eric Spreser explains their rise.

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# Blitz the Bearcat released back into wild

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Following months of intense political pressure from animal rights groups, Willamette University made the decision last week to release its mascot, Blitz the Bearcat, back into the wild.

An anonymous spokesperson from the Salem chapter of the Animal Liberation Front says that it's time for the University to take an active role in abolishing the institutional exploitation of animals. "Blitz the Bearcat has rights just like everyone else," the spokesperson declared in a press release. "Forcing a live animal to wear clothes, dance at football games, provide free hugs and advertise a school with a \$50,000 yearly tuition is morally wrong."

University President Richard Dorsett agreed with the group's recommendations and says it's time for the University to take a stand for the rights of animals. "Since becoming our official mascot in 2003, Blitz the Bearcat has provided an incredible service to our community," says President Dorsett. "However, we feel that it's in the best interest of our institution to reintroduce Blitz the Bearcat

to his natural habitat. It's important to remember our University motto, 'Non nobis solum nati sumus,' whatever that means."

In selecting the ideal site for releasing Blitz, the University consulted statistics collected from its annual review of its Wildlife Reintroduction program. The statistics showed that bearcats are more successful in the Pacific Northwest than in any other part of the world. While students and faculty members have argued that bearcats are native to Southeast Asia and not the Pacific Northwest, the University is confident that these statistics are well founded.

After using a buffalo chicken wrap from Goudy Commons to lure Blitz into a giant steel cage, Blitz was then transported to the nearby Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge to live out the rest of his natural life. The crowd cheered as the giant steel cage door opened and Blitz cautiously walked into the forest.

Before being released, Blitz was tagged with a GPS tracker and a video camera by local wildlife researchers to gain a better understanding of natural bearcat behaviors. Stanley Johnson from the Oregon Wildlife

Institute says that Blitz's behaviors have been highly unusual.

Johnson reports that Blitz has spent the past several days marking his territory by spray painting the Willamette University's logo on any available surface. Hikers have reported seeing spray painted messages reading "Blitz Rulez," "Linfield suckz" and "Han shot first" on various trees, rocks and bushes.

Johnson also reports that Blitz has developed the ability to use crude tools to help him survive in the wild. "He's figured out how to watch

Netflix using a stolen early 2000's era Macbook so far," says Johnson. Video footage revealed that Blitz had spent the past 12 hours pirating the ranger station's Wi-Fi to binge watch "House of Cards."

While Blitz seems to be adapting well to his new life in the wilderness, concern has been raised about Blitz's ability to help maintain Oregon's bearcat population. "Blitz has shown almost no discernible effort in finding a suitable mate," says Johnson. "The only efforts we have observed are the cre-

ation of a Tinder profile and a few posts on YikYak."

Despite some challenges, the Willamette community is hopeful that Blitz will be able to successfully adjust to his natural habitat and the University plans to continue its Wildlife Reintroduction program into the future. However, much of the administration's current focus has shifted to finding a missing Department of Campus Recreation employee who hasn't arrived to work in the past several days.

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## Bistro nixes Chocolate chip, vegan chai cookies

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The case below the counter at the Bistro has lost two of its staples: the chocolate chip cookie and the vegan chai cookie.

Students who frequent the Bistro will continue to see a label of "Vegan Chai" next to batches of cookies with light brown icing that look and taste like vegan chai cookies. But there is one minor difference, said Bistro employee Kassie Omvik.

They're not vegan. "They will just be plain ol' chai cookies now," Omvik said. "Sounds yummy, eh?"

A review of a recent study on the health benefits of butter showed the Bistro staff that the ingredient was necessary in all products.

"We care deeply about the health and well-being of our customers, so we've decided to start incorporating butter into everything we sell," Omvik said. "Yes, you heard me right, everything."

Omvik said she has not heard any feedback from the student body yet, primarily because the student body does not know about the change.

"Oh, that's something you tell people?" Omvik said. "Ignorance is bliss, especially if you are a vegan eating butter."

First year Corynne Nifeva was one of seven students to report illness during the week of March 21-25 within 24 hours of consuming a Bistro vegan chai cookie. After she learned that butter had been added to her cookie, she said she understood how she had acquired her illness.

"It's Goudy's fault," Nifeva said. "If Goudy actually offered enough vegan desserts, I'd never have to eat anywhere else. I remember one time I had to eat the same dessert twice in one week at Goudy due to their disgusting lack of variety. So I always get dessert at the Bistro

now. I can't believe Goudy and now the Bistro's discrimination against vegans has made us physically ill."

Chocolate chip cookies are exiting the Bistro entirely due to a dramatic decrease in the Bistro's egg shipment. In recent weeks, eggs have been re-allocated to an evasive two-legged rabbit that carries them around in a basket and carelessly litters them in children's homes.

Omvik said a better use for the eggs would be providing hope to burnt-out college students.

"That's just me. Can't do nothing about corporate, though," Omvik said.

The chocolate chip cookies' disappearance from the Bistro, Omvik said, would not be noticeable to students due to lack of student interest in the product. She declined to evaluate the credibility of the rumor that the cookies are quite popular among students.

"Popular is a societal construction," Omvik said. "Our chocolate chip cookie sales pale in comparison to our drip coffee sales."

First year Amanda Mihalovich expressed concerns about the validity of these implications in a text message.

"Wtf that's a lie," Mihalovich wrote.

Mihalovich said she once saw a full tray of fresh chocolate chip Bistro cookies sold within an hour. She has never known of anyone who has purchased drip coffee at the Bistro.

Sophomore Agatha Nelmlice, on the other hand, said she was among students who would not notice the absence of the chocolate chip cookies.

"Are those the ones everyone hates because they always get excited and think they're about to bite into an oatmeal raisin cookie only to realize they've been tricked?" Nelmlice said. "Get them out. Those are the cookies that ruined my childhood."

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# WU transitions to CLA student five year plan

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It was announced to all undergraduate students via an email last Friday that the number of credits required to graduate from the College of Liberal Arts will be increasing from 31 to 40. The change was justified as a response to the increasing number of undergraduate students failing to graduate in four years.

“A lot of people don’t know this, but the percentage of students who take five or more years to graduate has increased by 53 percent since 1844,” Dean of Arrangement and Organization Richard Nesbit said. “Now, I know the world has changed a lot since then, but that number is still very significant.”

It is stated in the Willamette University Strategic Plan that one of the school’s main objectives is to ensure that students are able to

finish their degree within the allotted time of four years. As a selling point of the University, the fact that less and less of the student body is achieving this could potentially have detrimental effects on the school’s reputation.

“People have been trying to figure out how to tackle this for a decade now, with all sorts of special programs and such to help full-time students get a full undergraduate education in four years,” Nes-

bit said. “Finally we just realized that kids will be kids, so why not just change the definition of allotted time?”

The change will require that all students attending the University map out a five-year plan for their bachelor’s degree as opposed to the more traditional four-year plan. While students with senior standing will be allowed to graduate if they reach the 31 credit goal, any individuals with a lower standing will now need the full 40 credits to get their degree.

While Nesbit and the administration are enthusiastic about the change, students have proven to be slower to warm up to the idea.

“I don’t really understand where this is coming from,” sophomore Claire Dunham said. “I didn’t realize that we had this problem here. I guess if something like this was going to happen somewhere, it would have to be at a small liberal arts college in a place like Salem, Oregon.”

Others were more suspicious about how this plan will affect students and the University.

“I’m going to be out of here in a few months so I shouldn’t really care, but won’t this make it way more expensive to come here?” senior Jason Kaneshiro said. Kaneshiro was unavailable for comment when approached to give further

input on the topic the next day.

Regardless of student criticism, the University is showing no signs of backing down from the decision.

“Students need to realize that this really is a situation where everyone wins,” Nesbit said. The faculty gets more time to train these young men and women to be ready for professional life, and the students get 25 percent more education than they would have, and it only costs a single year’s worth of tuition per person. I think it’s the best idea we’ve had in awhile.”

While that might be debatable, the decision has already been made and the campus is already witnessing the changes. The third floor of Ford hall will soon be prepped to be turned into an extra housing area and the first floor or Shepard Hall will have additional triple rooms next semester, to accommodate inevitable increase in size of the student body.

“The wheels are already turning, so this is happening. But I guarantee that all of the students are going to realize that this was a good decision,” Nesbit said. “And if they have questions, they are free to look me up on the Willamette University website and contact me directly.”

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# Language dept. to add Klingon, Elvish courses

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Administrators of the College of Liberal Arts recently approved a professor’s request to create a class in the foreign language department dedicated to languages of cult television and book series.

A curriculum has already been designed for classes featuring the languages from series such as “Star Trek,” “Lord of the Rings” and “Harry Potter.” Klingon from Star Trek will now be offered in four different levels for the upcoming Fall 2016 semester. Some professors expressed concerns about how accessible this language is to the students. Many forums online contain inaccurate

translations, but Professor TlhIngan, chair of the new department said, “I know Bing has a Klingon translator if the students need help.” He advised professors and students to treat this like any other language class.

A high level of demand from students inspired Professor TlhIngan to pursue a curriculum for these fictional languages. In an interview with *the Collegian*, TlhIngan said, “I had to really convince the CLA administrators that these courses are really part of the liberal arts experience.”

He said the classes are meant to provoke creativity within the students. “A lot of these languages aren’t entirely fleshed out, since they’re fictional,” TlhIngan

said. “But by filling in the gaps, by grappling with different grammatical constructions, hopefully students won’t be as intimidated when trying to tackle learning another new language in the future.”

The classes will also offer cultural teachings through in-depth analysis of each fictional universe. The foreign language department also plans to include immersion opportunities as part of the curriculum, but is not sure how to do so. One student suggested that the students reenact scenes from the films or television episodes in which the language is being spoken and compare the students’ speech to the characters’. Students taking Elvish may also find it helpful to wear fake pointy ears.

The foreign language department conducted a survey to see what other languages students may be interested in. A large percentage of the poll showed the incoming students had a desire to learn Parseltongue, a language that is controversial within the “Harry Potter” world.

Despite its significance in the literary series, a visiting professor has been hired to teach this language in four levels. This will be the first language class taught by the new professor, but TlhIngan said, “If the students are really motivated, I can turn them into true parselmouths.” The Parseltongue class will also comprise of a short lesson in the origins of this language within the wizarding world of Harry Potter.

Students showed an explicit desire to learn Elvish from “Lord of the Rings.” Quenya, or high-elven, will only be offered in two levels as the foreign language department tries to find a more qualified professor. By spring of 2017, the department hopes to have hired two professors educated in Elvish. One will teach higher levels of Quenya, and the other will teach Sindarin, or grey-elven. Students also expressed an interest in Shyriiwook, the main Wookie trade-language featured in “Star Wars.”

The foreign language department has rushed these curriculums in time for the fall 2016 enrollment period. Students should be able to register for them within the coming weeks.

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# Arts

Willamette is filled with many talented individuals, and some of these individuals are eager to showcase their talents at WEB's event "Willamette's Got Talent". Come see some artists face off in Smith Auditorium on Thursday, March 31 at 8 p.m. The event is free so come vote for your favorite; the winner receives a cash prize!

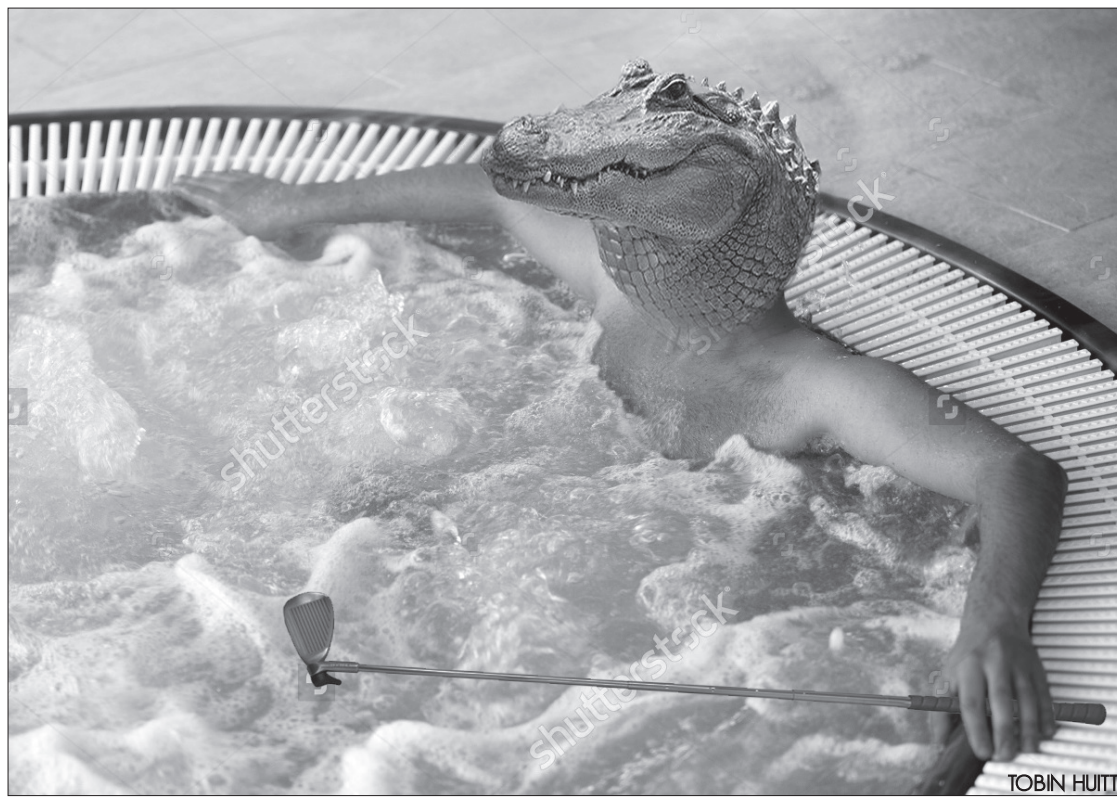
If you're a fan of extraordinary musical talent, you're in for a treat on Thursday, March 31. Sergei Babayan is performing a solo piano concert that is \$8 for students. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Governor's Cup Coffee Roasters is offering some smooth tunes for the 21 and over crew on Friday, April 1. Portland's Moorea Masa and the Mood will perform a free show with the Waywalkers starting at 9 p.m.

The Salem Saturday Market is opening for the season this weekend. Soak up the sunshine and support local artists and vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The market is sprawled across parking lots on 865 Marion St. SE, across from the capitol building.

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# 4 reasons why Florida is better than Oregon



AUBRYN "AUB AUB" WALTERS  
COLLEGIAN MASCOT

**1** **Exceptionally friendly people in the hot tub**  
When I envision a public hot tub, I think of people gathered in an uncomfortably small space only talking to the people they know. That's not how it is in Florida. You get in, hoping to not have to engage in conversation with the large group of middle-aged men at all, purposefully avoiding eye contact. Turns out, they are so intent on conversing, that the only way to avoid uncomfortable small talk is leaving altogether.

After hearing about their third marriage and telling them as little as you can about yourself, they will find out you play a sport like golf.

Then their best shining quality decides to make an appearance; these hot tub guests are sexist!

Maybe they're right, maybe you won't find a husband if you are better than them at golf. I guess that means all the hard work you put into practicing has gone to waste, because you obviously got into golf to expand your dating pool and snag a husband in the first place, and you can't be better than men at anything. Thank god for these strangers. How can anyone be happy without a husband and children anyway?

**2** **Gators everywhere**  
There is nothing more cute and cuddly than your friendly Floridian alligator. They can (and will) lurk on the edge of any body of water,

waiting to scare the shit out of you. Don't worry. When they open their mouths as you are trying to get your golf ball out of the water, they are just trying to say hi, not chomp your arm off.

Also, anyone who is local to the area will tell you that alligators are scared of people and then proceed to show you pictures of them and their friend pulling a gator by the tail, acting like it is the funniest thing in the world. If you love playing with dangerous animals, you will get as much of a kick out of it as they do.

**3** **No need for recycling**  
Oregonians are huge fans of recycling, composting and the like. Don't expect to be doing any of that in Florida; there are no recycling

bins. One of their biggest jokes is that they put "please recycle" on their plastic jugs. It's like they're saying, please recycle... if you can find somewhere to do that.

What we fail to understand is that they are really doing us a favor. You don't have to sort anything out. How much time do you think Oregonians spend a year sorting their trash? Too much. Florida is trying to save you time and headaches by making all waste go in one place. Global warming isn't real anyway, so who cares if plastic doesn't get recycled?

**4** **Lowered Standards**  
Imagine someone telling you that you are staying at a resort on your visit to Florida. You're probably picturing white sandy beaches, luxurious rooms and smiling waiters giving you drinks on a silver platter as you bask in the sunshine. Well, think again.

If you don't do your research on the resort before you go, you might be getting your hopes up. Sure the outside might appear to be nice, but when you enter your room, it will have stained carpets and a leaky toilet. When you were told it was a three-bedroom condo, you were misinformed once again. It's actually two bedrooms and a pullout couch. The best part is, the pullout has the most stained and uncomfortable mattress you've ever slept on, worse than any hotel you've stayed at all season.

This is a wake up call to check your privilege. Don't think you deserve nice things because you are spending a lot of money; you're lucky you even get to stay at a resort at all.

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# Dogs rule, bearcats drool, Griffin the corgi is the new mascot



Move over Blitz! Red Rover, Red Rover, send Griffin the corgi over.

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Due to constant pressure from the student body, the Willamette administration has announced that it will finally give in to pop-

ular demand and officially switch the Willamette's school mascot from Blitz the Bearcat to Griffin the Corgi. "We just couldn't resist it anymore" President Thorsett told the *Collegian*, "the love for Griffin was just too great."

Griffin is chemistry professor Holman's Corgi and he has been stealing the fruit and the hearts of the Willamette community one by one. Griffin is most often seen strutting through the halls of Collins, eager to find a bite to snack

on. (Don't feed him though; he fell ill from snacks not too long ago.) He is always eager to make new friends and help students de-stress.

The fandom for Griffin grew on Willamette Hey You's and Yik Yak, and peaked earlier this year when a Facebook fan page was made in honor of the trusty corgi. The page quickly accumulated hundreds of followers and now has over 800 followers, eagerly awaiting the next picture of the photogenic pup doing his dog thing. It wasn't long after that when the campaign to make Griffin the school mascot began.

"It's about time the school buckled down and picked a real mascot," Corgi enthusiast Bill Studermen told us in response to the announcement. "I mean a bearcat? What is that even?"

The growing fame and success of Griffin conveniently coincided with the recent decline in popularity of Blitz the Bearcat. According to a recent Willamette poll, only 67 percent of students said they liked their school mascot, and 45 percent admitted to not actually knowing what a bearcat was.

"I thought it was like a fictional animal like the liger or a unicorn or something," anonymous student Big Dingo told me. We then showed Big Dingo some pictures of a bearcat to which the student reacted "Holy cow, that thing is terrifying!"

We were able to speak to Griffin himself on the subject in this *Collegian* exclusive interview. When asked how the transition from beloved campus pet to official school mascot was, he answered "Rough!" When asked what his favorite part of the Collins building was Griffin responded enthusiastically the "Roof!" And finally, when asked what the texture of sandpaper was, Griffin told us "I don't know. Professor Holman never lets me play with any."

Blitz the Bearcat has not been handling the news well. He is now most often seen on the edge of the Mill Stream staring off into the distance muttering "Was it something I said?"

When he's not at his usual moping spot, he makes appearances at parties. He's the guy playing "Wonderwall" and trying to bring back memes that still aren't funny.

Griffin will be officially in-stated as mascot before the end of the school year. Athletic events are projected to reach record attendance levels with promises of halftime shows featuring Griffin. Griffin raises campus morale, lowers the stress of students all across campus and is the perfect replacement for the nightmare-inducing Blitz.

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# Beard-faced fun for none, I mustache you to shave



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Willamette's bearded individuals must face the wrath of the razor following Campus Safety's solution to the facial hair fad on campus.

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PHOTO DUDE

Sometimes a beard gets too itchy... and in the same way a face grows tired of the prickly bush on its chin, the Willamette community has had enough of the fascination with facial hair. Beards have grown to be more common than "man buns" on this campus. The age of hairless cheeks is quickly coming to a close and losing its luster. As these bushy, unmaintained beasts have taken over campus culture, we are seeing serious negative impacts to our society as a whole.

With this rapid increase in beards, it is nearly impossible to look presentable at dinner. The creators of razors and beard trimmers are experiencing an extreme loss due to the decrease in demand for their products. It is no longer socially acceptable to look cute,

Baby faced babes who have not yet transitioned through puberty have resorted to gluing on barber shop trimmings, purchasing 'wear-on-beards' from Spencer's and buying "Boys Rogaine" for maximum facial hair growth in a desperate attempt to fit in.

These accumulating problems have forced administration to step up and fight back in an effort to end this trendy look that is causing so many negative experiences. Administration has tasked Campus Safety with finding a solution to this madness, and has guaranteed to stop at nothing until every beard on this campus is accounted for and shaved clean. ASWU has agreed to fund the purchasing of "as many razors as it will take" to be distributed to those found guilty of this new crime.

As of Monday, April 4, all beards must come to a sad, but necessary end. Campus Safety has agreed to

only give out citations for the first week of this new rule, as they know it will be hard for most. But after that first week, the promise to keep this campus beard-free must be respected or there will be serious repercussions.

One Campus Safety officer responded to the new beard policy saying, "I know it will be a difficult change to deal with, but Bishop is aware of these circumstances and counselors are available for meetings."

While Willamette is the first institution to take a measure of this kind, there are rumors of plans to implement a similar system that would end all beards in the Pacific Northwest.

While this might come as a surprise to most of you all, this is not a joke. Beards are now considered a nuisance and outlawed in this community. So I encourage all of you

beanie-wearing, mustache-flipping, beard-pondering folks out there to take your last selfie, and document your beard somewhere safe and secure. You are now required to go pick up available razors and trimmers in Campus Safety, starting this upcoming Monday.

There has been a lot of confusion as to why this new criteria has been put in place. After talking to Dean Beardless, he gave no valid answer and avoided the question.

Yet there has been little backlash yet against this sudden set of rules as they were just put in place yesterday. There have been whispers of future protests but only time will tell how far the bearded individuals on campus will go. Help donate to the cause on Willamette *Collegian's* website under the tab #savealumberjack.

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## BEARCAT BULLET

### Review: The Willamette Collegian

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LIFESTYLES GRAND OVERLORD

Normally my 'boss' (or whatever she is exactly) Christine, lifestyles editor, writes the Bearcat Bullet. However, this week, she has made the biggest mistake in her editing career by letting me write this week's bullet.

I've been working for the *Collegian* for almost a full school year now, so of course it is near and dear to my heart. I read it at least once a semester, so you know my feelings are real. So, for this special issue, I've decided to review our school newspaper section by section. It'll be a lot like a passionate love letter in which the writer brutally criticizes every little thing the object of their interest has ever done.

**Front Cover:** To be honest, I'm not sure why we print a front cover. I'm told it's "required" and we "literally cannot avoid printing it", but whatever.

**News:** This section is usually pretty good, it has information about stuff happening around campus or close to campus. Very relevant. Or at least that's what I hear, I don't think I've ever actually read it. One thing that stands out to me is that news seems to be lacking more opinion-based articles. It's always just about the facts with these guys, but making random shit up is a lot more fun.

**Lifestyles:** I don't even know what to make of this section. Whose lifestyles are you talking about? Why is a food truck review someone's lifestyle? What do you know about my life? You don't know me, Christine!

**Feature:** It's kind of inconsistent. Every other section has some kind of theme but the feature seems to be something different every week. It's very hard to follow.

**Sports:** I like this section a lot; it's my favorite one to make origami out of when I'm bored in class. In my experience it also absorbs water very well, so holding it above your head when it's raining is very effective. As far as the actual content, I can't say I've ever read it. It's probably pretty cool. Sports are fun. I love Buddy the Bearcat.

**Opinions:** If it had more statistics, this section would be a lot better. Sometimes I feel like the articles written aren't very objective and are sort of biased towards the opinion of the writer. Maybe that's just me.

**Back Cover:** The result of running out of ideas at 2 a.m. on a production night. This is where content goes to die. I've suggested not printing it but I get similar responses when I say the same thing about the front cover. Making newspapers is just too confusing.

That about sums up my feelings for the *Collegian*. No matter how much I may complain about it, there is one huge positive, which is the paycheck I receive every month. There is also free food involved. I could also proudly point at Lifestyles and say "I designed that!" when my friends are reading it, if any of them ever read the darn thing.

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## CAMPUS SAFETY

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### TAKE ME DRUNK I'M HOME

**March 8, 4:45 p.m. (Northwood Hall):** Student took a page from Ke\$ha's book, and brushed their teeth with a bottle of Jack. The WULA fever was upon them. Unfortunately, their fever broke and so did their liver, so they got to take a joyride in the back of an ambulance. Don't drink and drive kids. #freeKe\$ha

### HIGH AS A KITE

**March 9 6:20 p.m. (Kaneko Commons):** Students were reported for smoking on campus. Campus Safety decided to go in and kill the vibe. The students offered the officer a joint. The officer took a hit, then proceeded to confiscate all paraphernalia. Students proceeded to deny any marijuana usage, and did some bong rips. The officer took two bong rips and left... with the bong.

### THEVERY

**March 11 3:06 p.m. (University Center):** Student placed their bike in the racks and proceeded to lock the bike in an armored ve-

hicle. When they came back from class, both the armored vehicle and the bike inside were gone.

### SKYDIVING

**March 13 10:40 p.m. (Off campus):** While on a trip off campus, a student was having a very vivid dream about becoming Superman. The student attempted to fly, right out of a second story window. Unlike in dreams, the student hit the ground. The student lives on to pursue dreams of flying another day.

### MAD BLOWER ON THE LOOSE

**March 16, 10:30 a.m. (Matthews Parking Lot):** A leaf blower has been seen wreaking havoc among unsuspecting students, blowing skirts skyward and waking up everyone in the dorms. The bounty on this leaf blower's head is 5000 bitcoins. If found, do not try to approach. The criminal suspect is armed and dangerous, blowing gale force winds up to 15 miles per hour. No one is safe.

### A PRICKLY SITUATION

**March 16 12:15 p.m. (University Center):** Student called to report that their bike seat was stolen.

Student continued to ride bike after seat was gone. Student reported to Bishop with complaints of not being able to sit right.

### SUSPICIOUS SITUATIONS

**March 21, 1:30 a.m. (Baxter Hall):** Campus safety received a call for some minors fooling with some alcoholic beverages. Campo began to ask questions, and students emerged from closets, bathrooms and cupboards, making a mad dash for the door. No alcohol was found. However, more students were found hiding behind a secret panel in the wall.

### SIMPLY SMASHING

**March 22 5:15 p.m. (Lausanne Hall):** Campus Safety received a report that someone wearing a pair of Hulk Smash Fists had screamed and punched a hole in a bathroom stall. The student was fined for possession of two blunt weapons.

### GOING FOR GOLD

**March 23 3:20 p.m. (Montag)** A student called to report that their friend had fallen while skateboarding. The officer attempted to evaluate the student's

condition but the student would only respond to the name "Tony Hawk" and believed that they were being interviewed after a winning half pipe run. The student was released with no signs of concussion.

### BLAZE IT?

**March 25 4: 20 p.m. (Stoney Doney Hall):** Campus Safety received a call concerning a prospective student who may have been blazing that dank kush. The prospective student was reported to be making others uncomfortable by doing a below average Snoop Dogg impersonation. When the officer questioned the student about their behavior the student showed the officer a special pack of cigarettes that only smells like the finest green but have no actual drug content. The officers verified the legitimacy of this claim by smoking the entire pack.

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# FOOLFA

A look beyond



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I cannot believe it's already May! Happy May Day, Bearcats! There's truly nothing like starting a new month with a holiday that some people love, and others find completely irrelevant.

Speaking of which, April Fools'! It's actually April.

I know, I just tricked you into thinking that you lost the last month of the semester to really get your academic and personal lives in order. Sorry to throw that one at you after a difficult acclimation period following various indulgent Spring Break shenanigans, but I'm confident you will forgive me.

Throughout my long and fulfilling twenty years of living, breathing consciousness, this holiday has provided me everything from a Christmas-like excitement to total neutrality. In some years, it has gone completely unnoticed, but others stand out quite prominently in my memory for one reason or another. I recall one particularly fearful April Fools' when a third grade classmate shamelessly pulled down other student's pants (I didn't fall victim, but I certainly could have!).

A holiday with this degree of fluidity is rare. The day is surrounded by strong opinions on both sides as well as a common, apathetic, gray area. It celebrates nothing in particular and has unknown and questionable roots. April Fools' participation can range from a harmless joke,

to telling flat out lies, to pranks that fall somewhere on their own spectrum of okay-ness. It's a day of flexibility, bending in many ways, but never really breaking, with an endless amount of variation surrounding it. Through its rich history, vast manifestation, and personal connotations, April Fools' Day holds more substance than its face value would imply.

For those of you who hate it, keep in mind there is no safety blanket of capitalism to discredit this one, as can be convenient with Halloween and Valentine's Day... But, of course, only the boring and the bitter hate those days.

There are multiple ways to both approach and handle April Fools' Day. So however you feel about it, take this time to step away from prior experience and expectation, and allow yourself to look at this infamous day through a new lens. Who knows, that lens could end up giving you more clarity than even your Acuvue contacts ever could.

## A FOOLISH HISTORY

According to infoplease.com, a very polite source for information, the direct origins of April Fools' Day are unknown. The holiday has been celebrated around the world in various cultures, basically forever! How is such a thing possible? There are two theories as to how this holiday came about.

The first has to do with France adopting a reformed calendar in

1564, thus shifting New Year's Day to January 1 after ancient cultures had regularly celebrated the new year on April 1. Just as we have learned from any of our favorite brands or companies refining their logos, or anytime a social media adjusts something about their format, big changes are often met with a mixed reception... people lose themselves.

Thusly, April 1 became known as a day to mock traditionalists who continued to see April 1 as the new year. The people stuck in the past were pranked by others, working to convince them of something false or sending them on errands for things that didn't exist. Popularly, pranksters would attach a dead fish to their targets backside (the much more savage version of a "Kick Me" sign), but this tradition evolved in France, to encourage young school children to place paper cut-out fish on the backs of adults, screaming "Poisson d'Avril!" ("April Fish!") as they giddily ran away. This tradition continues to be preserved in France, and throughout Europe.

The second theory extends even beyond that, with evidence that ancient cultures enjoyed days of foolishness, celebrating the end of winter and the beginnings of spring, and many religions and cultures celebrate symbolic resurrections at this time: Christianity and Jesus, ancient Egypt and the god Osiris, the Mayan maize god Hun Hunahpu, to name a few. These symbolic resurrections at

the changing of the seasons bid farewell to the darker half of the year, and welcome the light that is to come.

Whichever camp you want to get behind, at the end of the day, both are their own form of a rebirth, celebrating the beginning of something new, starting fresh and moving forward. For whatever reason, this holiday, emblematic in its roots, is often overshadowed in favor of whatever April Fools' Day has come to represent in contemporary society.

## BE A FOOL

In the elementary years, I recall my teachers telling my classes that we couldn't play any jokes on each other at the risk of harming our classmates, both physically and with regards to their self-esteem. Of course, the harm of classmates is not ideal in elementary school, or any year that comes after, and based on the pranks I planned on pulling at home, the regulations made total sense. I wasn't even a mean elementary kid, but imagine the real damage that could have been done at recess!

I remember one April Fools' Day when I was growing up, I saw something on TV that inspired me to pull that classic rubber-band-around-the-kitchen-sink-hose practical joke, in which the instigator places a rubber band around the kitchen sink hose nozzle, making it so turning on the sink activates the hose instead. In this case, I was



# PROOF

and the laughs



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preying upon my unsuspecting older sister.

We were eating cereal for breakfast, and my heart was racing in anticipation of the moment. My sister was about to scoop the last, soggy, Frosted Flake into her mouth, drink the excess milk and approach the sink to rinse the dirty bowl like any responsible child would do (clearly I had done my research on her stagnant angry seventh grader morning routine). My eyes were glued to her. The walk from the table couldn't have been more than ten feet, but the world turned to slow motion as moment by moment she approached the inevitable booby trap. She lifted the handle, suddenly receiving her second shower of the day--this one just happened to be involuntary. But the moment the water sprayed her in the face, and all over her ready-for-school outfit, I thought to myself, "Maybe this wasn't such a great idea."

And I was correct: she was pissed, my mom was pissed, she had to change clothes, we were going to be late for school now, I didn't have any respect for personal boundaries, etc., etc., etc. blah, blah, blah.

In hindsight, it was totally diabolical of me. I tied my sister's hair band around the nozzle to activate it, so symbolically, she destroyed herself. I even made the effort to stand on a kitchen chair, and aimed the nozzle head to hit where I estimated her height to be. But I genuinely didn't intend to hurt

her in any way, I was just acting from a self-involved, lack-of-awareness-for-the-world-around-me state of mind. We've all been there.

## DON'T BE A TOOL

Quoth Wikipedia, "The negative view describes April Fools' hoaxes as 'creepy and manipulative,' 'rude,' and 'a little bit nasty,' as well as an act of *schadenfreude* [a German (duh) word for 'pleasure derived by someone from another person's misfortune'] and deceit."

"The positive view is that April Fools' can be good for one's health because it encourages 'jokes, hoaxes...pranks, [and] belly laughs', and brings all the benefits of laughter including stress relief and reducing strain on the heart." Wikipedia's dramatic yet effective phrasing aside, this could be summed up by saying that April Fools' Day is fun until someone goes too far.

As I like to say, you've gotta walk the line, maybe stumble a little bit-- not too much, only just enough. It's not ideal to cross the line, but it is so fun to dance on.

Yes, it makes sense that people hate April Fools' Day. But is that rooted in the fear of being laughed at? The fear of being hurt? Humiliated? I'd say yes, which overflows with irony after considering that the people who love April Fools' Day are just trying to laugh and have a good time. Clearly that is completely misguided if it includes being

insensitive to others' sensitive comfort zones, and just as that isn't widely accepted, living in fear shouldn't be either.

## FOOL FOR THE DAY

The fool is widely recognized as a significant figure in the mediums of story-telling, stretching across time through poetry, theatre and beyond. Whether you consider the Shakespearean archetype or the contemporary television wacky neighbor, there is always a fool to provide necessary comedic relief and a reminder not to take what is presented to us too seriously.

The fool works to symbolize fulfillment, and encourages us to look on the bright side. They move things along, shake things up, and remind us that the world isn't as certain as it appears to be. There is always an alternative perspective. In the tarot cards elite group of representatives, The Fool is always whole, healthy, and without fear, linked with the number zero, representing limitless, circular potential. Are they stumbling through Salem in the dead of night because Safe Ride is unavailable? Or striding through the Capitol garden for exercise on a spring afternoon? They could be doing either. April Fools' Day serves as a time to shake up reality's every day consistencies, proving to be a powerful vessel for change, and the ability to surprise oneself.

Because Willamette is no stranger to jokes--some of my favorites being the bi-annual thorough maintenance around campus before parents weekend and graduation, Goudy food themes (Pi day was SO fun), and President Thorsett's one-hour-a-month office hours-- it's only natural that we celebrate April Fools' Day and enjoy it to the fullest degree. So this year, when you would usually either take advantage of the opportunity to act as a new age jester, or sink into your tortoiseshell in hopes of getting through the day unnoticed and un-pranked, approach it with a light heart.

Make this April Fools' Day about enjoying life! Laugh off that paper you bombed, take an extra ten minutes for lunch, be late to work, saunter around, dip your toes in the Mill Stream. Tell that list of internships that you still haven't applied for that they don't own you. Smile at that kid who you unreasonably hate because they were in front of you in line at the Bistro and got the last cookie that you know was rightfully yours. Pull a harmless prank, but know your audience. Go on and roast your friends, but be sure to step up when it's your turn on the rotisserie.

Loosen up, change with the seasons, take a day off from the things that won't matter in five years because that day is now. April Fools' Day is on your terms; don't be a dick and don't be afraid.

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# Bearcat Spotlight



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I had to climb laboriously up to the top of the capitol building to get this special one-on-one interview with Salem's very own Golden Man for the Athlete spotlight this week. He was quite forthcoming about his surprisingly active life.

Mark: Celebrity Crush?

Golden Man: Do you start all of the interviews with this question?

Mark: Yes, it breaks the tension.

Golden Man: Does it? Anywho, I would say the Oscar trophy is my number one.

Mark: Oh, I guess that makes sense.

Golden Man: Why because we're both gold? Are you implying th-

Mark: Overrated liquid?

Golden Man: La Croix Sparkling Water. I only drink San Pellegrino and so should you.

Mark: Most people don't have such aggressive stances on sparkling water.

Golden Man: Most people aren't the Golden Man. Destroy La Croix.

Mark: If there was a sandwich named after you, what would be in it?

Golden Man: I don't like sandwiches.

Mark: You could put anything on it.

Golden Man: Nope, I prefer just plain bread dipped in tomato soup over sandwiches.

Mark: Would you call that the Golden Man?

Golden Man: Would you call this an interview?

Mark: Okie dokie, what embarrassing phase did you go through?

Golden Man: Way back when I was just a mere golden boy grow-

Mark: Wait you actually, like, grew up, as in aged?

Golden Man: Please don't interrupt, but yes I started off as just a small participation trophy and worked my way up to the beautiful golden Adonis before you.

Mark: What was the embarrassing phase?

Golden Man: For a few years I developed this green rust on my sides. It was quite humiliating.

Mark: Like the Statue of Liberty?

Golden Man: I'd appreciate it if you didn't bring up my exes.

Mark: Oh, I'm sorry, I had no idea. Are you with anyone now?

Golden Man: I'm sort of doing the long distance thing with the Sphinx right now, but we don't want to put any labels on it.

Mark: Don't want to "sphinx" it, right?

Golden Man: [sigh] Hilarious, next question?

Mark: I should probably know this, but what sport do you play?

Golden Man: Why don't you guess.

Mark: Jeez, I'm not very good at this, well you don't have the haircut for soccer. I feel like basketball is the obvious choice, so I'm just going to go out on a limb and say, baseball?

Golden Man: Shouldn't you know this if you're interviewing me?

Mark: I forgot! Is it rowing?

Golden Man: There is no men's rowing team.

Mark: Oh, I should know that, shouldn't I?

Golden Man: You tell me, man.

Mark: Moving on. Guilty pleasure tv show?

Golden Mark: Scandal. I'm a huge Shonda Rimes fan.

Mark: Overalls or jean shorts?

Golden Man: Why not shorteralls?

Mark: I mean, if you feel like you could pull them off, go for it.

Golden Man: I absolutely could. You on the other hand...

Mark: I know my limitations. If money wasn't an issue, what would be your dream job?

Golden Man: I like just standing around.

Mark: Isn't that what you do already?

Golden Mark: [scoff] The strain of keeping this pose on the Capitol is quite rigorous.

Mark: I apologize, so where would you want to just stand around?

Golden Man: Coachella. Oh or Lollapalooza this year.

Mark: What movie have you seen the most?

Golden Man: "Cheaper by the Dozen."

Mark: Have you seen it 12 times?

Golden Man: Oh, just once. It's the only movie I've seen.

Mark: Then a question from last interview, from Riley Francis: Name a food that is better lukewarm than cold or hot.

Golden Man: That's not really a question though, it's like a challenge.

Mark: Yeah I think it's supposed to be like a trick question, I can't think of single food that's best lukewarm.

Golden Man: A banana.

Mark: Oh that's like painfully obvious. What's your question for the person next week?

Golden Man: Who is your favorite golden statue?

Mark: Of course that's it. Now how do I get down from here?

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# Bearcat men's soccer moving onto bigger and better things

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In an unprecedented switch, the Willamette University men's soccer team is making the jump from the NCAA Division III Northwest Conference to professional soccer and will play in Major League Soccer next season. Fresh off of a 6-11-2 record and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the NWC, the Bearcats are primed and ready for the move to professional soccer to face better competition.

It has not yet been determined how WU will schedule all 34 games from March through November with student athletes still getting some time off for summer, but the squad is looking forward to the challenge.

Sophomore Liam Main is confident his team will be up for the challenge. Main said, "Last season didn't go exactly as planned, but we easily could have beaten every single team we played at least 10-0, so I look forward to smashing these so-called professionals and then moving on to Europe for our senior season in 2018."

Since all team members will still be college athletes, the league mini-

mum salary of \$36,500 will obviously have to be tossed out the window. Several members of the team are looking forward to the challenge of facing some of their favorite professional soccer players such as Italian national team legend Andrea Pirlo and U.S. national team hero Clint Dempsey. It will undoubtedly be difficult for these young college student athletes to compete with professionals who are getting paid hundreds of thousands of dollars, but the team is up for the challenge.

Freshman Maxwell Mckee is looking forward to playing on ESPN and thinks that this could be a perfect platform to show off his pottery skills. As a senior in high school, Mckee won the Islander Achievement Medallion for Art and is looking forward to the exposure that the MLS could provide for him. "I've been working on some super sick and innovative clay projects over the past few years and think this could be a great opportunity to jumpstart myself into the pottery world."

The team is getting the opportunity to make the jump to MLS after

freshman Eric Keefe placed first in the world championships for rock-paper-scissors held in Dubai on New Year's Eve weekend over winter break. Keefe felt happy with his performance after beating over 80,000 other participants from all over the world, but knows there is always room to improve. "I felt like I under-utilized my scissors, but it ended up working out in my favor as most of the European players are scared to use rock anyway," Keefe said.

Season tickets will go on sale starting June 1, with packages for Willamette students, professors, employees and alumni starting at just 150 dollars, which can be issued through your school account or paid with compass cash (with the 10 percent discount, of course). This is a great deal compared to season tickets for the general public which will begin at 700 dollars. The chance to see some of the premier players in MLS square off against your fellow classmates is a chance you won't want to miss!

Head Coach Lloyd Fobi knows it will be a challenging first season

making the transition to professional soccer but thinks the players are ready for it. "Although we will be underdogs in almost every single game, it is a great chance for these guys to work on their modeling careers with so much increased face time. Players

such as Royce Romero, Noah Walin and Keaton Turnipseed, who have been aspiring models for some time now, will really have a chance to show what they have to offer."

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A new Major League Soccer team will be in Salem: WU men's soccer.

# Bob Knight joins Bearcat swimming

BRAYDON CALDER  
"THE POOL GUY"

Legendary college basketball head coach Bob Knight will be joining the Willamette University men's and women's swimming teams this next year as an assistant coach.

Knight, nicknamed "The General", started his collegiate coaching career with the Army Black Knights, where he coached six seasons and won 102 games. Knight then went on to coach the Indiana University Hoosiers for 29 seasons, where he won three National Championships and five Final Four appearances in the NCAA tournament.

Knight has been recognized many times individually for his coaching abilities. He won Big Ten Coach of the Year eight times during his time with the Hoosiers and National Coach of the Year three times. The legendary coach amassed 902 wins in his collegiate coaching career, which ranks second all-time in NCAA Division I basketball history. Only current Duke University coach Mike Krzyzewski has more.

"The General" retired from coaching after leaving Texas Tech University in 2008, but recently said that he misses helping athletes excel at the collegiate level. "Most of my life was dedicated to college students and creating an environment where they could be the best that they could be," said Knight. "Both in their sport and in the classroom, so after taking some time off I realized I wasn't ready for that part of my life to end."

He chose Willamette swimming because it would offer a

new challenge, a sport he's never coached or played before. "I think I can take the abilities and philosophies I've gained over the years from coaching basketball and apply them to the pool, to help make an impact on the Bearcats' swim teams," he said. Knight believes that this challenge will help him grow as a person, and he will still be able to offer great insight and advice to the coaching staff already here at Willamette.

Knight also said that he chose Willamette because he admired its commitment to academics. He demonstrated this at Indiana as his teams boasted some of the highest graduation rates of any NCAA team. Knight

said that he "sent a card to every professor for each kid I had, and I was able to keep track on a daily basis who cut class or who was dropping a grade average."

Leslie Shelvin, Willamette's current swimming head coach, said they are excited to be bringing in a coach with a plethora of experience at the collegiate level. "Bob has proven his coaching abilities and commitment to students during his years of coaching basketball," she said. "We are thrilled to have someone on the staff with the wisdom and coaching knowledge that he has."

Knight's coaching career, however, hasn't been without controversy. There were in-

stances of chair throwing and disputes with writers throughout his time as a coach. He said that the time away from the court has given him the ability to reflect and analyze the problems that arose during his coaching career. "I'm looking forward to making a lasting impact on this program for time to come and know that I can represent this University positively and that what I bring to this program will be beneficial to the coaches and swimmers at Willamette."

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Bob Knight, pictured here coaching for Texas Tech, will be coaching next year's Bearcat swimming teams.

# Catching up with NBA's Gordie Clary

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Where is Gordie Clary now?

Two years ago, *The Collegian* reported that Clary, a sophomore out of Lausanne Third, had declared for the NBA draft. Since then, news regarding his basketball career has been few and far between.

Clary, as it turns out, had a sensational rookie campaign for the Miami Heat. He was chosen in the NBA Draft to replace LeBron James after he left to play for the Cleveland Cavaliers. Clary was quoted in his first Heat press conference saying he "vowed to make Miami great again."

With his extremely average skill set and speed, along with the fact that he always wore a hat, set him apart from the rest of the team early in the season and caught head coach Erik Spoelstra's attention. This paid off when it came to game time and Clary was able to see a lot of action early on for the Heat.

He was able to make an appearance in every game played by the Heat which is outstanding for any new player in the NBA.

Averaging 40 points a game, Clary individually contributed the most to the Heat this past season. Spoelstra commented on Clary's play this past season saying, "I don't know how he does it. Half of his shots look like accidents but he still makes defenses look silly."

Clary has another thing to offer that not many other players have. "His heart and determination are astounding. I've never seen someone work so hard and want something so badly," Spoelstra said.

With his incredibly mediocre skill, it was his heart and determination that made him stand out and ultimately win the Rookie of the Year award. He was number nine on the court but number one in the hearts of every NBA fan out there.

"There's no one more deserving of that award than Gordie," fellow Heat player Chris Bosh said. Bosh had been a fan of Clary since day one. "The kid wasn't the greatest basketball player of all time, don't get me wrong. But the way he was always so composed, never really showing any sign of emotion, was just so inspirational for not only me, but the team as a whole."

At the end of rookie campaign, Gordie decided to retire from his NBA career. He went on record saying "It was a great run but at the end of the day, I would rather stop while I'm ahead." Clary will be greatly missed by not only the Heat and their fans, but every basketball fan who ever had the opportunity to watch him play.

"I would just like to say to every young athlete out there, quit while you're ahead, man! Take it easy! I don't like being on the spot like this, though. Is all of this stuff I'm saying going to be printed in the paper?" Clary said.

These days, Clary can still be seen around Salem and Willamette's campus. Unemployed after quitting his six-figure job as a professional basketball player, he frequents Henkle Gym for pick-up basketball, and plans to do so until his baseball coach finds out.

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# Rookie fire extinguisher feels it isn't getting the playing time it deserves

ALEX GORDON  
STUDENT, MOTHER OF THREE

According to multiple sources within Belknap Second, first round draft choice Amerex Model B402 doesn't feel that they are being properly utilized, or developed, by the organization.

When B402 came out after a day of production, there was a lot of talk that they would be a work in progress, and it seems Belknap Second has taken that mentality in the day-to-day usage of the young fire combatant. "I just feel like I'm being overlooked in my possible contributions to the floor," Amerex said, after yet another day of inactivity. "I can understand not wanting to throw someone with my relative inexperience into the fire, so to speak, but that's what I've been waiting my whole life for. I come in everyday trying to get better and make myself useful, but it seems like nobody notices."

B402, a dry chemical extinguisher out of Industrial Welding Supply Salem, continued to say that not only did they feel as

though they weren't being used, but also neglected. "People just seem to forget I'm here. It's one thing to be brought along slowly as a rookie in this league, but to be ignored by floor personnel is an entirely different issue," the 3-A-4c-Bc class multi-use fire depressor said. "I don't even have a glass cover."

Amerex admits that they have received their monthly inspections, and the organization insists that this is really all that B402's situation requires. "I just sit there in this non-regulation holder, basically collecting dust every day. It's really unprofessional," B402 said.

"That extinguisher is a diva," Belknap Second manager Maile Symonds said. "They're in a residential building. What do they expect?"

The second year skipper went on to address some of B402's concerns. "They should be grateful," said Symonds. "If they had been drafted by the Chemistry department, they would have gotten use alright. They go through one every two days. B402 would probably be out of the league by now."

Symonds insisted that the Belknap Second Amerex could carve out a nice niche for themselves, and probably have a profitable one or two year career, making more than enough to ensure the little 300 models on the way will always be well taken care of. "They've got it easy. All they've got to do is stay ready, be a quiet presence and if they're ever needed B402 will be a hero."

Even still, the ABC Multi-purpose feels that their stored pressure design and all metal valve construction are, even now, beginning to corrode. "You aren't newly made forever. It's only a matter of time before some new chrome plated model comes along that I can't keep up with, and I'll be decommissioned sooner than you can say 'six year warranty,'" B402 said. "Twice the fire-alarms have gone off and nobody even gave me a look! I know they were drills, but couldn't somebody run around with me and pretend to fight off a raging fire? That's really all I ask."

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Amerex awaits their chance to shine.

## Dorm dangers: You cannot ignore the ghost, Ross Stout

AUBRYN "AUB AUB" WALTERS  
VACUUM CLEANER

As a first year, although I am forced to live on campus, I could not be happier. Living on Matthews third has been an invigorating experience unlike any other. Everyone is just so friendly and welcoming that I often wonder if they are even college students. Plus, the fact that my floor has not one, but two CM's means I have their guidance whenever I need it and even if I don't. I love that we are one of the few floors who have people doing homework in the hall at two in the morning and there is food aplenty, so I never have to leave my wonderful triple. I love my dorm for so many reasons, so it pains me to say that there is one aspect in particular that taints it all, and I really wish Campus Safety will take me seriously this time.

Did I say I live in a triple? I should have said quad, because since the beginning of the year, I've come into unfortunate contact with a ghost named Bertha.

I didn't notice her the first few days. I thought she was just another resident of the building, albeit an annoying one. But after a week of waking up with her shaking packets of ramen next to my ears, I began to think that she was no regular student. After all, who climbs into my bed to shake packets of ramen?

There was just something about Bertha. Maybe it was her disarming smile. Maybe it was her anachronistic clothes. Maybe it was her transparent skin and hollowed eyes that constantly burned like hellfire. Once I saw the first sign, the clues seemed everywhere.

One evening, after I comforted her, Bertha told me about she died. According to her, she was once made fun of by a pack of squirrels when she tragically fell off the roof and died of a broken heart.

Now, she haunts Mathews third in search of those squirrel bullies, but she cannot find them because all squirrels look kind of the same. She is doomed to walk this earth forever, and I cannot rid her by myself.

Bertha has been tormenting me for months, and let me remind you that no matter how many times you hang up the phone, this is not a joke, Ross Stout, Director of Campus Safety. Bertha once followed me to class and talked for me every time I raised my hand. She said a lot of dumb, squirrel-related things that didn't make any sense. It was the first day. I've been too embarrassed to talk since. She has single-handedly ruined my academic career, and to all my professors, I'm sorry; it wasn't me.

In one of my classes, we talked about Willamette's rare squirrel population, and Bertha lost it. I think she possessed almost all of my classmates just to talk as much as she could. You wouldn't believe the amount of squirrel gossip you can learn in 20 minutes, especially in the class Intro to Physics.

If only you were there, Ross Stout, then maybe you would've seen what it's like to feel true horror.

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# Time to put West in the West Wing



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After yet another week of political news, commentary and debates, I think it's time to look ahead, 2020 ahead. More specifically, we need to look at why we should elect Kanye West as president in 2020.

Truth be told, this election cycle is getting boring. I know exactly what Trump's going to say or do, Cruz is just too depressing to look at, and the Democrats are having their own weird identity crisis that I'm not really about.

So let's move forward. Let's put someone in the White House that can be kept accountable, reach across aisles, and bring our country to new heights than never been at before. Let's start

looking at Kanye West in the West wing.

Kanye will bring clarity to our muddled politics. After all, why should we be wondering what our president is doing in the White House? Shouldn't we know? Sure, we can check voting records and read up on the candidate, but what is more accessible than a Twitter account that's actually used by the candidate?

That's where we need to look no further. Aside from having the most tweets, has anyone kept up with what Kanye tweets recently? He has it all: brutal feels, total honesty. Given, Kanye always seems to be in a questionable state of mind when he tweets, but how relatable is a candidate that can admit they are 53 million dollars in debt to the entire world, and then ask Mark Zuckerberg for a loan to continue their creative ventures?

I love it. No PR crisis management needed, which is what America needs. I just want to be told straight up that we've hit the fan.

Kanye is a candidate that can tell it all. Okay I get it, his history with financial mismanagement is red flag. But firstly, it's not like the U.S. really cares as we can see this time around, and second, are we even talking about how he got bailed out? This is where the whole reach across the aisle thing comes in.

For those worried about if Kanye can win a general, let me tell you, he's very fiscally accountable, and not only that, he loves the business community. We see this with how he reached out to Zuckerberg for a bailout, but let's talk about his wife. Kim

Kardashian, a preferred option for First Lady than Melania Trump, is quite the business mogul herself, with a reality TV series, multiple apps and a fashion line. Hell, she drips "pro-business." She'd be one of the highest earning First Ladies ever (points with the socially liberal left, who are also all about the nude leaks). But also, back to the pandering to the right, she bailed out Kanye, proving financial accountability. After the whole nude selfie debacle, she tweeted that she was basically done with the haters, and while they hated, she was cashing a check for a venture and transferring 53 million into her joint-account. "Financial Responsibility. Accountability. Thank you for my more successful wife." There. I just coined his campaign slogan.

I don't even know why I have to continue justifying this, as it all speaks for itself. In terms of what I think he can do for this country? Great things. Amazing things. Tell Hillary he'll make America love again and tell Trump he'll make us great. Tell Bernie he'll help out those who are broke because he feels us, and tell Cruz to listen to "Heartless" or something to get the sad expression off his face. What's that? Policy stances? Eh, save that for when he gets in office. That seems to be the general rule of thumb at this point anyways.

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The Collegian chases down Chris Tine-Smith, a thirty-three year old man we followed out of Safeway, for a conversation about

things that are overrated, things that are underrated and the upcoming season of the Bachelorette.

### Climate Change

Chris: What gives? I already told you my name. You said you'd go away after that!

The Collegian: But why don't you think climate change is a more discussed issue in political debates? Is there a reason why few presidential candidates take a hard stance on the topic?

Chris: Get that recorder away from my face!

### Thin Mints

Chris: Thin Mints? What about Thin Mints? Will this make you leave?

The Collegian: I personally prefer the Savannah Smiles. They are the hidden gem in the rough.

Chris: Jesus Christ, you've been chasing me for twenty minutes.

The Collegian: The Rah-Rah Rai-

sins are also quite underappreciated.

Chris: I don't understand why you care about my opinion so much. Did my mom put you up to this? Is this because of last Thanksgiving? How much is she paying you?

### Nintendo Wii

Chris: Is it Becky? No, James? Who the hell do you work for? I can double it, triple it.

The Collegian: The Nintendo Wii really revolutionized—

Chris: No more questions from you. That's it. I'm done. I ask the questions now! Who the hell do you work for?!

### A Disfigured Candy Corn

Chris: The police should be here in ten minutes. All the street exits are blocked off. What's it like knowing you'll soon be locked up and behind bars?

The Collegian: It will not matter, Chris. You take one of us out and an-

other will take its place.

Chris: I'll stop you. I'll stop all of you. Expect to see me take down this whole conspiracy all the way to the top!

### The Bachelorette

Chris: I'm really looking forward to seeing the chemistry with Jojo Fletcher and the other contestants. I feel like her quirky personality will be a breath of fresh air for a series that has been borderline stale.

The Collegian: I don't know if Jojo is as bubbly as she seems. How do you think she handled her relationship with Chad Rookstool?

Chris: I know I'm in the minority here, but Chad was never good enough for her. She deserves to find true love on the screen.

The Collegian: Don't you think Chad deserves true love too?

Chris: Sure, but I don't think it's with Jojo.

# Campus change: Zoology majors are animals



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The secret is out. Willamette University has recently released a statement on why student fees have continually increased over the past few years at such substantial rates, and we should've guessed it; the college of liberal arts will soon introduce a zoology major.

Due to the rising cost of animals in the midst of a politically correct world that tenuously asks for their proper treatment, the University's tuition will continue to rise between rates of 1 and 5 percent over the coming years to offset the costs of housing an entire zoo.

Increasing costs may be irksome, but at least we are now learning how our funds are being used. My one concern lies in the move toward career-oriented programs that begun with the introduction of the CCM major. I hope this new program will take a similar route as the communication program by incorporating both practical skills courses as well as academic theory.

It's easy to understand why tensions have brewed as rumors have it that President Thorsett kept the plans under wraps for fear of backlash, or worse, over-excitement, before details could

be finalized. However, now that the program has been confirmed, the specifics have spilled in and have made clear that zoology is exactly the major to put Willamette University back on the map.

We already house departments not conventionally found at small liberal arts colleges, such as archaeology, so the addition of more mildly obscure fields like zoology is the next logical step. Students can soon engage with nature in a local setting and explore the veterinary professions. Unconfirmed rumors have circulated that the introduction of the program will be accompanied with the opening of a petting zoo, and in my opinion, that's the best use of our debt-funded fees.

When asked why the planning process was so covert, Thorsett responded, "We didn't want to get everyone's hopes up and then the program falls through at the last minute. We are really excited about the introduction of a new program to the science departments that bridges disciplines. And who doesn't want to see a zebra on campus?"

Administrators planned to hold off on the announcement until the end of the semester, but those plans were foiled when two unnamed CLA students made a discovery.

"We'd often pass by that little building that said 'Animal Room' behind that one science build-

ing," one said. "We wondered what could possibly be in a room called 'Animal Room,' so one day we decided to take a look."

The students were prepared to pick a lock, but upon attempting to enter, they learned the door had been unlocked all along. The students were then surprised to learn that the Animal Room holds a tunnel leading to a grassy field full of animals.

Zena will also become a site for the animals. We now know why

the University has continued to advertise the scenic farm in its marketing propaganda despite ending the program there. They were simply preparing for the launch of the next best thing. Who needs to farm when we can soon be covered head to toe in rabbits?

It's understandable why students have become increasingly agitated over rising costs when the reasons for tuition hikes are not made transparent. Howev-

er, while I fully acknowledge the burdens created by higher fees, it appears that the University has finally put our money to good use. If we want to be a premiere university, then we need more animals than just the squirrel. About fifty-seven more.

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## Goudy's fork shortage and why we should just use our hands.

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Think about it, Goudy. You could advertise yourself as the first University dining hall, west of the Mississippi River, to claim that its eating experience is truly hands-on.

Furthermore, it's common knowledge that eliminating fork usage will improve students' health. There are over four million fork related incidents every year, and while most of these incidents are just the simple act of eating, they nevertheless open up the possibilities for more hardcore, utensil related injuries, such as consuming fish with a buzzsaw. Forks are the gateway drug into the dangerous underground world of the culinary dark arts.

Removing ourselves from fork's suffocating shackles is not only a reasonable solution to this foremost issue, but it will also enhance to many students' dinner experience.

Every fitness coach has always advised that we learn more about our food. We are told to ask ourselves food-related

questions everyday like where does this food come from? How much trans fat is in it? And does having a certain number of Oreos make it a fruit?

Could there be a more natural way for us to learn about our food than by shoving our collective hands into a lukewarm pot of beef stew? What better way to familiarize us with the textures of our meals than by letting its liquid contents run through our fingers as we transfer it from dish to plate?

Actually, screw plates. They are worthless, cumbersome, obnoxious and restrictive. Why should I be limited by the boundaries of a plate's circumference when the world is literally limitless?

Trayless Tuesdays? How about Plateless Everyday.

But I know what you're going to ask. You're going to say, "But, Josh, what could possibly substitute our precious plates?"

The answer is quite simple: several large, industrial steel troughs bolted to the floor and filled to the brim with

Goudy dinner. And what exactly is a "Goudy dinner?" Why, that's the entire week's menu mixed together.

Of course, there will also be a vegetarian trough that will have all available salad dressings layered atop some baked beans.

It is our obligation as Willamette students to let Goudy know that we are not only sick of the fork shortage, but of forks altogether, along with plates, tables and chairs. Goudy needs to understand that we would much rather prefer our dining experience to be us kneeling down, hunched over and eating from a wide bucket.

This idea is sustainable too. Remember all those complaints about Goudy food waste? Tell me, how could there possibly be any waste when the undesired leftovers are indistinguishable from the actual food? How could there be waste when the garbage becomes only more food?

And if that isn't the Goudy way, then I don't know what is.

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