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## Concerns for safety?

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Campus Safety's ability to protect students in an effective and culturally competent manner has recently come into question following several incidents that have occurred throughout this academic year. This includes the Aug. 22 searching of a community mentor's room and an Oct. 6 break-in at the Wish House. There are concerns over the University's preparedness for an active shooter situation as well.

In particular, ASWU President Shamir Cervantes feels that "people don't feel very safe on this campus. Perhaps more tellingly, many members of our community currently feel like their well being is actively threatened when they are on campus."

When asked about these issues during an Oct. 24 interview Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout offered the following updates in regards to what Campus Safety has done thus far to address issues of student concern, what they plan to do in the future and what students can do to help improve safety on campus.

### CM Room Search Incident

The incident involving the non-consensual search of a CM's room led many to claim that Campus Safety is lacking in cultural competency. In response, Stout said, "there have been allegations by some students that Campus Safety officers are not sensitive to the unique situations the people of color encounter and are therefore not sensitive to their needs."

However, Stout said the situation was an isolated incident that was a mistake and that the person involved has received an apology.

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# Pride for all? Or for some



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The recent Supreme Court decision had millions cheering for what activist and writer Urvashi Vaid would call "virtual equality."

The liberal mainstream celebrated in the streets after the decision to allow "same-sex marriage" was announced.

On the surface level, this deci-

sion could easily seem like a major victory for civil rights after decades of advocacy in the courts and many visibility efforts such as Pride. Yet, there remains a problem.

The LGBTQ+ movement reflected its own acronym with the interests of gay and lesbian couples first, then bisexual people, then transgender people and then the rest who are summarized by a plus sign. This is the great problem

of single-issue politics: the easy interests will be worked toward even at the expense of more relevant issues.

For a movement built on a supposed solidarity between all walks of queer life, issues of poverty and transgender rights have been pushed to the margins for the sake of political expediency. Mainstream activists continually argue that it's a step, but these issues will

have their time.

It seems that with the current trajectory of LGBTQ+ politics, there will always be someone waiting.

Some group will always inevitably have to wait their turn. That doesn't sound like liberation. A lot of issues could have been given more attention.

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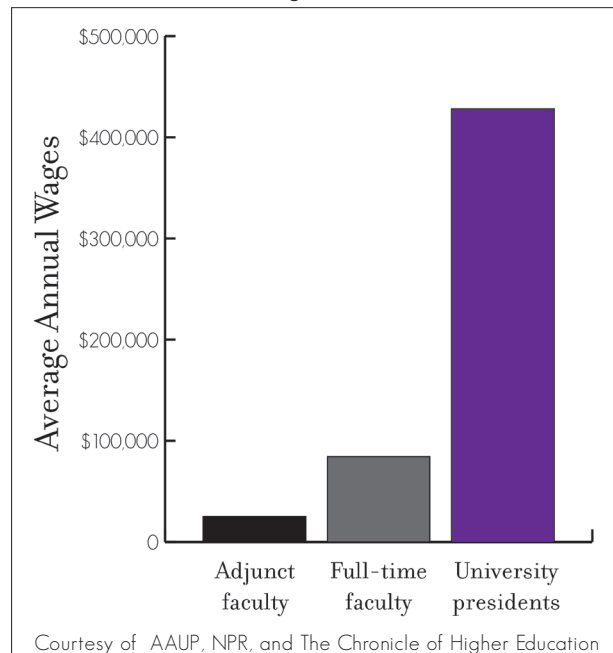
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Q: "Who do you want to win the World Series?"

A: "I want the Royals to win, just so the Mets don't win."

-Kassandra Omvik, senior

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SAM KEECHLER

These kicks belong to the OG of style, sophomore Owen Gow—this week's style crush, alongside sophomore Abigail Lahnert.



# Bishop at a crisis point with crisis appointments

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As of the Oct. 22 ASWU meeting, Bishop Wellness Center did not have an available full-intake counseling appointment slot until Nov. 11.

This was one of a variety of statistics about both nationwide and Willamette-specific mental health that Director of Bishop Wellness Center Don Thomson provided when addressing the ASWU senators during their most recent meeting.

Thomson said that while Bishop saw around 600 appointments in 1987, it has now maxed out its number of available appointments. This, he said, was the reason why incidents such as the Umpqua Community College shooting have not been affecting Bishop's number of

appointments; they have no room to schedule additional appointments.

Additionally, Bishop has seen an increase in crisis appointments—those that are deemed urgent enough to bump a previously scheduled student out of their appointment slot—from seven in 2004–05 to 203 in 2014–15.

“One of the things we know about Willamette students is that you are all high-achieving students who work hard to hold it together up until the moment when you can't and you seek our help,” Thomson said. “However, we say, ‘We'll see you in three weeks.’”

The third-greatest factor in students' stress, according to a survey of Willamette students, is lack of sleep. Thomson said this is not a factor that cracks the top ten nationally.

“You're bad at sleeping. Like, bad at it,” Thomson said.

Bishop is working to accommodate its increased traffic by taking actions such as adding Dr. Audrey Schwartz as a full-time equivalent (FTE). Thomson said this is the first FTE that Bishop has added in a long time.

In addition, Bishop now provides walk-in hours from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, outreach trainings for a variety of campus leaders such as community mentors and Opening Days leaders as well as advising for Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARA).

Thomson said that students can help the cause by being honest with professors about their stress levels, as faculty often come away

with the false impression that students are staying afloat. Students, he said, are also responsible for listening to one another and having more meaningful conversations.

“There's a conversation after the ‘I'm totally stressed out’ that doesn't happen here,” Thomson said. “Slow it down. Listen to each other. Admit that maybe you might be struggling, because of course you are.”

Senator Thao Tran said that Willamette students overwork themselves in part due to an unspoken competition.

“You want to be busier than everyone. You want to have more internships, a higher GPA,” Tran said. “You're doing that so that you can sit in class and say, ‘I'm better

than everyone here.’”

Senator Teo Ekstrom said that this competition is driven in part by students seeing a glorified version of others' lives through social media.

“We work our Facebook announcements like public releases. ‘I am delighted to announce that I have accepted a position with...’ No. You got a job,” Ekstrom said.

After Thomson presented, ASWU discussed ways it could be involved in reversing the trend, including through a social media campaign. Tran also motioned to create an ad hoc committee to address mental health concerns, which the senators unanimously approved.

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## Updates from Campus Safety

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In order to help reduce potential cultural competency issues in the future, Stout says that “additional training has taken place to assure that this does not happen again.”

As of the first week of October, Stout says all Campus Safety staff had participated in training that was provided by Cathy Busha, Associate Dean of Students at Lewis and Clark.

“Ms. Busha was highly recommend as someone who teaches in the area of cultural competency,” he said.

A second training session to build on the topics discussed is expected to be held early next year.

### Break in at WISH

Many students have also been concerned by the recent break-in at WISH house and are unsure of their safety on campus and in their dorms. According to an official email sent by Stout to the student body, “At about 12:45 a.m. [on Oct. 6] two women students in the WISH residence hall awoke to a male subject in their room. The subject had put his hands over one student's mouth. Her roommate awoke and startled the intruder who then ran out of the room and fled through a first floor window.”

Stout says that the break-in is a very serious incident but is also rare to campus.

“There were several immediate responses to this incident, including calling Salem Police, securing screens and windows in WISH [and] a campus-wide e-mail warning of the incident,” Stout said.

The incident will not result in significant changes in Campus Safety Policy or procedures. Stout instead recommends that “people take extra precautions to keep room doors locked and don't prop outside doors.”

### Active Shooter Concerns

In response to the concerns about a situation similar to the Umpqua Community College occurring on campus, Stout reports that more preparedness information has been made available on the Campus Safety website.

Stout says that a video from the Department of Homeland Security, called “Run-Hide-Fight” is now available on the main Campus Safety web page which, he said, teaches ways to deal with an active shooter situation. Stout encourages students to watch the video and for the video to be shown as much as possible by groups on campus.

Stout also said that the University is planning on holding future mass shooter drills with more details being announced over the next couple of months.

### General Campus Safety Recommendations

In terms of general safety on campus, Stout says the strongest way to create a safer environment is to have students take an active role in crime prevention.

Stout admits that many may feel that this philosophy places too much of a burden on students to ensure their own safety and may ask “Isn't that Campus Safety's job?” However, Stout feels that strong student involvement in crime prevention is not only an effective tool, but also a logistical necessity in ensuring safety on campus.

“Six Campus Safety officers, one or two working at one time, are not able to ‘keep the campus safe’ without the help of everyone in the community,” Stout said. “Students, faculty and staff are the eyes and ears of the community. We would never ask anyone to confront suspicious situations or suspicious people, that's the job of Campus Safety officers. What we do need everyone in our community to do is call Campus Safety when they see these suspicious people or situations.”

“An immediate call is most effective. Call Campus Safety 24 hours a day at 503-370-6911.”

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Students with any additional questions about Campus Safety or its policies are encouraged to visit the Campus Safety page on the Willamette website or email safety@willamette.edu.

## Hundreds of pounds of food thrown out every day

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On Oct. 14, at Goudy dinner, Willamette's Food Recovery Network (FRN) hosted a clean plate campaign, asking people to scrape the food left on their plates into bins to be weighed. The FRN is a student organization that donates the leftover food from Goudy that has not been served each night to local non-profit organizations that work with homeless men and women, including the Union Gospel Mission and the Women at the Well Grace House.

While many other colleges have their own FRN chapters, before junior Maya Kaup founded Willamette's chapter, an average of 50+ pounds of leftover food was simply going into the compost.

Goudy continues to compost food left on plates. Therefore, student awareness allows FRN to donate more food to hungry people instead of allowing it to go to waste.

According to the data collected by Willamette's FRN, on Oct. 14 students wasted 219 pounds of food. If the average meal is calculated to be 1.25 lbs, that means there would have been 175 meals that could have been donated to those in need on that night.

Some people objected to the fact that chicken bones and orange peels were included in the overall food waste weight, though the FRN said they accounted for a very small percentage of the waste. If Willamette wanted to take their food conservation to the next level, the FRN suggests cutting the meat off the bones and then using the bones to make broth for a soup.

In comparison, last year on a “Trayless Tuesday,” the FRN held a clean plate campaign and collected only 140 lbs. This has led many in the FRN to see “Trayless Tuesdays” as undoubtedly helpful in reducing the amount of food wasted at Goudy.

Marion county has one of the highest hunger rates in the nation, especially among children. Furthermore, the amount of energy used in agriculture, distri-

bution and preparation of food marks waste as an important factor when considering ways to benefit the environment.

Composting might be a better alternative to throwing food in the garbage, but all the energy and water used to grow, transport and prepare the food is ultimately still wasted. The FRN encourages every member of the Willamette

community to be conscientious about food waste.

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Editor's note: The article was written by the co-president of Willamette's Food Recovery Network.



Junior Iris Dowd (above) and junior Maya Kaup (below) help measure Goudy's food waste.



## Visiting professor Sentilles speaks on “breaking up with God”



SARAH HAGHI

Visiting professor Sarah Sentilles (center) speaks with students about religion, violence and imagery used to construct otherness.

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Teppola Distinguished Visiting Professor Sarah Sentilles, currently teaching in the religious studies department, shared some of her story with an intimate group of students last Thursday. Sentilles, who is currently teaching the classes “God’s Enemies? The problem of religious violence” and “Point and Shoot: The ethics of looking at ‘Others,’” spoke to her audience about the relationships between religions, violence and how imagery is used to construct otherness.

During the evening lecture on Eaton Hall’s third floor, Sentilles spoke about her life thus far, saying to the students that were there that their paths in life may not be so clear at times.

Sentilles spoke about her

spiritual journey to become a religious studies professor. She applied to Teach for America straight out of college and was placed to teach in Compton, Calif. However, Sentilles said she recognized that she did not have the experience to teach children in that situation.

It made her come to a radical new understanding about the whole system in the U.S., which she said made her turn to religion and begin a complicated path.

Sentilles said she would attend a church that was an active participant in social justice. This helped her realize a passion that pushed her to go to Harvard Divinity School, to study theology.

Sentilles said her time there, however, drew her away from religion, which led her to write her first book, “Breaking Up With God.”

In it, Professor Sentilles discusses how she ended up re-

taining her sense of faith, but “broke up” with her religion. She now identifies as part of a feminist, earth-based religion that she said inspires her to address issues in the world she had always felt passionately about.

After publishing another novel, “Church of Her Own,” Sentilles started exploring global violence in writing a dissertation about photos of torture victims in Iraq that were known as the “crucifixion photos.”

Sentilles said that in her dissertation, she asked herself about the photos’ explicit reference to religion and Jesus. She wondered if it made people view torture more ethically than before.

As her process unfolded, Sentilles said she began to focus her dissertation more specifically on drones and the way in which they “function as little Gods.”

Sentilles continues to work

on this idea, recently starting the website “dronealerts.org” with some of her fellow colleagues. According to the site, it provides daily notifications to participants about U.S. drone strikes around the world. The notifications always asks participants to mediate on the attack for seven minutes and then create a one-minute reaction video based on a specific theme. The videos are then uploaded to Vimeo as a “living archive of a collective response to state-sanctioned violence.”

Currently, Professor Sentilles is working on another novel called “Draw Your Weapons” that has been in the works for 10 years. This new book will discuss art and war and will continue to expand upon the discoveries she has made in previous work.

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## Senators Merkley and Wyden tackle college debt

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As part of an ongoing tour, Oregon senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden stopped by the University of Oregon this past Tuesday, Oct. 19, to meet with students and faculty about college affordability, as well as how to address America’s mounting student debt.

This was the first of several “college affordability listening sessions” that the senators scheduled this week. The subject of conversation was the issue of college degree affordability and opportunity for working families, as well as legislation that both Wyden and Merkley are both introducing.

“There’s no better return on investment – to the individual, society and the economy – than investing in education,” Wyden said in a press release. “But right now, students and families are getting hit by a wrecking ball when it comes to the cost of college. I’ll soon be introducing legislation that gives states the incentive and the means to help bring the cost of college back within the reach of families in Oregon and across the country.”

Merkley, who was the first in his family to attend college, says he knows how daunting it can be to see the huge price tag.

“For too many families the pathways to a higher education are increasingly blocked by the burden and fear of crushing student loans,” he said. “Making college more affordable means making sure all students can pursue a higher education without needing to take on huge amounts of debt and opening up affordable repayment options.”

Wyden joined fellow senators Marco Rubio, R-Fla. and Mark Warner, D-Va., on “The Student Right to Know Before You Go act” this past May, which wanted to, “provide college-bound students powerful new tools for comparing colleges and universities on measures such as total cost, likelihood of graduating, and potential earnings,” according to Wyden’s website.

Wyden is currently co-sponsoring the “Access to Fair Financial Options for Repaying Debt (AFFORD)” act that was introduced by Merkley, which aims to, “guarantee all students are able to affordably pay off their student loans by making an income-based repayment option available to all student borrowers,” according to a statement provided by Wyden.

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## CAMPUS SAFETY

### BURGLARY

**October 18, 4:40a.m. (Rogers Music Center):** While on patrol, an officer noticed windows open on the first floor. The officer investigated further and discovered several offices had been burglarized. Salem Police was called, as well as the occupants of the offices. Over \$6,000 in items were stolen. The investigation continues.

**October 22, 6:45a.m. (Delta Gamma):** Campus Safety re-

ceived a report that the door to Delta Gamma bicycle storage had been pried open and was no longer closing or locking. A work order was submitted and the door was fixed.

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

**October 14, 3:00p.m. (Kaneko Commons):** Campus Safety received report of damage to the fence.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID**  
**October 11, 12:35a.m. (TIUA):**

Campus Safety received a report that a student had cut their finger. Campus Safety and WEMS responded. WEMS treated the wound and recommended that the student be transported to the hospital for further evaluation. The student agreed and was transported to Salem Hospital by Campus Safety.

**October 17, 7:45p.m. (In a Campus Residence):** Campus Safety received a call about a student was feeling ill. Campus

Safety and WEMS responded. After evaluation the student was transported to the Emergency Room by Campus Safety for further evaluation.

**October 21, 8:20p.m. (In a Campus Residence):** Campus Safety responded to a request for medical assistance. Officers responded and determined that the student had taken an unknown amount of a prescription drug. Paramedics were called and transported the student to

the Emergency Room.

**October 22, 11:58p.m. (Hatfiled Library):** Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a call of a student who had briefly passed out. Upon arrival the student was feeling dizzy and shaky. The student did not want to be transported to the hospital and instead returned to their residence.



# Arts

Join UCSB Professor Robert Williams at the Hallie Ford Art Museum on Thursday, Oct. 29 in examining Renaissance art. He will be studying Vasari and Ruskin in particular to get a better understanding of the art from this period. The event is free and starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Homesick for your favorite furry friend? Check out Salem's last Saturday Market of the season on Halloween morning, featuring a pet costume contest. Pets will be judged for the most original costume and the best overall costume, and there will even be a best dog/owner combo prize. The market runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the corner of Marion and Summer Street.

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Experience the resurrection of Michael Jackson at Taproot Lounge and Café's wake and dance night on Halloween. Beats are by Cooper Wellington and the event begins at 9 p.m. for \$5 for the 21 and over crowd.

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# WU-approved costumes for budgeting couples

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As it nears "Halloweekend," we tend to find ourselves scrambling for cheap, last-minute Halloween costumes and if you're currently engaged in some type of partnership, you may find yourself dressing for two. The annual search for the best Halloween couples' costume is as time-honored as the holiday itself, but it can leave some couples in a daze. If you find yourself in dire need of a Willamette-approved couples' costume, let me first congratulate you on finding someone at this school you don't mind viewing in the daylight and let me offer you both some unique options.

**1 The Avocado/Quinoa Patty Get-Up:** We've all heard of the classic peanut butter and jelly couples' costume, but it's a bit elementary at this point. Let me instead provide you with this tasty alternative that has one partner clothed in green from head to toe to resemble an avocado, and the other in a brown, grainy winter sweater that will lend itself very well to the image of a quinoa patty. Costumers beware: organically grown avocados are a must, so do not hesitate in tacking three or four Whole Foods stickers to your butt. As for the quinoa dressers out there, if you are a vegan, there is a very high possibility that someone will drunkenly ask you if swallowing violates the strict no animal byproduct diet you follow. Do not pursue this conversation any fur-

ther; it will not end well.

Estimated costume price: Who doesn't own a brown sweater and something green, or at least know someone who does?--\$0

**2 The Ground Beer Duo:** There is no activity more beloved at Willamette than the act of ground beer. With a plethora of shirtless men, cheap beer and dingy floors, ground beer has sexually awakened Bearcat students in recent months. Not surprisingly, the hardy-party ritual provides a cheap and incredibly simple couples' costume—with one partner in possession of a twelve pack of PBR, the other partner need only to step into an entirely brown or grey outfit and smear pieces of dirt, soot and blood onto their face.

Estimated costume price: roughly \$8. The real challenge here will not be purchasing the twelve pack, but keeping it.

**3 The Wula Twosome:** If ground beer is the provocation of lust at Willamette, then Wula is the initiator of alcoholism. There are about a dozen and a half possible couples' costumes one could take from the annual music festival but let's head right to the thick of it. Clothe one partner in head to toe tie-dye apparel and tape on as many edible odds and ends as you can find. Anything from Slim Jim's to McDonald's wrappers are a go; the goal is to illustrate the average Bearcat's diet. Then, cut a hole in the bottom of a trash can and pull it over your head so it sits at your torso. Voila! The end of every Wil-



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lamette student's Wula: puke and a trash bin.

Estimated costume price: given that you could steal a trashcan from roughly every room in Smullin, I am going to list this one at \$7, which should cover the cost of all tie-dye clothing scrounged from Value Village.

**4 The Smoking Ban:** The ban is a controversial topic to say the least, but one that will spark conversation at any party you and your lover head to. Nothing is more Willamette than concepts of censorship, tobacco usage and screwing over the Man. The

simple costumes are easily assembled—just tape a dozen or so Marlboros to one simple white tee, and a few inhalers to another. Now it may confuse a passerby to see two partners posing as opposing sides to an argument, but think of it this way—at least you won't be the losers dressed as puke.

Estimated costume price: \$6 for the smokes, \$50 per inhaler. Number of people that will drunkenly try to light the cigarettes on your shirt: priceless.

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# Level B: Local talent is anything but ordinary



Séance Crasher brings out the dancing queen in every listener.

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Any music enthusiast familiar with Salem's local music scene is undoubtedly familiar with the cozy hole in the wall theater that is Level B. Salem's own culture incubator has been showcasing the best of the town's musical and creative talents for the better part

of the past year and the show last Saturday was no exception. The night featured a slew of unique local acts and a surprise set by one of Willamette's finest professors. The night's musical vibes ranged from fun dance music to cryptic to downright strange.

Opens Natalie Laswell and Jeff Graham kicked off the night with a tender set of folk-tinged



Mysterious Sailor—animated on screen and on stage.

ballads. Singer Natalie Laswell's tenor croons accompanied by Graham's lead guitar playing meshed together into a melancholy sound that could rock a baby to sleep (but like, in a good way).

"This song is in French. If anybody here speaks French, excuse me," Laswell said, before launching into the duo's last piece.

Next up on the bill was Aums-

ville's premier group of animators turned musicians, Mysterious Sailor. The self-proclaimed "unpopular pop" band performed a style of music that can only be described as psychedelic rock opera music. The only thing trippier than the music itself was the series of animations the band projected on their backdrop—products of the band's animation compa-

ny "Chop Motion Films." Images of coffee-consuming horses and giant babies flew across the stage as the band belted out cryptic harmony after harmony.

Just when I thought the night couldn't get any stranger, Willamette's own music professor and jazz piano enthusiast Julian Snow took the stage under the moniker Hank Porche. Although Snow was the only solo performer of the night, his performance was by far the most captivating. Snow ripped through his set, passionately playing his own unique style of avant-garde ragtime piano. Perhaps the oddest moment of the night occurred when, halfway through Snow's set, a seemingly random guest guitarist emerged from the crowd and accompanied Snow on stage. Armed with an acoustic guitar, the guest "musician" proceeded to strum, snap and attack the strings of his guitar, producing a series of violent seemingly chaotic discords, which Snow would then repeat back to the guitarist on piano. What followed was a three minute noise extravaganza that was equal parts entertaining and absurd.

The night ended on a high note (quite literally) as Séance Crasher took the stage. The Portland-based indie band closed the night off with a set filled with dreamy funk tunes that coaxed the audience out of their seats and onto the dance floor.

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# Style Crush: Abigail Lahnert and Owen Gow



These bistro babes are best buds who brew coffee in style.

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Sophomores Abigail Lahnert and Owen Gow are not just best friends; they're best friends who wear really great clothes. As they effortlessly breezed into my apartment wearing saran wrap and glitter ensembles, we sat down to chat about fashion, camping and all things pastel.

**The Collegian:** So, what are you wearing today?

**Lahnert:** Everything I am wearing is from a thrift store. I'm wearing this orange dress which is really great because the fabric doesn't wrinkle so I can wear it camping.

**Gow:** Wouldn't you be cold?  
**AL:** It's for summer camping! I'm also wearing a denim jacket which everyone wears, and I'm a part of everyone, so...

**AL:** I like to make my socks match my clothing, and I'm really into pastels.

**OG:** I thrifted my shoes, but

I'm wearing my comfy clothes. Yeah. Big earth tone fan!

**AL:** He likes the environment and he wears earth tones. I like making art and I love pastels. It's all funny.

**TC:** If you had to wear one item of clothing every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

**AL:** This lavender pair of running shorts that are really comfy and a great color and good with big sweaters. I like to go to jazz dance class in them.

**OG:** I would wear these shoes because brown shoes go with everything and shoes affect your aesthetic more than anything else. For example: your clogs say you're a pirate.

**TC:** Oh, that's great! What do your shoes say?

**AL:** His shoes say that he's a fisherman whose ancestors have already done all the fishing for him so he's wealthy but doesn't have to fish. Vague fisherman aesthetic.

**TC:** A Classic. Did you wear clothes like this as a baby?

**AL:** As a child I didn't like clothes at all. I just wanted to be a naked person. We had to go to a special store that sold seamless socks because I wouldn't wear socks with seams in them and my brother wouldn't wear anything with buttons or zippers.

**OG:** I wore big hoodies.

**TC:** Who/What is the biggest influence on your style?

**OG:** My neighbor Cathy, who told me I looked awful and took me shopping. My shoes were two sizes too big for me and Cathy had the eye.

**AL:** It's Owen. No, I wear what I like. Colors are a big influence. Some things I buy because I think they're funny like my '90s Nike Airs that look like they're made out of plush material like

a stuffed animal. Also the art of Aidan Koch, I love her. She uses a lot of pastels.

**TC:** What is the item of clothing you have had the longest?

**OG:** This jacket my mom got me for Christmas when I was 13 and then my Mom took it and wore it for two years and then I stole it back. I was an awful child.

**AL:** The thing I've had the longest is a tank top from when I made it to league in swimming and I was really excited because I'm not a fast swimmer.

**TC:** Which item of clothing holds the most sentimental value for you?

**OG:** A sweater that belonged to my grandpa, it's really itchy and he used to travel to France on business and he would bring things back for my Grandma in Japan. He was very frail so I don't know why he wore it, it's pretty sizeable!

**AL:** I have this really huge purple T-shirt I wear as a night dress and it's my older brother's and I stole it from him. If it's clean that's what I'm sleeping in!

**TC:** What was the last item of clothing you bought?

**AL:** Last time I bought an item of clothing was in August because I made a pact with myself that I wouldn't buy any other clothing this semester which I have kept and I am very proud. The last item of clothing I bought was a pink cardigan that I wear very often.

**OG:** I bought a pair of jeans last night. They make me feel supported. Because these ones are just falling apart.

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## Truth is scarier than fiction

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I don't scare easily. I used to claim that my biggest fear was an irrational fear of bridges, but it was just to be able to have some input whenever the icebreaker question came up. I have no pressing phobia, I approach potentially scary situations all too eagerly and when asked what my biggest fear is, nothing immediately comes to mind.

Lemony Snicket summed up fears so simply with his classic young adult fiction descriptions of irrational and rational fears: "Is it useful to feel fear, because it prepares you for nasty events, or is it useless, because nasty events will occur whether you are frightened or not?"

My biggest fear hits me when I least expect it. I can be fully engaged in a movie or having a grand old time out with friends and then suddenly I just space out entirely. This zoning out is me creating hypothetical situations that have a miniscule chance of ever actually becoming reality. It feels like someone opened a lid to my brain that unleashes all the rushing thoughts of what is yet to come and it sometimes becomes so overwhelming that I curl up on my floor playing the same song on repeat for hours.

When I'm watching a horror movie or roaming a staged haunted house, I simply remind myself that it's all completely fabricated. When I'm giving a presentation, I just keep in mind that people are people, nothing more and nothing less. But when I'm freaking out about the impending years ahead, there is usually nothing that I can think of that lessens the panic.

I've realized that I have a looming fear of not knowing what's next. I keep a planner so I can achieve that sense of accomplishment when I cross out one completed obligation of the day, but I also keep it to get a sense of what is coming next. When I fill up that planner, I can just get another one for the next year. I don't know what I can do once May 2017 comes around and graduation is over. But what about after that? Nothing makes me feel more incredibly small or produces that hollow feeling in my stomach the way thinking about my future does.

I had a friend say, "When you're stressed about life, just look up at the sky and find a cloud. Just think about how cool a cloud is."

Then I watched a video where a 6-year-old took all my fears in a simple way and offered a solution. He said, "I just think of something that I really like to do. You just think of something else until the nervous has gone out of you. I let that thing disappear out of my head...out of my ears...out of my mouth. When the scared feeling comes into you the scared is scared of things you like."

So I'll take the tricks and the treats this Halloween because they both make me incredibly happy and make the fear of the unknown subside for some time.

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## Review: Fear of the unknown... "It Follows"



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"It Follows" is a film that tells the story of a young woman named Jay Height (Maika Monroe) who becomes relentlessly pursued by a mute, shapeshifting creature after she sleeps with her boyfriend. The film provides a refreshing deviation from modern horror films through its subtlety and slow pacing and is a great viewing choice for those planning on staying in this Halloween weekend.

Just at face value, "It Follows"

provides much creepiness with the constant dread of waiting for the monster to show up, but its symbolism and allegory plays into people's anxiety with the all too real fear about growing older.

Unlike most horror films of the past few years, "It Follows" has characters that the viewer genuinely wants to see survive, instead of rooting for them to die because of how annoying they are. Admittedly, the characters seem a touch bland, but that does make them more realistic as they act how people actually would in their situation. Jay's friends,

while hesitant to believe in "It," do provide comfort and protection to their friend. The main group of friends have excellent chemistry and their bond appears to keep Jay from completely losing her mind.

From a technical standpoint, "It Follows" is a gorgeous movie. With the ever-present blue, gray and green tones of the film, a sense of unease and misery constantly hangs over the characters, and the viewer. Sequences at night, in particular, provide the most fear as it forces the audience to continuously search the background for "It". Scenes during the day are also quite eerie as they expose the unseemly locations the characters go to in order to try to escape the creature.

"It Follows" features spectacular cinematography with lots of wide shots that emphasize how small and vulnerable the characters feel at their age. With so many wide shots, I would recommend watching the film on a large screen to get the full effect and to better appreciate the cinematography.

I view "It Follows" to be about the fear of sexuality and adult-

hood that young people experience. The allegory, though, is left open to interpretation for the audience. Some of the forms "It" takes on when pursuing Jay feed into her fears of growing up by having the elderly or deceased literally haunting her. Anxiety relating to sex also comes up, as Jay is left permanently burdened after a sexual encounter. After which, she must face the moral dilemma of whether she should pass "It" on to someone else through the same method. Characters are forced to set aside their morals in order to avoid death in the film.

Overall, I found "It Follows" truly frightening on a psychological scale with some terrifying moments that put me on edge. To completely feel the terror of the film, try to watch it late at night in the Ford theatre to fully immerse yourself in the feeling of helplessness the filmmakers build. After viewing "It Follows", you may find yourself looking over your shoulder every time you are alone in a vast open space.



# Campus Equity Week highlight

## Faculty inequity trends across the nation

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When you imagine your dream job, does it include job security, benefits and creative freedom? For the majority of academic faculty, that is simply wishful thinking.

This week, Oct. 26–30, is Campus Equity Week (CEW), an annual event during which unions and activists join together to bring awareness to the injustice experienced by adjunct teachers at colleges and universities nationwide.

CEW began in 1999 as a way to draw attention to the issue of inequity and unfairness in hiring and promoting within colleges and universities as well as to create a national voice for adjunct faculty.

Although the problems for adjunct professors are more prevalent at large public schools where it is often the teacher's assistants who instruct classes, this issue is not moot at any university no matter the size, including Willamette.

An adjunct professor is a lecturer, instructor or faculty member in higher education who is at a lower academic rank than tenured professors. Contingent faculty are adjunct, part-time, non-tenured and graduate teaching faculty.

As stated on the CEW website, "Campus Equity Week is an annual event started by the Coalition of Contingent Academic Labor, a grassroots coalition of activists in North America working to bring greater awareness to the precarious situation for contingent faculty in higher education, organize for action, and build solidarity among our colleagues."

The goal of CEW is to help people understand and care about this issue and, in the long term, to improve working conditions for contingent faculty.

It used to be that most faculty on colleges campuses were eligible for tenure, a position that means job security, benefits and ensured full-time positions. However, in recent years, there has been a growing trend on college campuses throughout the country to replace tenured faculty with adjunct faculty.

In 2009, according to the U.S. Department of Education, 75.5 percent of college faculty were not eligible for tenure. A total of 1.3 million out of 1.8 million faculty are

adjunct. These part-time professors are paid very low wages – on average \$24,000 per year.

Despite making up the vast majority of collegiate faculty in the U.S., contingent faculty serve in insecure and unsupported positions. There is little job security or protection for academic freedoms.

This divide between tenured and non-tenured faculty in the Willamette community is clear when considering the different employment benefits. According to the Willamette website, employee benefits are based on academic standing: faculty working at least 20 hours per week are eligible for "many benefits," part time faculty and staff working at least 24 hours per week are eligible for medical and dental benefits, while full-time faculty and staff working at least 30 hours a week are eligible for the university's full benefit package.

(AAUP), which is a cosponsor of CEW, as a way to work toward bringing awareness to this issue.

Frann Michel, chair of film studies and a professor of English, described the AAUP as "a professional organization that serves as a resource for both tenured/tenure-track and contingent faculty interested in advancing academic freedom and shared governance, and defining fundamental professional values and standards for higher education."

The AAUP is currently working on the One Faculty campaign, designed to help advocacy chapters and state conferences to improve the conditions for faculty with contingent appointments, which are full-time academic appointment.

The organization said, "A united faculty is a strong faculty and includes specific guidelines for bargaining key contract issues."

that provide job security, higher wages and better working conditions so that adjuncts don't have to wait tables to make ends meet."

CEW suggests getting involved by signing petitions to promote fairness for adjunct faculty, writing letters, blogging and using twitter and tumblr to raise awareness. But the first step is to learn about the issue and how it impacts higher education.

These problems are happening for a reason. Many institutions are hesitant to award tenure because once a faculty member has tenure, they are ensured a job for life, which causes problems when disciplinary actions are warranted. Restricting the number of tenured faculty allows flexibility in hiring and firing.

Further, as tenured faculty have retired, many colleges and universities have replaced tenured positions with non-tenured positions as a way of saving money.

"Universities and colleges can get the same number of courses for a much lower price, slashing their bottom lines," The Wire said in an article on the shift to hiring non-tenured faculty. "Of course, the quality of those courses is questionable, as adjunct professors often juggle inconsistent schedules overfilled with courses (which they take on in excess to earn a higher income), and adjuncts often find themselves without even the most basic things, like adequate office space for student meetings."

Beyond the question of whether this treatment of contingent faculty is fair is another question: does having the majority of classes taught by part-time professors impact the quality of education at colleges such as Willamette? The organizations advocating equity believe it does. The main struggle with equity comes down to finding a balance that accommodates students who need to be well educated, professors who need to be well paid and universities that need to have autonomy in hiring. Finding balance between tenured and adjunct professors can lead to a more equitable workplace. The real issue is how to find that balance.

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- American Federation of Teachers

The American Federation of Teachers (AFT) released a statement this month about how the low wages affect adjunct professors, which said, "Adjunct professors – smart, dedicated, passionate teachers – often earn less than half of what full-time faculty make for the same work. And though they teach more than half the classes at many colleges – and all the classes at some – adjuncts have to pick up second or third jobs to pay the rent and their student loan payments. They do all this while keeping a smiling face in working and learning conditions that are downright spooky."

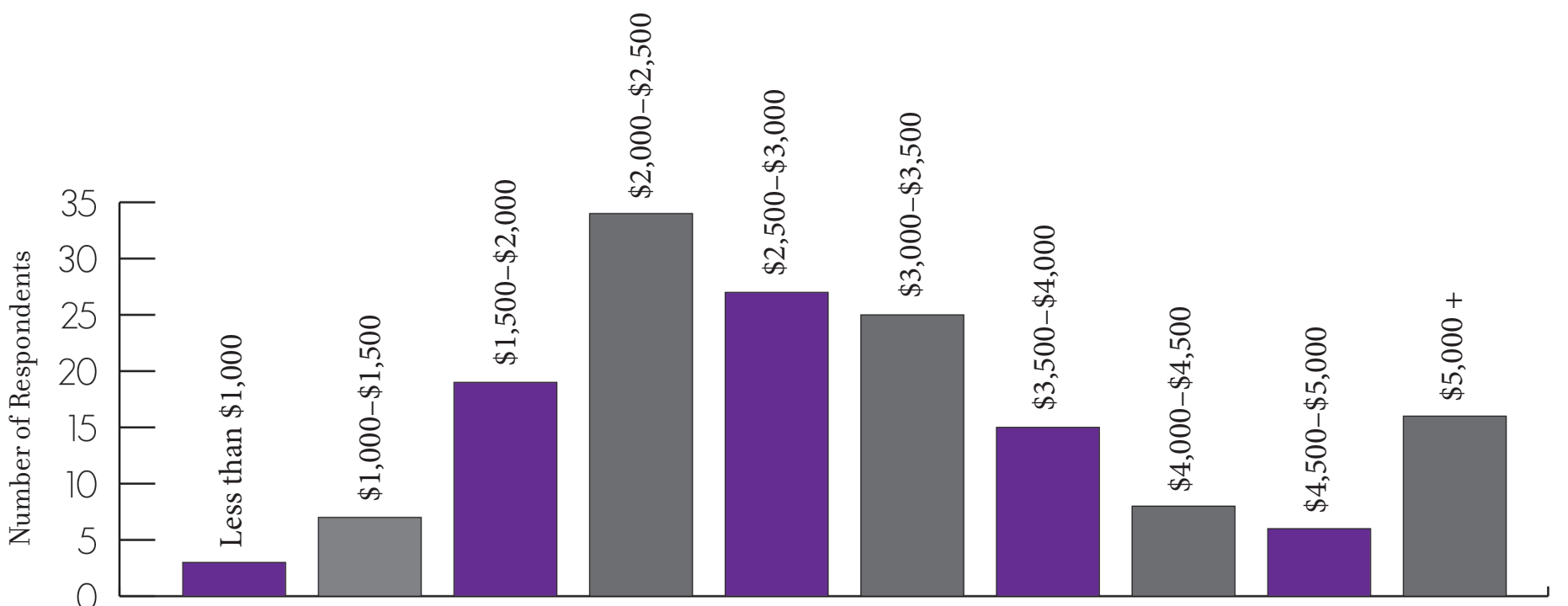
Willamette faculty have recently formed an Advocacy Chapter of the American Association of University Professors

AAUP staff and members participate in multiple coalitions nationally and locally on academic workforce issues to "improve conditions for contingent faculty members and to help all faculty fight the trend towards part-time and non-tenure-track appointments."

"Campus Equity Week ... is all about educating students, parents and education advocates, who are shocked to discover that many part-time professors live below the poverty line due to wages that are a fraction of what full-time faculty earn," the AFT Kansas chapter said on their website. "And it is about changing the paradigm of exploitation by circulating petitions and surveys, holding membership drives and crafting fair contracts

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### Adjunct pay per semester course



Source: House Committee on Education and the Workforce

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# Faculty pay disparity tips the scale



## A statement from the WU Advocacy Chapter of American Association of University Professors

Campus Equity Week (CEW) aims to draw attention to the increasing turn toward part-time and temporary positions among university teaching faculty. The Willamette University Advocacy Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) supports this national movement to highlight inequitable workplace conditions and treatment of contingent faculty at institutions of higher education here in Oregon and across the US. We believe that this issue of fairness requires not just a week, but continued awareness and solidarity on the part of students, faculty and administration.

At the start of the 1970s, three quarters of U.S. college and university faculty were tenured or tenure-track. Such positions have offered long-term, stable employment, academic freedom, middle-class or professional salaries, medical benefits, pensions, research funds and time to devote to students, to scholarship and to the life of the mind. At Willamette, full-time, tenured and tenure-track faculty in the College of Liberal Arts teach five courses each year, participate in governing the university and often publish prolifically, as evidenced by the yearly reports of "faculty success" and the high number of Oregon teachers of the year.

Today, however, 50 percent of faculty nationwide are on part-time contracts, and non-tenure-track positions of all types account for 70 percent of all faculty appointments in American higher education. These contingent faculty members, often referred to as adjuncts, frequently work on contracts as short as a single semester and are paid on a per-course basis a median of \$2,700 in 2012. These faculty are typically without healthcare, disability or retirement benefits and sometimes without access to office space, computers or phone lines. Often, they cobble together employment at several colleges, commuting from one campus to the next, and still falling short of a living wage. When they mentor students or write letters of recommendation, the

work is done on their own time and is uncompensated.

At Willamette, these faculty are listed on Department web pages as "Visiting." They are dedicated, hard-working educators who care deeply about student learning, and they contribute broadly to the life of our University both in and out of the classroom. Yet, these faculty cannot serve as academic advisors, may not be available next year to write letters of recommendation, may not feel free enough to sign their names to this document

the University in 2013, compared with 190 tenure-track professors, according to data from the Service Employees International Union. At Willamette, the work of a recent task force led to a mandate that all contingent faculty receive their own office, dedicated phone line and work computer. Non-tenure track faculty who teach four or fewer classes a year make a flat per-course rate of about \$4,100, and do not receive medical benefits. Full-time contingent faculty members teach six courses per year, for a salary of about

at the lowest possible cost.

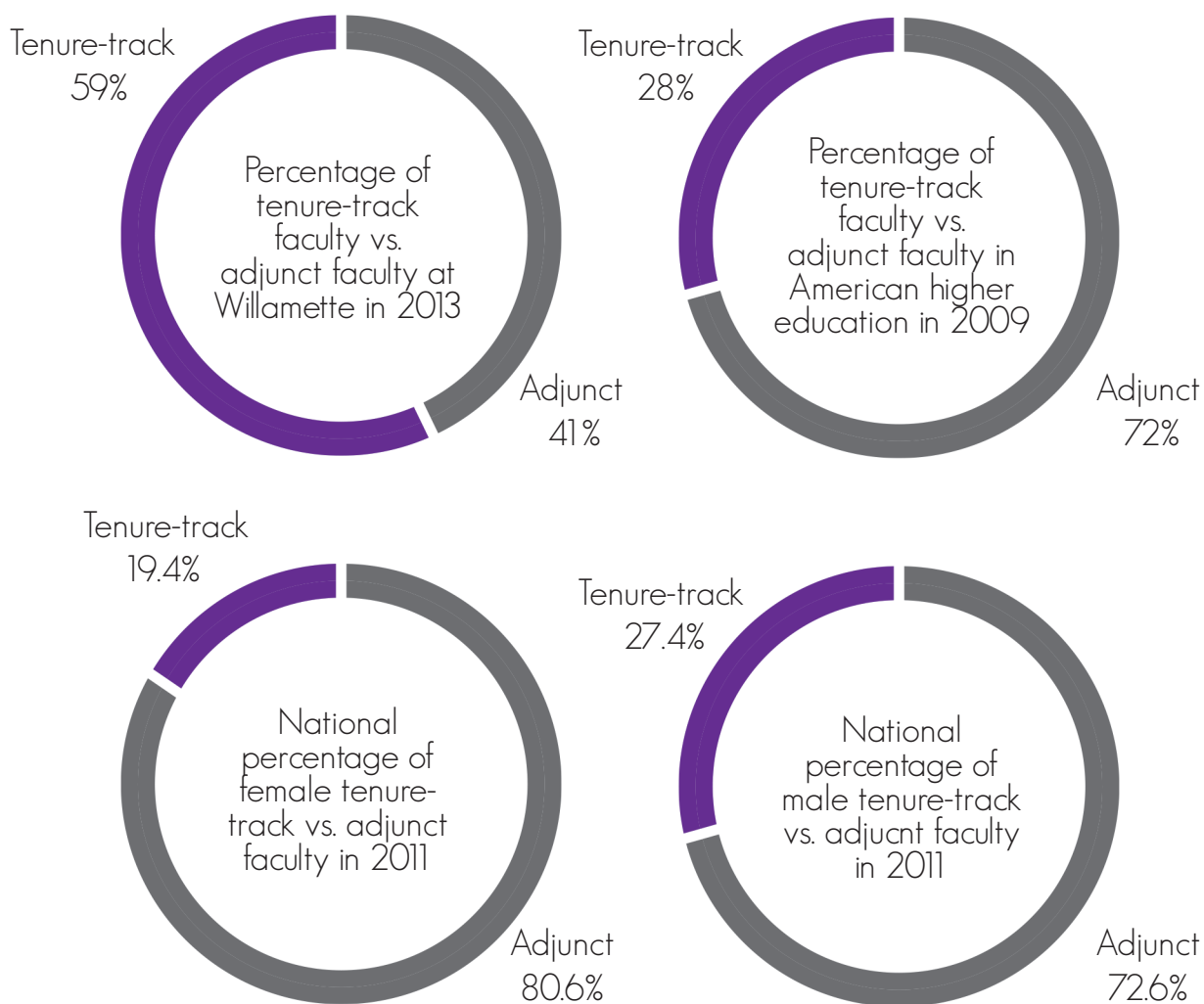
But, as at Wal-Mart and other corporations, the cost-cutting does not apply to all. In 2013, Forbes magazine reported that nine public university presidents were drawing more than \$1 million in annual compensation. This increase has not been paid for by public funds, but by exploitation of faculty and staff, and by increases in costs to students. Between 1978 and 2012, as reported by Bloomberg, U.S. college students have borne a total tuition and fee increase of 1,120 percent (for comparison, medical costs in the same period have grown 601 percent). Student readers of the *Collegian* know best how much they are paying for their own education, and how much of that cost is financed by indebtedness. They may not be aware, however, that many of their faculty are themselves still paying off student loans.

Held this year from Oct. 26-30, CEW highlights the exploitation of non-tenure track faculty and the damage it does to students and quality higher education. AAUP and many other higher education groups are working to bring about an end to this system, so that professors can have the time they need to devote to their students and students can find their professors when they need them.

The Willamette University Advocacy Chapter of the AAUP includes tenured and tenure-track as well as contingent faculty, and calls for solidarity among all campus workers, students and faculty, for a more equitable university, and a more equitable society. Working together to protect academic freedom and the rights of all faculty is

the best way to ensure the quality of higher education.

## Equity trends on campus and across the nation



Sources: The *Collegian*, American Association of University Professors

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because of the vulnerability inherent in their contracts. They teach with the best interests of their students in mind, but do so without the institutional support and security of tenure.

While conditions are better at Willamette than at many other institutions, inequities remain. As reported last year in the *Collegian*, there were 131 contingent faculty working at

\$40,000, plus medical and dental benefits, but without pensions and with much more limited access to research funding.

The cost-cutting that has been part of the corporate turn of the American economy over the last 30 years has included higher education, and has led to a Wal-Mart model, in which students are consumers, education is a product and the product must be produced

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# Athletes get sad too

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Trigger warning: depression and suicide.

Struggling is deemed just an inherent part of the college experience. Fantasized character tropes, such as the muse and brooding athlete, make light of warning signs. Trouble sleeping, abuse of alcohol—amongst other concerning behaviors—get chalked up to quirks rather than conversation starters around self-care.

Students are forced into flippant discussions and complete silence; asked to make light of their experiences, and shamed into secrecy; with limited resources and safe spaces in which to process and seek community.

The conversation around suicide and the mental health of athletes became prominent with the suicide of Ohio State football player Kosta Karageorge in Nov. 2014—Kosta was found in a dumpster with a self-inflicted gun wound.

One reason the mental health of athletes has received little attention until recently is that student-athletes, comparatively with their communities at large, suffer lower-than-average rates of depression and most other mental health maladies. However, when they do, they are faced with unique challenges and hurdles.

This is not to lessen the fact that all college students face an epidemic of depression, and often don't receive the resources they need to cope.

The sports culture praises stoicism and leadership. This mentality makes it particularly difficult for student athletes to have the tools to recognize harmful patterns to even begin the process of asking for resources.

Often sports communities see large consumption of alcohol as an innate part of bonding and identity formation as athletes.

The American College Health Association reported in 2013 that 31.3 percent of undergraduates surveyed felt "so depressed it was difficult to function," and 7.4 percent admitted to seriously considering suicide.

A 2013 National Survey of Counseling Center Directors found that the ratio of college counselors to students was 1 to 1,604. A 2009 Healthy Minds Study revealed that just 22 percent of depressed college students received what they defined as "minimally adequate treatment."

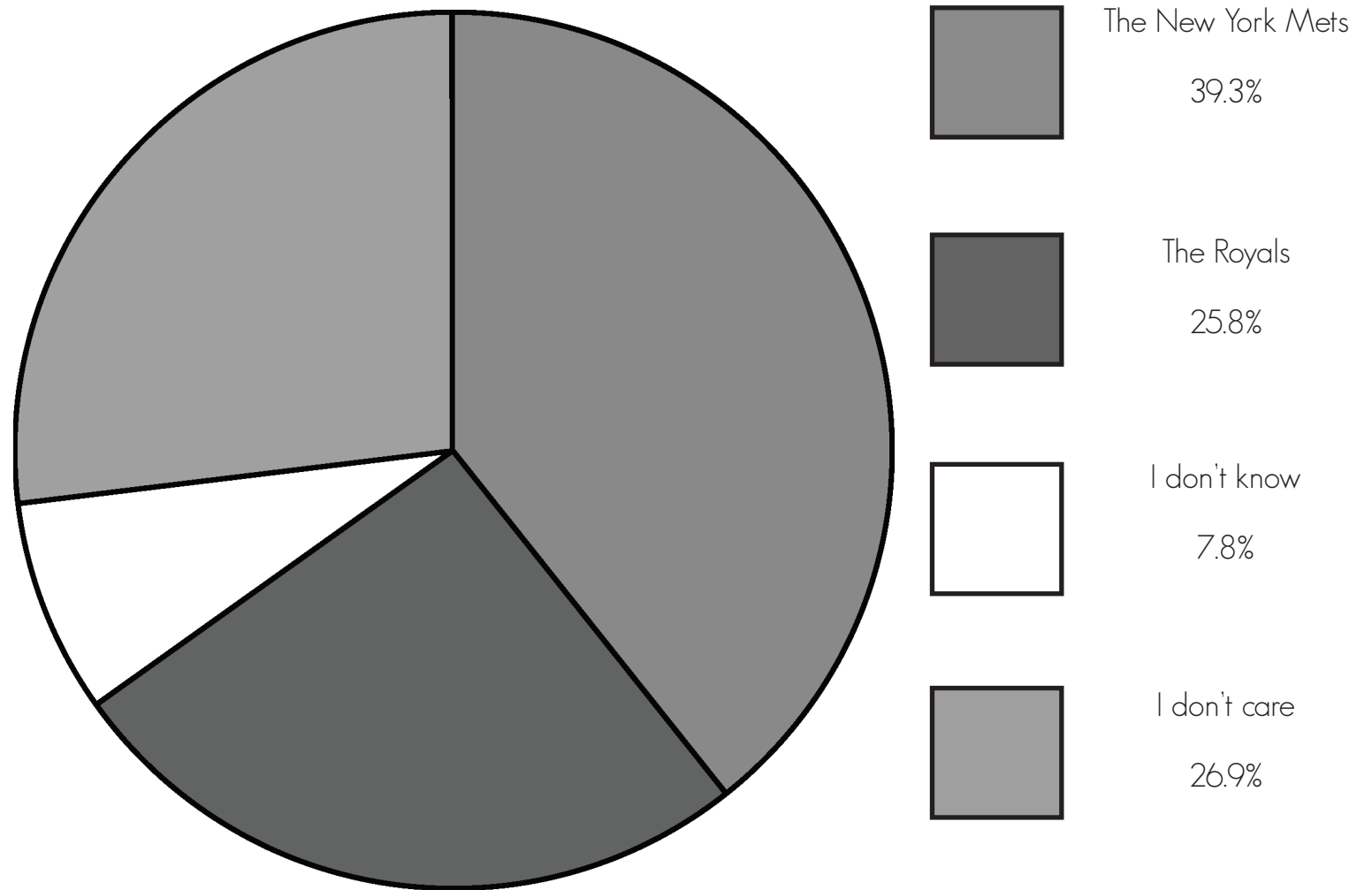
Society's capitalistic definition of success entirely depends on production—from papers to touchdowns—thus, the well being of the individual is expected to be a lone burden.

The individualizing nature of this experience is not only furthered by our culture at large, but also by the climate on our campus. With more money going into the refurbishment of buildings on campus than to the hiring of more salaried counselors at Bishop—despite how many surveys go out that reveal Bearcats, athletes or not, are asking for resources—it is as if the higher-ups have thrown in the towel on students, have settled on paying to make sure the walls that shelter us, as we suffer, are aesthetically pleasing.

After Karageorge's passing, the sports community has begun implementing important reforms to improve the access. I am left wondering why Willamette refuses to get on the same page.

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# Who do you want to win the World Series?



Daniel Strickland, first year

"The Royals, because they lost last year, and I felt bad for them".



Arie Jorritsma, senior

"In the 'Canadian-American Series', I choose the Mets."



Seth Radler, senior

"I like the Mets because they have deGrom, Harvey, and Cespedes. They were really strong toward the end of the season."



Dani Saunders, sophomore, Claire Hansen, junior, Steffany Dunn, junior.

"We don't care because the Giants aren't playing."

# this week in sports

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## NBA

The Mavericks were the only team not to win a game this preseason. Who was the second worst team? None other than the East's representative in the Finals last year, the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The regular season started Tuesday! The Detroit Pistons and the Atlanta Hawks will have tipped off the start of the season in Atlanta.

## NHL

As of Sunday, the Canadians remain the only unbeaten team in the NHL. They sit at 9-0 and atop of the Atlantic Division. They have a chance at breaking the record for most consecutive wins to start a season this week. Currently, the record is 10 wins.

The LA Kings bounced back this week and won all three of their games and now sit at 5-2 and at the top of the Pacific Division. They lost their first three games of the season but have seen victories in five of their last five games.

The random team to talk about of the week is the Carolina Hurricanes. They sit at 2-6 and have lost their last two games. They lost 3-0 to the Kings and then 5-2 to the Sharks.

## MLS

This Sunday was the last day of the regular season in the MLS. The league was calling it "decision day."

In the Eastern Conference, it came down to New England and Orlando City for the final playoff spot. Orlando City lost their game to the Philadelphia Union and New England defeated New York City. The six

teams advancing to the playoffs in the East are the New York Red Bulls, Columbus Crew, Montreal Impact, D.C. United, New England Revolution and Toronto FC.

The six teams advancing in the West are FC Dallas, Whitecaps FC, Portland Timbers, Seattle Sounders, LA Galaxy and Sporting KC.

## NFL

The five undefeated teams from last week all remain undefeated. This won't be the case after next week, because the Packers and the Broncos will face each other at Sports Authority Field in Denver.

The Seahawks turned things around this week at the expense of the 49ers. The Seahawks have won four straight games against the 49ers, including this matchup 20-3. In the first half, Marshawn Lynch vomited on the sidelines, but

still managed to rush for 122 yards on the day.

## MLB

The Mets handled their business in the National League Championship Series, and completed the sweep last Wednesday as they defeated the Cubs 8-3. New York outscored Chicago 21-7 in the series.

The Royals and Blue Jays series was closer, as they needed six games to decide the American League Championship. The Royals won the first two games of the series, but lost two of the next three. They bounced back and won game six to take the series from the Blue Jays, 4-2.

The Royals outlasted the Mets in the first game of the World Series on Tuesday, after Alcides Escobar scored on Eric Hosmer's 14th-inning walk-off sacrifice fly.

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# Bearcat Spotlight



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Bearcat Spotlight, a weekly feature, interviews personalities, captains and talents from Willamette varsity and club sports. Find out about these athletes, and what they do when they're not at practice! Up this week a sophomore from the men's tennis team, Derek Lund.

Mark: Any celebrity crushes?

Derek: Kanye West.

M: Why?

D: I just idolize him. Not because he is an egomaniac, but I think he's funny. And I've always loved his music.

M: What movie would you want to live in?

D: "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," the 1977 version. Mainly because it's a wonderland, and if you're like Charlie, at the end you get to inherit the chocolate factory. Its like working at a really creative company.

M: What is an overrated liquid?

D: I would have to go with wine. My parents love it, my friends love it and I think it's just...you know when you throw up a little in your mouth and then swallow it down? That's what it tastes like.

M: What could you not live without?

D: My parents, but eventually I'll have to.

M: That's dark, man.

D: Yeah, family I guess (laughs). Makes it sound a little better.

M: Biggie or Tupac?

D: Tupac.

M: What song do you hate the most right now?

D: "Fight Song." It's played way too much.

M: Yeah, and I still don't even know who sings it.

D: Yeah, I couldn't tell you either. It's just like they play it all the time on the radio, and they played it too much at work this summer.

M: If you could live anywhere on

campus that wasn't a residence hall, where would it be?

D: The second floor of the library, on the rounded couches facing sparks in the corner. I've fallen asleep on those couches a lot.

M: What is your biggest fear?

D: The dark, but not because of I'm afraid of the dark, but what is in it.

M: So the unknown is scary?

D: Yeah, like if you are swimming in a deep lake, what's down there? Freaks me out, dude.

M: Worst condiment?

D: Ranch.

M: Controversial.

D: Yeah I know, but it's just gross to me. The taste is not what you would expect.

M: Now onto the themed questions about "Game of Thrones". Do you watch it?

D: Yes, I do.

M: Who is your favorite character?

D: Tyrion. I'd have to say he is one of the few characters who doesn't himself inherit a lot of power, and is in general a stand-up guy, even if he comes off as an ass.

M: Whom did you hate the most?

D: The Mountain, I think his real name is Gregor Clegane. He played dirty in that fight scene.

M: What house would you align yourself with?

D: House Stark. I think a lot of people would say that. The Starks just seem really down to earth.

M: How would you explain "Game of Thrones" to people who haven't seen it?

D: A politically driven "Lord of the Rings" where there is less fighting and more backstabbing and political unrest between families and countries.

M: Next week's theme?

D: Children's picture books.

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## West coast hustle: 2015—16 NBA preview

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Basketball is the most predictable of all sports. In the last 35 years, only ten different teams have won the championship. The best team usually comes out on top, especially in a seven game series. Maybe that's what makes this season so intriguing.

We'll start with the East, or the few teams that have a snowball's chance in a Nevada parking lot of beating a healthy Cavaliers squad.

The West is a much different story. Six teams could easily find themselves in the Western Finals. The Warriors, Thunder, Clippers, Spurs, Grizzlies and Rockets will all jockey for position in that top six until April rolls around. Then we only know the fans will be winners for certain. Here's a quick rundown on their chances.

**Cavaliers:** An injury riddled Cavaliers swept the Hawks in the eastern finals last year, and nothing predicts a different result. The Raptors and the Wizards have nobody to deal with LeBron, not to mention Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving. In a nutshell, the Eastern Conference is the Cavs to lose.

**Bulls:** It really comes down to if Derrick Rose will look anything like the MVP he once was. The Bulls, when healthy, are the only team that has anywhere near the depth or defensive ability to contend with the Cavaliers. They have Jimmy Butler, as close a LeBron foil as you can find, and the size, when healthy, to compete on the boards. That's a cautious "if," though. With the mileage on this group, seeing a full strength Bulls team trading haymakers in the Eastern Finals would make me believe in miracles.

**Warriors:** The reigning champs bring back basically all the key pieces from last season. David Lee was traded away to free up cap space (all the best to him), but they can still play any style and always find a way to shut you down and score just the same. Last year showed us a selfless and beautiful style of basketball that captivated diehard fans and casual observers alike, and yet, some experts don't have them as the favorite.

**Rockets:** This is the sleeper that many see awakening this year. Assuming Ty Lawson can find his near all-star form after arrests and lost years in Denver. This team is expected to make noise. General Manager Daryl Morey's asset swapping seems to have finally panned out as they are as deep as they come. A healthy Warriors-Rockets Conference Finals rematch would probably provide one of the best series that we've seen in the last decade. With all these other competitors, however, hope is all you can do in the Western Conference.

**Thunder:** A storm is brewing in Oklahoma City (wow, a bad pun and a potentially insensitive tornado country joke. I'll show myself out.) After two lost seasons since their finals appearance in 2012, the hourglass is slowly running out. As long as they have a healthy Durant and Westbrook they will be in the conversation, but they're in their primes, and could leave if they don't see more success soon. The supporting cast won't blow you away (oh goodness, there's another), and round out the weakest team in the top six on paper. When you have two of the best 15 basketball players on the planet, though, that's all it is. A piece of paper.

**Spurs:** With the acquisition of Lamarus Aldridge, the Spurs have somehow keyed up for another assault on the playoff ladder. I've learned two things about professional basketball: never bet against the Spurs, and injuries define success. These two theories will test each other this year as one has to wonder if the team that's been "too old," for the past four seasons will finally show its years.

**Clippers:** After somehow signing Deandre Jordan after he

signed with another team, the Clippers keep their core intact and surrounded it with some go-for-broke gambles. They brought in Josh Smith and Lance Stevenson, along with other veteran pieces that need to pan out if they're going to be competitive. They have to have someone else to lean on for offense besides Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and the occasional Jamal Crawford heat check.

**Grizzlies:** Always overlooked, but always there in the second round, the Grizzlies have been a

playoff mainstay for the last five years. Based on a talented and old school big man pairing in Marc Gasol and Zach Randolph, they beat you on the glass, on defense and with sharp passing. Their only significant additions were Matt Barnes and Brandon Wright. Though good players, neither have the skill to remedy their long time Achilles heel of outside shooting.

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# North American hot heads of state



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With Canada's recent election, Justin Trudeau completes the perfect trifecta of arguably the hottest group of heads of state in the world. Conveniently all located on one land mass, the squad of Trudeau, Obama and Enrique Peña Nieto makes a solid group of leaders.

Okay, in all seriousness, policy-wise, they're all over the map. But before I go into that, can we please just pause on Trudeau's hair: 10/10.

Let's start at the top. Justin Trudeau's win was a major victory for the Liberal Party in Canada over previous Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party. Some major issues on Trudeau's platform include deficit spending to boost economic growth, improving climate change policy, legalizing marijuana and reducing Canadian involvement in the American campaign against the Islamic State. Since Trudeau doesn't have a lot of political experience, other than the fact that his dad was also Prime Minister, and is heavily supported by young people, some compare him to Bernie Sanders.

However, others believe fundamental changes are still unlikely to occur, as Trudeau shares several similar positions with the previous Conservative Party Prime Minister, notably his support for the Keystone XL Pipeline: an oil and gas company that remains fundamental to the Canadian economy. Overall, Trudeau is an 8.8/10. Physical features pull him out of a flat B, but policy-wise, I don't know if I can get with it.

Secondly, there is Obama. I've given enough criticism of Obama as president, so I'll instead spend some time talking about why he's cool.

His daughter Malia is really pulling him through on the likability points. Showing up at a college party at Brown and most likely playing beer pong, Malia is giving us the Clinton-era shenanigans we desperately need



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in politics, so I'll give Obama credit for the work she's put in.

However, aside from his daughter, Obama is trailing behind his North American counterpart Nieto, who may not be the best president, but is just more interesting. While Obama hosted a fundraiser with Kanye a few weeks back, where he gave Kanye advice for a potential 2020 run, he's still screwing up in Syria. I'm going to need a lot more from him on this end. 7.5/10 for effort.

Lastly, it's my man, Enrique Peña Nieto. I don't know how I'd defend most of his actions. The dude's gorgeous, so that's keeping

him afloat, but if he didn't look like he does, he'd long be out.

Nieto is the head of a government riddled with corruption and crime, like when his finance minister purchased real estate from a government contractor, the prison escape of "El Chapo," or the 43 missing students who haven't been found in over a year.

People cannot excuse his actions, which is why there have been numerous campaigns to get him out of government. In early October, the hashtag "#Yachole," Spanish for "enough," was started on Twitter in response to a

government ad which told people to stop complaining. Overall, Nieto is a terrible president; in fact, he is described by many Mexicans as the worst president Mexico has ever had. Sadly, this puts him at a 7/10. He's definitely not the most ideal policy-wise, but the looks give him something to go off of.

Ultimately, this is not a bad spread when comparing to other regions in the world. When it comes down to it, the North American continent brings some fire when it comes to heads of state, and policy-wise, we're not doing too terribly either.

But this really brings us to the big question: who are we going to replace Obama with and add to the mix? Objectively speaking, it's not looking too great. My greatest fear is that we're going to have the least attractive head of state on the continent, which is a foreign policy blunder in and of itself. And after the devastating news that Biden isn't running, I've acquired a sense of hopelessness.

Come on U.S., let's get it together.

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# Marriage issue privileges some over others

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Yet, all of the media attention and most of the resources have gone to marriage movements, while little light has been shed on continual violence against queer/trans people, particularly people of color.

An estimated 40 percent of homeless youth identify as queer, often having been kicked out or abused by their biological families. Hate crime statistics are continually dominated by acts against LGBTQ+ people. Not to mention, the vast majority of queer hate crime victims are people of color.

Trans people are still abused at school and frequently attempt suicide. Due to violence and circumstances such as homelessness and employment discrimination, economic justice escapes these communities.

Marriage resolves none of these issues. And while some may claim that marriage equality isn't mutually exclusive to tackling

movements detracted from other issues. For example, queer specific anti-poverty organizations create safe spaces that are neces-

sary because resources were diverted.

While the marriage movement picked up steam, organizations like Queers for Economic Justice closed their doors for lack of resources. Meanwhile, the heterosexual Macklemore made millions for being an "ally" by making a song, and corporate queerness with pride, such as Nike, has become a source of profit while poverty continues.

If our ultimate goal is to optimize freedom, expanding the institution of marriage seems like a questionable pursuit. There is a theoretical philosophical argument about why marriage can be an oppressive institution itself, but a more interesting argument involves the concept of assimilation; there's a notion that marginalized people must do what ev-

eryone else is doing in order to be legitimized.

While I'm certain millions of homosexual people would love to participate in marriage, why is marriage a legal institution? Why are we privileging a certain type of family? Many queer people develop unconventional family structures; they build small communities of mutual support in a world of rejection where one may not have a supportive family or the resources to live the suburban married lifestyle. Some of us would rather not wait around and see if the hetero powers will decide our legitimacy.

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these other problems, they absolutely are.

Movements require money. Pouring money into marriage

sary because homophobia can often lead to abuse in a conventional homeless shelter. However, there aren't enough of these organiza-

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# Reflections on our current state of safety

## ASWU President asks to adjust prospective on Campus Safety

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Based on my conversations with students, it seems to me people don't feel very safe on this campus. Perhaps more tellingly, many members of our community currently feel that their well-being is actively threatened when they are on campus, especially at night.

These mentalities have perhaps become more common because of the recent events occurring on and off campus. However, them being situational does not invalidate them. The recent events have prompted us to think critically about our safety on campus, and many of us have rightfully concluded, with varying levels of intensity, that we are in many ways, a vulnerable community.

I currently live off campus, so I'm not in the best position to comment on this topic; however, based on my time spent on campus this year and on my experience of having lived in Kaneko for the previous three years, I believe that our campus is, while generally safe in the day, unprepared for emergencies and is, in fact, dangerous at night.

As for Campus Safety, it is clear to me and several student leaders I've talked to that there is a general lack of confidence in the office among the student body, which contributes significantly to the feeling of lacking safety. The reasons for this sentiment are

varied and difficult to pinpoint, but the following three opinions are common among the people I've spoken to.

Firstly, people believe Campus Safety officers will respond improperly or ineffectively when called, and are weary of reaching out to them.

Secondly, theft and destruction of property occurs regularly enough that students are skeptical of the department's ability to monitor campus well enough to create a safe environment.

Finally, there is a sense that Campus Safety is too slow in dispatching or is understaffed to adequately respond to situations as they occur, especially at night.

These opinions are, again, only a few among many I have heard, but I highlight them to both acknowledge their prevalence and so you can consider how difficult they are to address, especially at the same time. I think Campus Safety is aware of all this, and I think that its personnel is trying to address these issues as best they can. This should be taken as a sign of their willingness to improve based on student concerns.

To me, Campus Safety needs our attention and support as much as our criticism, so they are better positioned to carry out their work. The single most important thing concerned students should do is to continue reflecting on the topic of safety and voicing their opinions, though perhaps we should focus

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more on the right people.

For example, Ross Stout, director of Campus Safety, has only shown me willingness and appreciation in receiving student input. Though if you are more comfortable talking to students, first year Sarah Mische, junior Tori Leder and senior Ryan Gail serve as student representatives to the Campus Safety Advisory Committee. I'm sure they would be glad to voice your concerns.

If perhaps you only feel a general discontent but don't have ideas on how to change the state of things, I'll share some of mine for you to consider: the university should invest funds in more cameras and visual surveillance equipment for officers, so property and unsafe spaces are better monitored; Campus Safety should more frequently provide training to its officers, so they can better respond to situations and earn their trust among students; finally, there should be more officers on duty at night,

and they should be posted around campus.

I share all these thoughts with you hoping that the current prevalence of feeling unsafe fades from our collective consciousness, but not by forgetfulness or ignorance. I hope we use our concerns, and even fears, to better this institution for ourselves and our successors. I wish we never have to face situations which test our safety. Perhaps you think in a different way than I do, but wishing only renews my optimism while hope prompts me to act. If you think similarly to me and you share my hopes, and you truly do hope, then you will act.

We all deserve to feel safe on our campus, but unfortunately, it seems we have to work for that condition. And we have to do this work because the only alternative for easing our minds is complacency.

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# Opinions? Really?

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My name is Joshua Singer, and I am currently looking over the Opinions section. It is a conflicting position for me because, like my major in English Creative Writing, I often question the value of opinions and if they are worth devoting an entire section to.

Honestly, does anyone actually care about our opinions? And if some do, then why? Do our opinions truly influence others? What's the practicality in spending the time learning our classmates' names, let alone their perspectives on matters that may only affect our tiny student-body? I understand the opinions of our superiors may be important if one wishes to brown-nose, but how are the opinions of us generally sheltered, twenty-something-year-olds significant in any way?

Because unfortunately, our student-body is not the intimate family some might hope it to be. So unlike the opinions of family members or significant others, our beliefs do not hold weight with one another simply because of our relationship.

Again, I don't wish to channel the angst between trapped deep within me, but what's the point? Why do we so strongly believe that our voices deserve to be heard?

I've struggled with this predicament ever since my peers first told me to "shut up," but I recently found my answer last summer while taking a course on Pacific literature.

One day, after class, I asked my professor why we bothered studying literature beyond its entertainment properties. This question may seem silly or offensive, but you must understand that I, like many other college students, am absolutely terrified of being handed a degree that's most useful function is being toilet paper.

However, instead of being insulted, my professor calmly asked me if I believed a job's basic purpose is to try to make this world a better place.

Of course, I agreed. After all, despite the overwhelming evidence, it's hard to argue that mankind's goal is to screw everything up.

She then asked me if I believed that the world would be a better place if everyone had experience in every situation, if everyone knew what it was like being a member of a colonized civilization or a member of a dying bloodline or even a telemarketer.

Again, I nodded my head. If the romance genre has taught me anything, it is that most conflicts are just misunderstandings.

She then told me that one can therefore value literature, as well as opinions, based on its efficiency. Since it is impossible for people to live every type of life, due to financial costs as well as mortality, reading other people's perspectives can condense these experiences. People live limited lives, but humans have the fascinating ability to read something and empathize. Learning others' opinions is an efficient way of living different lives.

Because although many of us are cut from the same, suburban cloth, it is clear from the constant bickering surrounding this campus that there are still key differences among us.

By reading someone else's opinions, there is the chance we may understand another perspective that we may otherwise have never encountered. And there is the hope, as naive as it may be, that by understanding, though not necessarily agreeing, we become better people.

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# Birasure, a failure of understanding sex

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Although there is a greater awareness and acceptance of gay couples, there's an identification that is still stigmatized in parts of both communities: bisexuality.

On June 26, gay couples everywhere celebrated the legalization of gay marriage throughout the United States. But the battle is not over yet for the understanding of sexuality.

not adhere to either community's monosexual rules. They aren't accepted fully into either community even though the identification of bisexual falls under the LGBTQ+ category.

When the news broke of the legalization of gay marriage, both gay and straight people flocked to the streets to celebrate their newfound freedoms.

But the people who identified as bisexual were encouraged not to at-

Take "Orange is the New Black" for instance. This popular show has been breaking many boundaries that are put forth by mainstream media: demonstrating a range of body types, dynamic female lead characters, POC characters and differing sexuality. The show consists of many sexualities, including characters that identify as lesbian and as transgender.

However, the sexuality that is swept under the rug is bisexuality. The show's protagonist Piper Chapman dabbles with women and men. But the show never identifies her as being bisexual. It simply defines her as a lesbian who sometimes strays from the path.

What is wrong with having a character identifies with a sexuality that pertains to liking both men and women? Piper remains monosexual even though her character demonstrates that a person can be romantically and sexually involved with both a man and a woman.

The acceptance of same sex couples has dramatically improved, but there also needs to be acceptance of people who don't prefer one gender when choosing a partner. Bisexuality has been passed off as a fake sexuality, and the people who identify this way are perceived as "confused." This kind of thinking needs to end.

Efforts have been made by Buzzfeed and other social media sites to create awareness of bisexuality and its stigmatization. There are also resources for bisexual people online

such as the Bisexual Resource Center and The Bisexual Index.

Bisexuality is becoming more accepted as a sexual orientation, but the battle is not over. It is still stigmatized in the media and in the gay and straight communities. A greater awareness must be achieved if we want to move forward in the battle for LGBTQ+ rights.

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## Corrections:

### COVER

Netshiahela's article "Shining a light" (10/22, page 1) was incorrectly linked to page 9. The article was on page 10.

### NEWS

The article by Shamir Cervantes (10/22, page 2) was misstitled "Senators Merkley, Wyden tackle college debt." The fact box for the article "Gayle's Market mic night brings local talent together" was incorrect; the mic night occurred on Oct. 23 and began at 6:30 pm.

The *Collegian* invites its readers to submit corrections for publication. Errors found in print can be sent to <emanouki> and will be corrected in the next edition of the paper.

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“What is wrong with having a character identifies with a sexuality that pertains to liking both men and women?”

To be bisexual is the romantic or sexual attraction to someone of any gender.

The problem is that a person who identifies as bisexual is neither completely gay nor completely straight. Or so that's the general opinion of the people who identify with monosexual relationships. This widespread belief hinders the acceptance of bisexual people into either community.

Bisexual people do not get the luxury of being integrated into either community because they do

tend because they just didn't quite fit the bill. On advocate.com, an article was posted by Faith Cheltenham stating, "Though bisexual people make up half of the LGBT population, they're still told they're not enough to honor at pride festivals."

This demonstrates the kind of stigma that resides in the gay community for bisexual people. There isn't a full acceptance of bisexual people, or bisexuality as a whole.

Many popular television shows stray away from deeming a character as bisexual.



# Humans of Willamette

## How did you meet your best friend?



**Berenyces Ortiz**  
First Year  
"We met in our high school calc class I remember her being shy and a really weird person. I remember not wanting anything to do with her until one day she sat with us at lunch. And I was also forced to do a group project with her, but now I think she chill and pretty awesome, just as quirky as me!"



**Miranda Waldron**  
Senior  
"I met my best friend in 5th grade at a prospective student day. We had the same name and she decided to change it and she now goes by Mira. And then we were best friends. She told me my jacket was weird, maybe not, maybe I just put that on myself. It had pink puffballs on it. I miss being nine years old."



**Fiona Murphy**  
First Year  
"Before we became best friends, I met Jenna in theater and remember seeing her as a freshman acting and I thought, wow what a putz! She had this weird haircut and weird boots and didn't know how to put an outfit together and then by Senior year we became best friends, she is my fav."



**Morgan Hill**  
Senior  
"I don't remember when exactly I met my best friend Kegan, but my first conscious memories were with him. I think the 1st picture I've seen with us together was at his fireman themed birthday party when we were toddlers. I've known him since I was a year and a half or two, all I know is that it has always been there."



**Grace Graham**  
Sophomore  
"I met my best friend, Tessa when we were both in choir after looking at the call back list and noticing we were both in the same choir class for a full semester. Yet we didn't even get to know each other until second semester"



**Ross Kovac**  
Sophomore  
"I met my best friend, named Lucian in my art class in 7th grade, we were working on pottery together and realized we both hated it. Then we were best friends and it has been a wonderful friendship."

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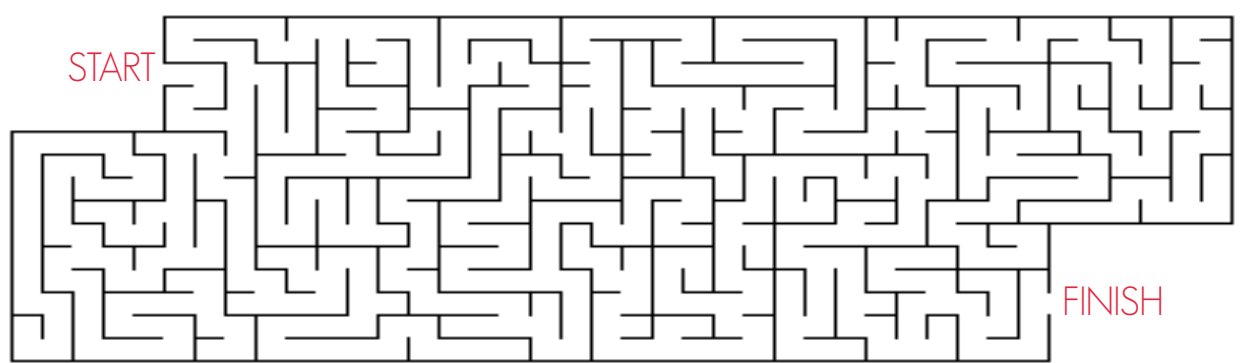
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## AMAZEING



## CAMPUS SAFETY

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### THEFT

**October 14, 12:30p.m. (University Center):** A student reported their bike stolen from outside the University Center. The bike was locked up at the time of the theft. A report was made with Campus Safety and the student was referred to the Salem Police non-emergency number.

**October 12, 12:00p.m. (Matthews Hall):** Campus Safety took a report from a student that their front and rear tires had been stolen from their bike. The student reports that their bike was still

locked to the rack at the time of the theft.

**October 20, 12:00p.m. (Goudy Commons):** Campus Safety responded to a call of a student who had not payed for an item. After speaking with the officer the student paid for their item and agreed to ensure they paid for everything in the future.

### TRESPASS

**October 20, 1:00p.m. (Atkinson Graduate School):** Campus Safety received several calls reporting an individual making people very uncomfortable. The man refused to leave campus and ignored the

Campus Safety officer's request that he do so. Salem Police was called and the man was trespassed from Willamette property.

### VEHICLE ACCIDENT

**October 16, 7:35a.m. (Blue Lot):** Campus Safety received a report that a student driving a Willamette University van hit a car in the parking lot while backing out. No injuries were sustained in the collision. There is minor damage to the vehicle.

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