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Adam Grabowski interacts with students and prospective Bearcats

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On Thursday April 13, Smith Auditorium was nearly a third full with current and prospective students to hear comedian Adam Grabowski. Grabowski is a comedian who has performed at over 600 campuses, and has been on “America’s Got Talent.” Before Grabowski got on stage, loud, outdated music greeted the incoming audience, as did an on-stage projection that advertised his Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter.

Soon enough he got on stage, with a smooth transition that included making the person introducing him dance. He was charismatic with effective interaction with the audience. Knowing his audience, he started with jokes about politics and people’s voting habits.

“There’s one person in the back who said ‘I voted for Harambe!’ You’re the reason the country went wrong!” Grabowski said.

He then went on to ask the audience to give him any reason to like Trump. A few people responded, and he shut them down before transitioning into a joke about how somebody in Mississippi said that we should like Trump because he’s white.

Grabowski offered the audience a choice: a smooth, practiced routine, or an honest, rambling, soul-searching show.



SANJAY KAPILA

See **CAMPUS** Page 5 Comedian Adam Grabowski performs in Smith last Thursday. He has performed on “Americas Got talent” and at colleges across the country.

Robert Mercer and weaponized social media

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According to recent findings by investigative journalists at the Observer, a reclusive tech billionaire named Robert Mercer is one of the most influential figures behind both Brexit and the rise of Donald Trump.

Mercer made his fortune at IBM, where he was a brilliant computer scientist. His breakthroughs in language processing — a field critical for the development of A.I. — have been called “revolutionary” by the Association for Computational Linguistics. He has channelled the money he made there, as well as in hedge fund management, into such pursuits as a series of yachts all named Sea Owl, a \$2.9 million model train set, climate change denial think tanks, and the ma-

nipulation of the mainstream media.

The largest example of Mercer’s interest in shaping politics is Breitbart, the website which acts as the internet’s alt-right headquarters. Explicitly established as a right-wing Huffington Post, the site launched the career of Milo Yiannopoulos and regularly plays host to Islamophobic and anti-semitic viewpoints. Steve Bannon, who left his executive position at Breitbart to become Trump’s White House Chief Strategist, funded Breitbart with \$10 million from Robert Mercer, his close friend. Now, Breitbart has grown larger than its inspiration, the Huffington Post, and it is the biggest political site on both Facebook and Twitter.

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Golf teams perform well against tough competition



CHRIS SABATO



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Junior Maddi Barnett, left, finished 11th at the Willamette Spring Thaw. Sophomores Sam Hinton, top right, and Trent Jones, bottom right, helped the men’s team take first. See **GOLFERS** Page 8

E.P.A. Head calls for 'exit' from Paris Climate Change Agreement

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On Thursday, Donald Trump's newly appointed head of the Environmental Protection Agency, Scott Pruitt, made an appearance on Fox & Friends where he called for an "exit" from the historic Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement, signed by 192 states around the world and 175 states on the first day, has only not been signed by three states worldwide. This makes it the largest international agreement in modern history, and one that the U.S. might not be a part of.

When the Paris Agreement was signed by former President Obama on April 22, 2015 in New York City, the agreement came with three main goals in mind. These goals were to hold the global temperature increase to well below two degrees Celsius, lower greenhouse gas emissions in a manner that does not threaten food production and making finance flows consistent with green and sustainable development. All things that Mr. Pruitt deems a "bad deal" despite the United States being the second largest contributor of greenhouse gases worldwide.

Pruitt, while on Fox & Friends Thursday, did not merely regurgitate this stance. When referring to the Paris Agreement, he went on to tell co-host Brian Kilmeade, "It was an

America second, third, or fourth kind of approach. China and India had no obligations under the agreement until 2030."

For a variety of reasons Pruitt's position and remarks on the Paris Agreement are problematic. To specify however, many listeners on Thursday are left scratching their heads as the United States head of the E.P.A. uttered false claims. In signing the Paris Agreement in 2015, China agreed to cut its carbon emissions from what their 2005 measures were by 60 to 65 percent per each unit of GDP by 2030. Continually, India agreed to cut its carbon emissions from their 2005 measures by 33 to 35 percent by the year 2030.

In spite of Pruitt's false claims on national television last week, looking at the issue objectively; Pruitt's claims suggest that he believes the United States should have further negotiations on international agreements, like the Paris Agreement, when it comes to reducing our environmental impact. However, yet again this logistical conclusion seems difficult to take for truth when we are talking of a man who sued the same institution he is leading 13 times.

While Trump supporters may cheer the news of a want to exit the Paris Agreement and environmentalists may audibly gasp at the news, the truth is, The United States cannot simply "exit" the agreement.

To effectively not be a remaining member of this agreement, it takes three years under the agreement's terms for a signed on state to withdraw and then there is a one year waiting period. This makes it so by the time any change would come to fruition President Trump's time in office could be up. Additionally, even if President

Trump wanted to get this exiting process underway, Press Secretary Sean Spicer said in a White House press briefing on March 30 that the current administration will address the Paris Agreement, "by the time of the G7 Summit, late May-ish, if not sooner."

So, in spite of President Trump's waiving of executive orders, effectively

dismantling many of former President Obama's environmental regulations, it is proving that in spite of the power that his pen holds or the assured attitude that his administration holds, sweeping policy changes are, in the words of President Trump, "... an unbelievably complex subject."

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SSRD spotlight: Erin Gangstad and the war on drugs

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Today marks the 17th annual Student Scholarship Recognition Day (SSRD). While for many of us it acts as a happily accepted day off, SSRD is meant to showcase the hard work and extensive research that students have been up to all school year (or even longer).

For some, SSRD serves as more than just a celebration of the work they've done, and can actually be an integral part of preparing for the end of their college career and the start of their future.

This was how class of 2016 graduate Erin Gangstad approached her presentation last year. Gangstad did a presentation on her CCM senior thesis for SSRD, which focused on the media's portrayal of drug use in the United States.

She shone the spotlight on a particular program known as the Montana

Meth Project, which states on its website that it is "a large-scale prevention program aimed at reducing first-time teen Meth use through public service messaging, public policy and community outreach."

"These advertisements were painting a specific picture of meth use, but also of what it is to be a meth user," Gangstad said.

The presentation revolved around the ways in which the media's portrayal of drug use others and creates barriers for drug users. Gangstad noted that her advisor, Professor Maegan Brooks, was a big help in integrating the affective side of the story to her presentation.

Gangstad's interest in the topic originated from a politics class she took with Professor Jeremy Strickler in her junior year focusing on the war on drugs.

"It was such an interesting topic, really focusing on how the war on

drugs — both domestically and internationally — is so convoluted," Gangstad said. "We have one view of it from the media, but when you take a look at it it's just such a fraught concept. I wanted to pursue it for my senior thesis."

After graduating, Gangstad continued her involvement with the research that she presented at SSRD. While participating in SSRD did help to prepare her for her final thesis presentation, she also noted that she did it because she had also submitted it to a Rhetoric Society of America Conference. This led to her presenting her research at a conference in Atlanta. She eventually used it as her writing sample to get into graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

For Gangstad, SSRD served as an important part of preparing for her future.

"When you present your thesis, you're dealing with people who

have had an understanding of your work for 6 months at that point. With SSRD, you're presenting to people who have no idea what you have for them," Gangstad said. "It puts you in new territory and challenges you because you have to present your research in an accessible manner."

She especially appreciated the exposure to different lines of questioning that she got from presenting on SSRD day.

"I wasn't caught off guard by much during my thesis presentation and even at the conference because I had answered almost every question they had to throw at me by that point," Gangstad said.

With SSRD happening today, Gangstad explained that presenters should take it seriously and be ready for anything.

"Really think through your work critically before you present it,"

Gangstad said. "Take an opposing stance for the sort of questions you might get and feel prepared to get lots of different questions. It never feels good to get blindsided."

As far as students who are thinking about participating in future years, Gangstad also had advice.

"First and foremost, I encourage people to take part in SSRD even if they don't have a reason to do it, even if academia isn't in their future or they don't see an immediate payoff. The public speaking skills it gives you are invaluable. Even at my current 9-5, I am always in a position of explaining information to people who don't have a sense of context and doing my best to convey everything that needs to get out there."

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CAMPUS SAFETY

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

April 14, 9:00 a.m. (Kane-ko Commons) While on patrol, an officer noticed that a hole had been punched in a wall. A report was made and a work order was submitted.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

April 15, 11:13 p.m. (Southwood Hall) Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual who had an injured ankle.

Officers and WEMS responded. WEMS evaluated the individual and determined no further medical attention was necessary. The individual was released into their own care.

THEFT

April 12, 10:00 a.m. (Belknap Hall) Campus Safety took a report from an individual stating that their bike had been stolen. The individual stated that their bike

had been locked to the bike rack, and upon returning the next day found the bike to be gone. A report was filed.

TRESPASSING

April 10, 1:31 p.m. (Hatfield Library) Campus Safety received a call regarding a suspicious person in the library. An officer responded and contacted the individual. When asked to present their ID the individual stated they

had lost it and did not want to give their name. The officer trespassed the individual from campus.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

April 11, 12:30 p.m. (Softball Parking Lot) Campus Safety received a call stating that the softball field fence had been hit by a Linfield bus. An officer responded, photographed the damage, and spoke with the parties involved. A report was filed.

April 12, 5:23 p.m. (Lausanne Hall) Campus Safety received a report that a truck had hit the railing outside of Lausanne. Officers responded and photographed the damage. A report was made and a work order was submitted.

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

The limits of resistance

The pros and cons of grassroots opposition

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Donald Trump has had a hard time in office so far. Despite bragging that his first 100 days were the most productive and successful of any President thus far, he has faced much resistance and been unable to actually achieve much. From even before he was sworn into office, protests have raged all over the world in resistance to the Trump administration and the direction being pushed by the Republican party.

The most recent example is the American Health Care Act, which the Trump administration refused to market as Trumpcare because of its unpopularity from the start. But Speaker of the House Paul Ryan R-Wis and his team in Congress were sure that they would get the votes.

"We will have 218 [votes] when this comes to the floor," Speaker

Ryan said on March 7.

Just 17 days later, after dropping the American Health Care Act, Speaker Ryan said, "Moving from an opposition party to a governing party comes with growing pains. And, well, we're feeling those growing pains today. We came really close today but we came up short. I spoke to the president just a little while ago. I told him that the best thing I think to do is to pull this bill and he agreed with that decision."

What happened in those 17 days? Grassroots resistance. Citizens and members of both parties went to places of government and protested. Republican members of Congress returned to local town halls to find themselves being booed for supporting the health care legislation.

"I thought this repeal bill would sail through. It was the president's number one priority. And what was incredible about this process was the phone calls — we had

1,959 phone calls in opposition to the American Health Care Act. We had 30 for it" Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill. said.

The American Health Care Act wasn't stopped by congressional Democrats. Republicans intended to pass this with their party's majority, but failed. Congressional Republicans were told repeatedly by the people that they were supposed to represent that they were against the bill.

This isn't the only major demonstration of the power of the people, nor will it likely be the last with the Trump administration. But it's also not a golden bullet.

Justice Neil Gorsuch was appointed to the Supreme Court despite a battle from Senate Democrats. The Democrats filibustered Gorsuch's original nomination, depriving the Republicans of the amount of votes they needed to appoint Gorsuch. The Republicans did, however, have enough votes

to change the rules to where they would have enough votes to appoint Gorsuch. So they did.

While there was outcry about Judge Gorsuch, none of it seemed to touch the Republicans. This is the same group that took Judge Merrick Garland, whom President Obama nominated, and refused to even have a hearing. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was asked about this disregard for procedure in an interview and simply laughed. No matter how many calls were made — the numbers aren't clear or publicly available — Judge Gorsuch was going to be appointed to the Supreme Court.

It is upsetting that when the voice of the people is so well articulated, that the government is unable to abide by it. Whether the lack of representation of these views will continue past the midterm elections remains to be seen.

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U.S. attacks ISIL with the "Mother of all Bombs"

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The United States dropped the largest non-nuclear bomb in its arsenal — GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb (MOAB), also known as the mother of all bombs — on targets involved with a branch of ISIL in Afghanistan on April 14. This came just a week and a half after the controversial missile strike that was ordered against the Al Shayrat airfield in Syria.

According to CNN reports, the blast killed at least 94 Islamic State fighters, including four commanders. No civilian casualties have been reported, and it is believed that civilians had cleared out of the area since ISIL took over.

The bomb targeted a series of tunnels that acted as an ISIL sanctuary. Officers have reported that this is the first time that the MOAB had ever been used in the field.

"This was the right weapon against the right target," Commander for U.S. forces in Afghanistan General John Nicholson said at a news conference. "It was the right time to use it tactically against the right target on the battlefield."

Nicholson was not required to consult the White House before ordering the attack. President Donald Trump commended the actions of the military afterward.

"Really another successful job," Trump said. "We're very very proud of the military," Trump said.

The Trump administration has remained in approval of the decision to drop the bomb.

"The United States takes the fight against ISIS very seriously and in order to defeat the group we must deny them operational space, which we did," White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer said later Thursday.

It was rationalized that the area would need to be bombed due to the fact that U.S. and Afghan forces could not advance because the territory was heavily mined with explosives.

The operation was a joint effort between the U.S. and Afghan militaries. A statement from Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's administration stated, "Afghan and foreign troops closely coordinated this operation and were extra cautious to avoid any civilian casualties."

Since news of the bombing broke, many U.S. Republican senators have expressed their support for the actions of the military.

"I hope America's adversaries are watching & now understand there's a new sheriff in town," Senator Lindsey Graham said on Twitter. "Pleased Air Force dropped MOAB against ISIL in Afghanistan. Must be more aggressive against ISIL everywhere — including Afghanistan."

Other politicians have vocally opposed the use of the MOAB. Among the loudest voices condemning the act has been former Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Karzai vehemently spoke out against both Ghani and Trump on twitter.

"My message to President Trump today is that he has committed an immense atrocity against the Afghan people, against fellow human beings," Karzai tweeted. "If the American government sees us as human beings, then they have committed a crime against fellow human beings, but if they treat us as less than human beings, well, of course they can do whatever they want."

Robert Mercer's War on the media

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Mercer also has a \$10 million stake in a small data analytics company called Cambridge Analytica, which specializes in "election management strategies" and "messaging and information operations" refined over 25 years in such places as Afghanistan and Pakistan. These types of tactics are known in military circles as psychological operations, or "psyops."

Cambridge Analytica closely follows Mercer's lead. It reportedly worked for the Trump campaign as well as the Leave campaign in the United Kingdom. Steve Bannon's presence also seems to follow from

Mercer's money: until recently he had a seat on the board of Cambridge Analytica.

According to Cambridge Analytica's website, the company maintains psychological profiles on 220 million Americans, each one of which incorporates 5,000 pieces of data. Elon University's Jonathan Albright, a professor of communications, says that this system amounts to a "propaganda machine" in which Cambridge Analytica can use trackers from sites such as Breitbart to follow visitors around the internet and then target them with ads on Facebook.

Cambridge Analytica has denied assisting the U.K.'s Leave campaign

in any way. But according to Andy Wigmore, the Leave campaign's communications director, Cambridge Analytica had worked for them, teaching them to build profiles, target people, and lift masses of data from people's Facebook pages. Wigmore says Facebook, especially Facebook 'likes,' were key to the operation.

"Because using artificial intelligence, as we did, tells you all sorts of things about that individual and how to convince them with what sort of advert ... The computer never stops learning and it never stops monitoring."

But it was true that the Leave campaign had not formally em-

ployed Cambridge Analytica. Instead, Wigmore explained that the firm had worked for the campaign for free, thanks to Robert Mercer's friendship with Nigel Farage, the British politician who orchestrated Brexit.

And Cambridge Analytica's data surely proved useful. Not much is known about the company's psychometric model, except that it originated with scientists at Cambridge University's Psychometric Centre, and that this research was based on a Facebook personality quiz that went viral — over six million Facebook users took the quiz.

By correlating data like this with millions of other people's information, the model can predict peoples' actions. According to Michael Kosinski, the center's lead head scientist, knowledge of 150 of a person's 'likes' is enough for the model to predict someone's personality better than their spouse. 300 likes and it can make better predictions about yourself than you can.

The internet is increasingly a battleground for mass propaganda in this vein. For example, according to Sam Woolley at the Oxford Internet Institute, just before Britain's E.U. referendum, one-third of all traffic on Twitter consisted of automated "bots" — fake accounts programmed to look and talk like people, and shift national consensus by making certain topics trend. The bots — most of which are Russian — were overwhelmingly in favor of Brexit. Before the American presidential election, the same bots were pro-Trump.

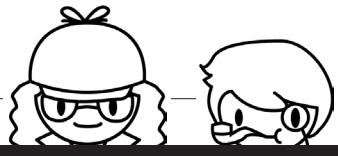
The future of this social media weaponization is uncertain. But one thing that especially concerns Woolley is the hundreds of thousands of " sleeper " bots he's found: bots which have only tweeted once or twice, and are now waiting for some kind of trigger where they will rise up and drown out other information.

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Sherlock & Watson

Dear Sherlock and Watson,

The end of the semester has me pulling my hair out with stress. I know the end of the year is stressful for everyone, but how do I make time for my academics without losing the self care I need to stay healthy?

Sincerely,
End of the semester Enthusiast

Dear End of the semester Enthusiast,

I completely understand how stressful the end of the semester can be. With finals, papers and classes coming to a close, it can seem like there aren't enough hours in the day.

I would recommend having a strict cut off time for homework and free time to make sure you get a good balance of sleep, work and social activity done. If you keep to a strict regiment the end of the semester hopefully won't be too intense.

Wishing you well,
Sherlock

Dear Enthusiast,

Take advantage of your new hair pulling abilities to start a student-run salon, and then use the money to drop out of college.

Good luck,
Watson

Need advice? Sherlock and Watson are on the case! Email the Lifestyles Editor: caforbes@willamette.edu

Murder, mayhem ... and more murder

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In a dramatic end to an incredible season, the Willamette Theatre Department's production of "Macbeth" opened to a thrilling start. The Theatre Department closed out their season with one of Shakespeare's greatest works: a play filled with tension, extreme dramatic buildups and political conflicts that leads to an epic and satisfying conclusion.

The set for the show was beyond spectacular. The set designer, Christopher Harris, and the stage team put together a brilliant stage. This includes two grand retractable staircases on either side that swing out diagonally, curtains of wooden planks that could move and cover various parts of either side of the stage, and an upper level balcony that was often used to add higher levels and dimensions to the scenes. Following their typical style of the black box theatre and the Shakespearean tradition of minimal set pieces, the stage featured little else in terms of set pieces, leaving most of the space blank. However, because of the well designed and functional set that was in place, nothing was left wanting for the stage itself.

The costumes, designed by Bobby Brewer-Wallin, were also exquisite and well done. Particularly notable costumes included Duncan's kingly robes, Macbeth's royal costume (as well as his armor), Lady Macbeth's gown and Malcolm's robes. All of these — and all of the costumes in general — were highly effective and pleasing to the eye.

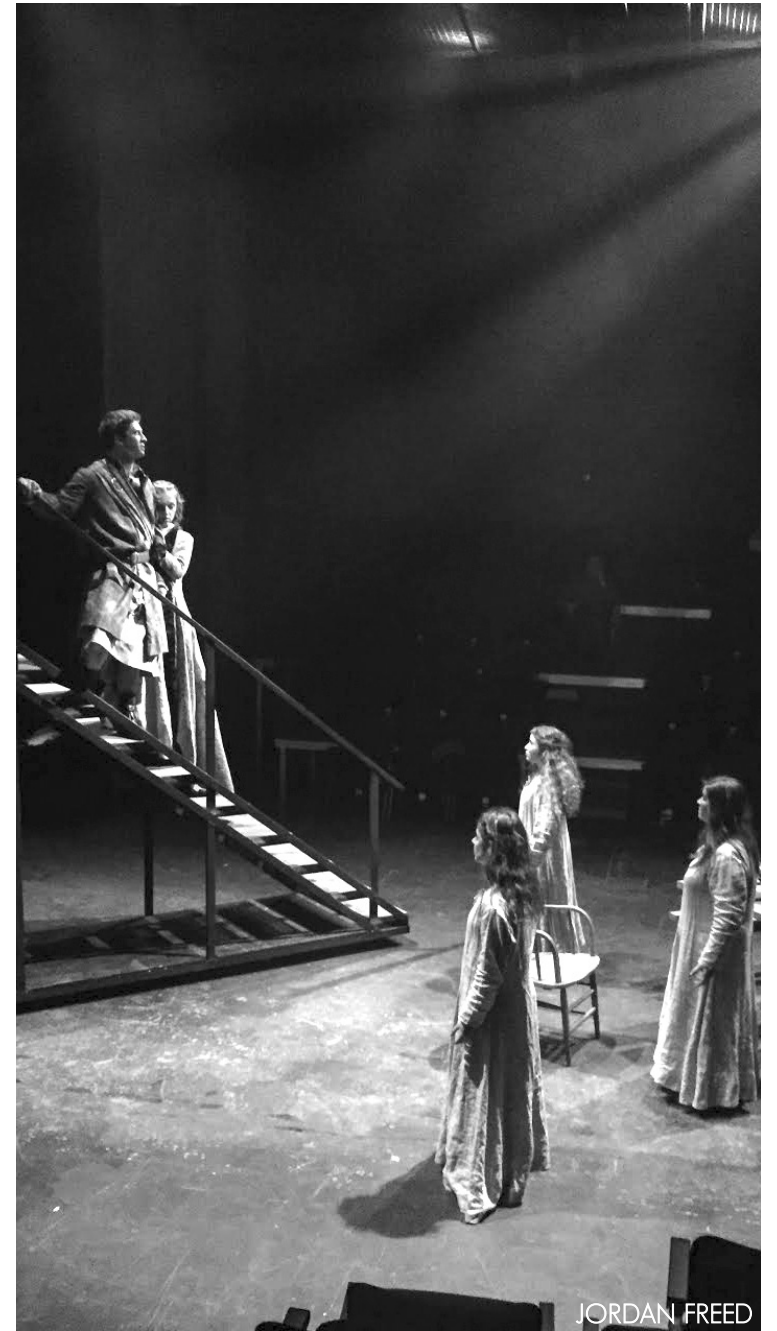
Next, and arguably most exciting about the show, was the overall direction and fight choreography. The show features a number of intense weapon to

weapon combat scenes which were brilliant and thrilling to watch. I recall seeing multiple audience members jump back in their front row seats as the fight drew near them. The scenes featuring combat are brilliant and gripping, as well as terrifying and powerful, and the actors execute them phenomenally.

Lastly, the show featured an incredible cast of many of Willamette's finest, headlined by graduating seniors Mary Rose Brannick as Lady Macbeth and Taylor Jacobs as Macbeth himself, both of whom delivered expert performances as the leads. As both Macduff and Duncan, William Forkin also brings in an all-star performance as the Macbeths' opposition.

However, the standout stars of the supporting actors were the three witches (played by Abbi Manoucheri, Rielly Resnick and Hannah Levinson) who are terrifying, magical and powerful in their roles; they truly sell this world of Macbeth as one that may seem like our own, but is also filled with powerful and mysterious supernatural forces, bringing the whole show together.

Although the leads had the most lines, the supporting cast should not be left unthanked, as each member features shining moments in their roles: Dawn-Hunter Strobel captures the innocence of young Macduff and builds the tension in this scene, Will Bremer concludes the show with a truly regal final monologue, Alex Gordon brings Banquo to center stage as Macbeth's ambitions begin to flare up, Will Kingscott provides some much needed and well delivered humor as the porter, Jordan Freed ties much of the show together, Jenny Salwitz brings nobility and strength to both Lennox and Lady Macduff and Dylan



JORDAN FREED

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth set the scene while the witches watch.

McCombs highlights the terror of the Macbeth's as their doctor.

Combined, this cast and crew expertly brought Shakespeare to life and made this production one worth seeing, going down as

my favorite of Willamette Theatre Department's 2016-2017 season.

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Festivities at the Fiesta Latina were muy divertido



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Professors and students serve up tamales to curious students at the fun event.



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Last Wednesday, the Spanish Club hosted the Fiesta Latina, a lively event that celebrated various Latinx cultures through food, music, dance and poetry.

It started off with food and raffles. Professors were serving food such as

chicken tamales, vegan tamales, frijoles refritos, rice, salsa, soda and water.

Following the feast was a collection of performances by various students and staff. For the opening act, an individual sang "Muerte en Hawaii" by a Puerto Rican band, Calle 13. Accompanying them was a guitarist. We then had an individu-

al who performed the Bachata and Merengue.

There was also a professor who sang a song with his wife as another professor played the guitar.

Another individual presented a "Gregueria" by Ramon Gomez de la Serna, who is considered the father of Greguerias. Greguerias are roughly equivalent to one-line jokes in

English, or metaphors that are presented in a witty way; they emerged in Spanish and Latin American literature around 1910.

Following this, we had an intermission and everyone had time to chat with professors, fellow students and other members of the Spanish Club. As students and staff ate cake, there was a raffle full of fun prizes such as soccer balls, waterproof backpacks and plush llama toys.

After the intermission, there was a student who performed the tango, a popular partner dance that originated in Argentina and Uruguay in the late 19th century.

We also had a singer perform two songs: one in Spanish and another by Alicia Keys.

Following this, there were two individuals who danced to Latinx songs, and they invited other individuals to join them in dance. This was particularly interesting to watch because the audience was very engaged for this entire part.

After this, we had a flautist play two songs, "Tres Estrelinhas" and "Doce De Coco" from the Choro genre of music. Choro emerged from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in the 18th century, and it is considered "ragtime" in Brazil; it is often played in a trio comprised of a flute, guitar and cavaquinho.

The last event before the grand finale was a 10-person choir comprised of Willamette students. They performed "Cuentame" by Formula V. This was a quite fitting way to end the talent show part of the event, as members of the student body, a large and important part of the Willamette Spanish Club, came together and partook in Latinx culture.

The Fiesta Latina ended with music, dance and breaking the candy-filled piñata.

"For the purpose of it: we wanted to create a fun event that would expose students to different aspects of culture like dance, music, food and poetry which students might not have the opportunity to experience in the classroom," said Michelle Hicks, co-president of the Spanish Club.

What really spoke to me is how the Fiesta Latina was able to bring the Willamette community together in celebration of Latinx cultures. It was really exciting to see friends, classmates and professors support each other outside of the classroom. Seeing professors serving delicious tamales and frijoles while having students present the parts of Latinx culture that spoke to them was powerful and deeply appreciated by all.

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Planned Parenthood shows students how to get FRESH

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On Thursday, April 13, Ann Krier, the Community Outreach and Education Coordinator at Planned Parenthood of Columbia Willamette, introduced the inaugural Furthering Reproductive Empowerment and Sexual Health (FRESH) campus program to Willamette University. Planned Parenthood created this three-part series to be introduced on college campuses as a way for students to talk about Safe Sex, Consent, Sexuality and more. In the Hatfield Room of the Hatfield Library, a group of Willamette students joined Krier in conversations about myth-busting, definitions of consent and all different kinds of birth control.

The introduction to the conversation about consent began when

Krier provided a memorable acronym that encompasses a holistic understanding of consent. Consent is FRIES.

"Everyone likes fries, right? And everyone likes consent," Krier remarked. Krier then played a selection of videos from Planned Parenthood's Consent 101 page on YouTube; the videos included were: "When Someone Doesn't Want to Have Sex," "When Someone Isn't Quite Sure If They Want to Have Sex" and "When Someone Definitely Wants to Have Sex." These videos highlighted the importance of communication between partners and a respect for each other's boundaries. Students then engaged in conversation about their own experiences with consent, and how they hope this holistic definition can be illuminating to those who do not understand it.

Discussion was guided by two leading questions based on the videos: Is this how most people actually practice consent? If not, what is different about most people's consent practices? How do people learn about how to give or ask for clear consent?

Krier then transitioned into discussing methods and access to birth control. She set up posters around the room labeled with their respective birth control method, and asked students to answer three questions: Where can you get this method? How often do you need to do something with this method to make sure it works? What more do you know about this method? The birth control methods included the Copper IUD and Hormonal IUD, the Implant, Depo Shot, the Ring, the Patch, the Pill, External Condoms, Insertive Condoms and

Abstinence. As it turns out, students had a lot of questions. Krier concluded the night by including hands-on activities with condoms, and a wrap-up with how to volunteer with Planned Parenthood.

Because FRESH is a three-part series, and part of a larger series of Sex Positive events at Willamette called the SEXPO, Krier will be returning to Willamette to continue these conversations. If students want to be sexually healthy, it is essential to create a space on campus to talk about sex honestly, and Krier representing Planned Parenthood was an integral piece of this conversation. Stay tuned. More FRESH events to come to campus soon.

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Freely Given – no threats, intimidation or coercion; no drugs or alcohol in the mix.

Reversible – can change our mind at any time – this includes in the middle of sex.

Informed – STI status, pregnancy risk (is birth control being used?), if sexually active with other people.

Enthusiastic – body language and tone of voice match the words they use; the "yes" is not coerced; if you have to convince them to do it then it's not a "yes."

Specific – consent should be given for specific sex acts; should be specific about boundaries and or needs (using barriers, fluid exchange); consent to one thing does not imply consent to something else.

A duckling's daring Easter ends with fuzzy fun

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Momma walked us over to our home by the stream and we settled in for the night. I tried and I tried but I couldn't sleep! I had heard that Easter was the best day of a duckling's life, and I was ready to have it now.

I wished and wished I could magically sleep through the night with one wink since I could only keep my eyes closed for a couple seconds. Every time I was about to fall asleep, I'd think about the day to come and what Dad told me about the food hunt, and my eyes would spring right back open; I was too excited!

In the middle of the night, I was struggling to close my eyes, but then I saw Momma walking away from the nest. Momma never left us in the night, so I jumped up to see if there was any danger she was trying to protect us from. I couldn't find anything, but my curiosity still got the best of me. I know Dad told us never to stray from the family at night, and I know Claire would tell on me if she saw me go, but I had to know what Momma was up to.

I got up quietly and sneaked behind Momma as she crossed the thing she told me yesterday was called a "bridge" and walked the length of the water, until she crawled under a sparse bush. I only got a quick glance inside, but that's all I needed. Under the bush was a hole full of all sorts of seeds, berries,

and other foods, some that I had never seen before. I knew this must be a part of the food hunt Dad told me about, and he said the best part about Easter is trying to find where it is hidden.

The last thing I wanted to do was spoil the mystery, so I ran back over the bridge to the rest of my family. This time I didn't let myself open my eyes, no matter how much I wanted to, because I wanted to be fully en-

ergized for tomorrow to get as much food as possible, or at least more than Barry.

In the morning, I woke to a nudge from Dad's beak. Him and Momma explained how the hunt would go, and I took off not even a second after their last word, in front of all my brothers and sisters.

I searched all over for the little piles of food in curved leaves. I was so excited when I found my first

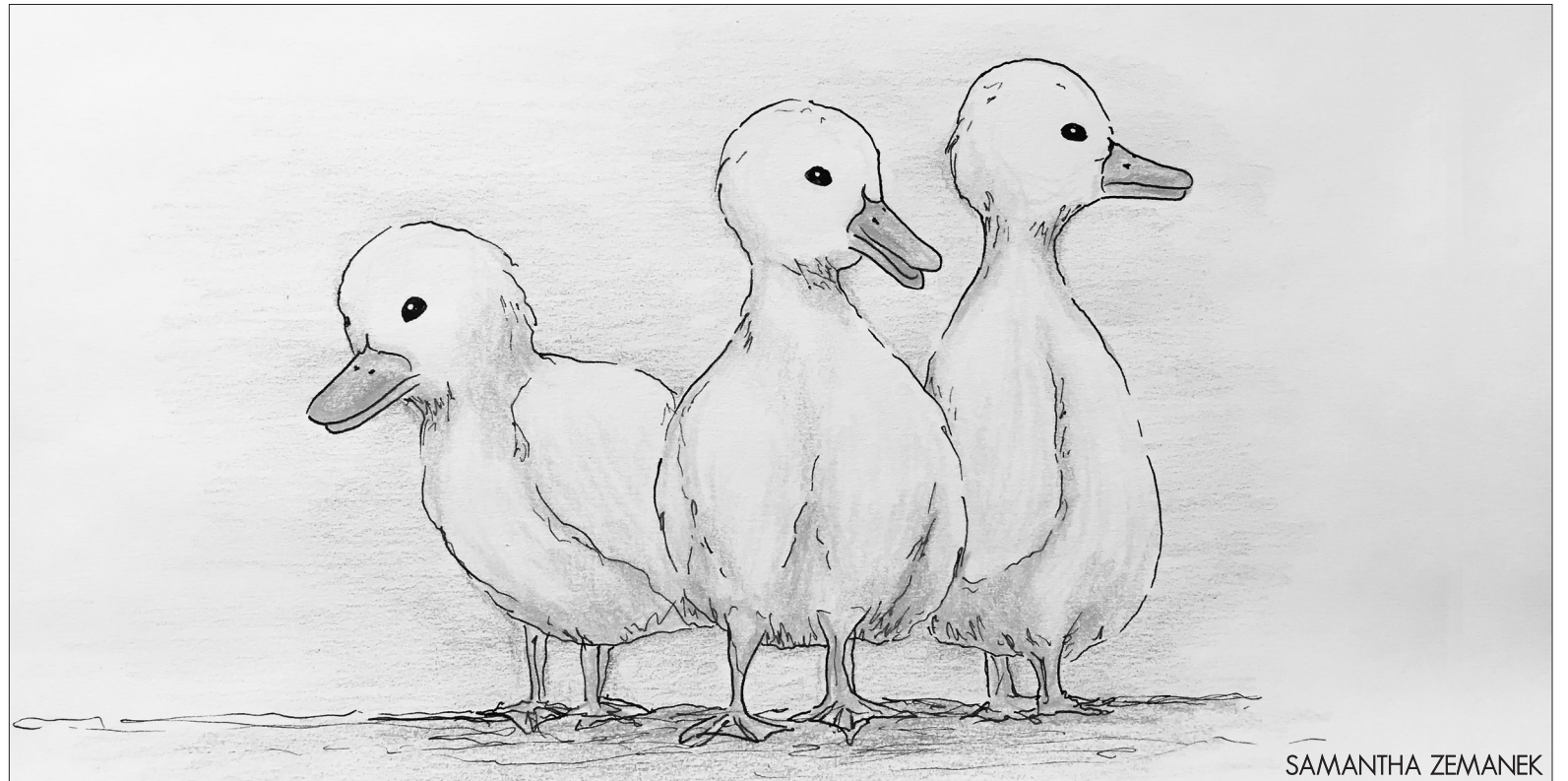
prize of sunflower seeds under those tall trees that never stop. I found a new type of berry, a raspberry, at the far end of the stream. It was so sweet and Dad told me he would teach me how to take them from the people we see eating by the water.

When all the food was found, all my siblings compared our findings and traded to get more of our favorites, and by the way, I got much more than Barry. I put the rest of the find-

ings in a secret place, away from my nosy siblings.

After that, we splashed and laughed in the stream until I was so tired that Momma had to help me out. I had no problem sleeping that night. Now it makes sense that they nevermind Easter as the best day of a duckling's life, and I don't know how anyone could disagree.

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Campus comedy completely kills

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"Who wants to hear me break down?" he said.

The audience chose the latter, which he started with a gender-based joke that started by acknowledging gender as a spectrum, but was still based in a binarist conception.

"Men only encourage each other when they're going to do something really stupid," said Grabowski.

He then segued into a 'feminine' joke, which was a surprisingly hilarious joke about a stand-

off where neither girl wants to be the one to poop first.

The laughs continued as Grabowski moved to a familiar joke about female telepathy, saying they'll laugh and communicate from just looking at each other. After having women in the audience look at each other, inevitably laughing, he attempted to 'telepathically' communicate with a man in the audience, having him guess what Grabowski was thinking. The man in the audience said 'Tacos.' Grabowski told the audience he had only ever heard two responses from this joke: "Titties and tacos."

Grabowski's lofty ambitions stretched farther than just humor, though. Near the end of the show he brought the energy down and opened up. He told the audience he suffers from depression and anxiety.

"From August to November [during my tour] I cried every day ... I couldn't shake that feeling," Grabowski said. "We make ourselves feel bad for feeling bad. Don't do that."

He went on to talk about the importance of talking about emotions, experience and mental health. Grabowski handed out

a bag of bracelets, encouraging the audience to take some. On the bracelets it says #SayItAnyway and has "You're Not Alone" in raised letters on the inside. His show, he proclaimed, was about the empathy we need to increase for everyone, including ourselves.

Afterwards he brought the energy of the show back up, encouraging the audience to ask him questions. He excelled at taking audience input and turning it into incredibly funny material. Someone asked what the worst thing he'd been sent over Snapchat was,

and he told the story of the "oops butt." Someone had sent him a picture of their butt, with "oops" over it.

"That's not an oops!" Grabowski said. "You don't do that on accident!"

Before the end of the show, he wanted to put the audience on his Snapchat story. Everyone stood up, turned around with their butts facing the camera, and said "Oops!"

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Let's get real with 'The Real Housewives'

The real reason I

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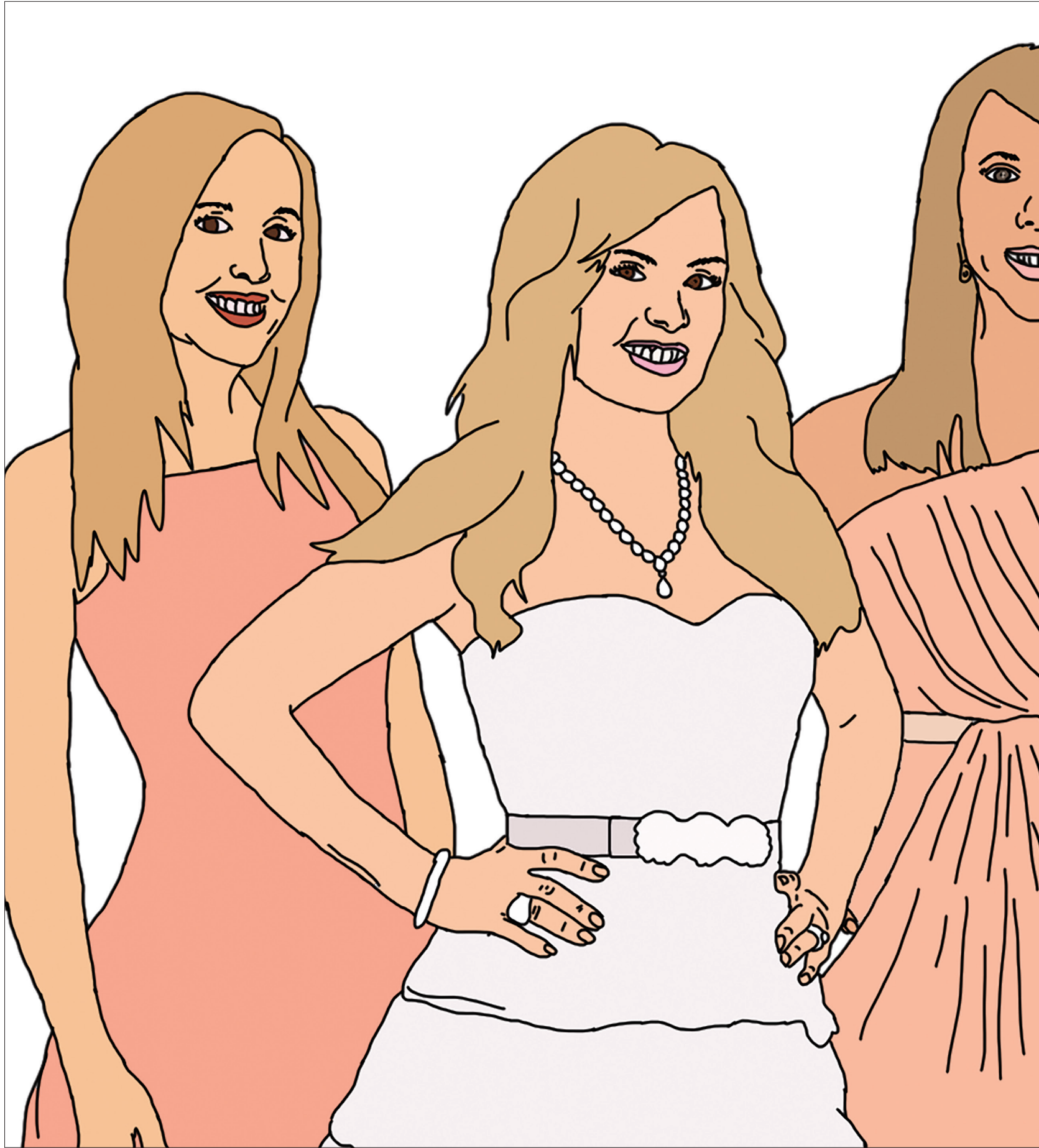
Whenever the situation calls for me to reveal that one of my guilty pleasures is watching the *The Real Housewives* shows on the Bravo Network, looks of disgust come immediately. I'm sure that many of you, from the title alone, were immediately put off by the topic of this article.

However, I can promise you that I have my reasons for watching these shows. Before I delve into my reasons, I would like to begin where my habit began. As a little kid, after getting tucked into bed, I could sometimes hear the buzz of the television from my mom's room. On those sleepless nights, feeling the stress of fifth grade (a difficult time filled with multiplication tables) I would wander into the master bedroom and sit on my mother's bed. She would let me watch whatever she was watching so long as it was within reason (usually "Grey's Anatomy," "Amazing Race" or "The Real Housewives").

The first impression I could remember having about the show was that it was a warzone. Women were fighting with glares and passing blows with the tip of their wine glasses. Their problems confused me, and no one seemed to understand that communication could only work when people took turns talking. These women terrified me, but intrigued me at the same time.

Why do the women in these shows act like this? The glamour and the glitz, the money and the extravagant vacations, the yelling, back-talking and the insults that seemed so below the belt that it was ground level — this was like "Survivor" with ball gowns. I wanted to understand these strange people, their thought patterns, their motives and the complex web that connected different people to different disagreements.

It would take time, but eventually I was able to understand the code, and was able to see into the complex relationships between these ladies. The posh women of New York, the blondes of Orange County and the glitzy women of Beverly Hills. Of course it did not take long for me to



get addicted. One by one they started to work their way onto my DVR, and it became a ritual for me and my mother to watch it together after dinner on the couch with my cat. A real girl's night. "Real Housewives of OC, NYC and Beverly Hills; I have dedicated countless hours to these shows. But not for the reasons that you may think.

So back to my earlier question: why do I watch these

shows? What can they possibly offer? Well, to be blunt, I like to solve problems. I am fascinated by the lives of the rich (and not so famous) and the problems that they face, no matter how trivial or unimportant. I like to study and speculate how they could be more productive and solve their disputes without throwing wine glasses and taking jabs at personal problems.

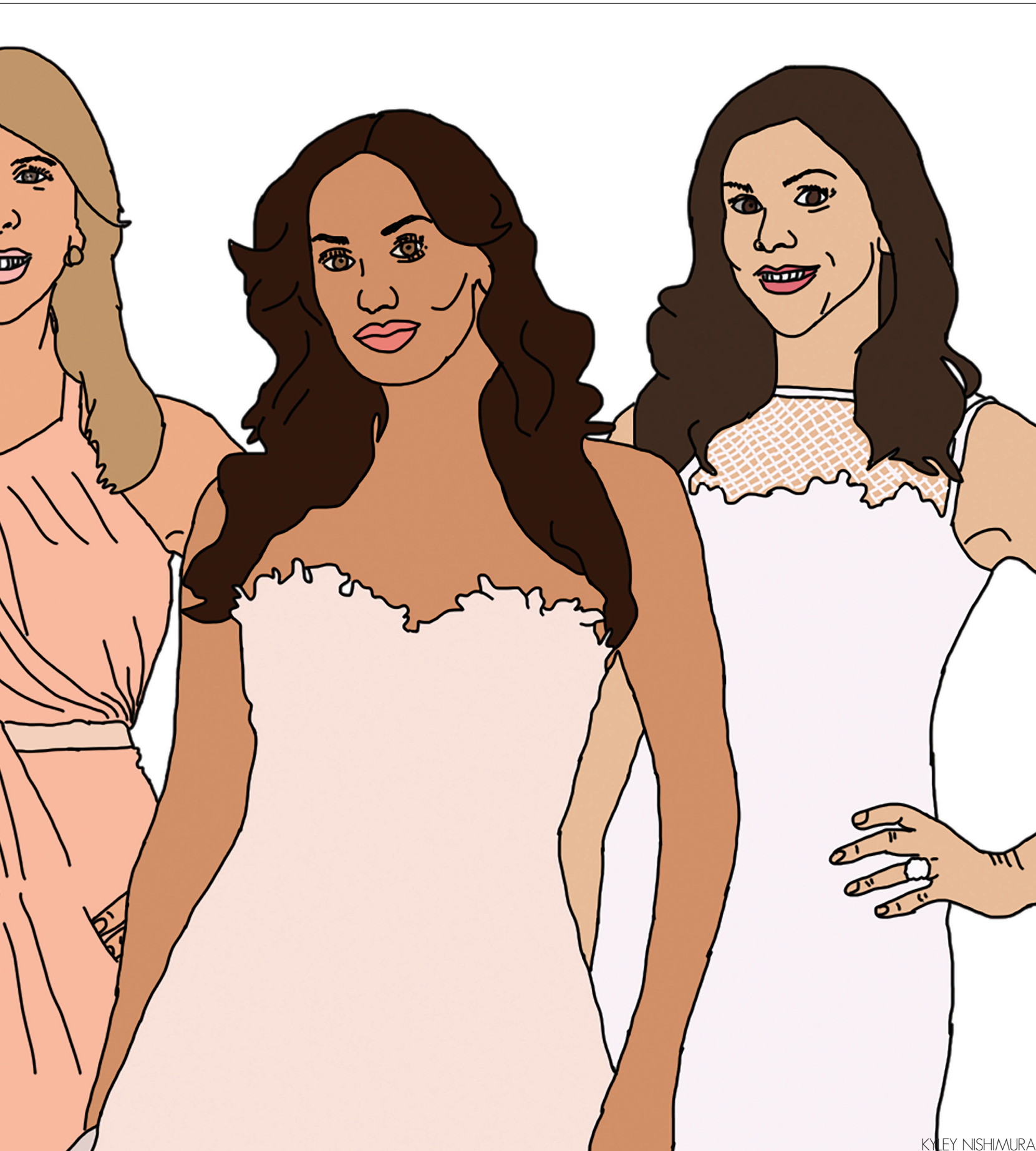
I watch these shows because I am fortunate to have very little drama in my life. A typical viewing of these shows includes frequent pauses to discuss how the particular problem is escalating, which people are lying and what they can do to improve the situation. Of course we do make some comments like, "I don't like her dress," or, "I can't believe that they are spend-

ing that much money on ____." However, more often than not, I like to watch it to mentally repair the damages that have occurred throughout the season.

In defense of my habit, I know that these programs are not beneficial to anyone. I know watching the news would be far more lucrative. I know that there are countless moral and ethical problems with this show; whether it is

The Real Housewives'

watch reality T.V.



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scripted, flushed with scandal or generally promotes bad behavior in women (and not to say generally sexist). I know and I understand this. I do not watch these shows to get womanly advice on how to thrive in the female world. I do not see these women as role models, and I do not approve of their petty problems nor the things that they believe define the world and themselves.

However, some people like puzzles or Sudoku, and I like to solve social problems. An outsider's point of view can provide so much insight on how friendships grow, but also how they can become derailed. These women live in their castles with chariots of gold and seemingly no problems; the question that can be asked when financial needs are satisfied is: does the lack

of concern turn toward a more focused and intense view on social expectations and norms? Most people focus on how they can improve their lives — financially, spiritually, socially — but overall what happens when you believe that these things are fulfilled? The women on these shows seem to believe that they are completely fulfilled, and that creates a sense of competitive inten-

sity toward the social ladder. Their husbands usually don't play a prevalent role in the show, and their confusion is comically contrasted with the fighting that occurs when all of the gang is together. But the question still stands: Are these people fulfilled? Sure, they have money, but they obviously aren't happy. They are extravagant shells of people who seem paranoid and sad, while con-

vincing others that they are not only happy, but perfect.

So what could I possibly learn from this? I guess the only thing I get walking away from my weekly guilty pleasure is that communication is very important. Shocking, I know. But the common thing I see tearing friendships apart, and what breeds the most drama, is the constant miscommunication. People talk about others they may have problems with to their friends instead of the source itself. Without communication, rumors fester and friendships are jeopardized and issues get blown out of proportion. If you are truly friends with someone, talk to them when you have a problem. Instead of assuming that they said something negative about you, assume that there was a miscommunication. If it doesn't come out of the person's mouth directly, then you should assume that there is some element of mistruth in it.

Also know the intentions of the people who you confide in. People do talk, and sometimes one bad choice in a safe source can cause more backlash than intended.

But overall the main point of this article is yes, I like watching "The Real Housewives." I own it, and most of the time I am not ashamed to admit it. But I don't share their values in terms of money, friendships and methods of handling disputes. I can also shamefully admit that it does appeal to my human tendencies to enjoy conflict. I like solving social problems, and "The Real Housewives" have taught me at least how not to have lucrative friendships, and the terrible paranoia and fighting that ensues when you act out to hurt instead of help when confronted with a problem.

I am not leaving this off telling you to go watch the show. I am not condoning their actions or promoting anything. I am simply telling you the real reason why I watch "The Real Housewives." You can either take it or leave it.

Female kicker makes history

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This weekend, 18-year-old Becca Longo (a placekicker for Chandler Basha high school in Arizona) made history as she became the first ever female football player on scholarship. Longo will be playing for Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado next fall.

With the announcement of Longo's signing came a flood of new thought pieces and discussion points around the nation asking if this is a "signal change" or "turning point" for American sports, and how news of Longo's signing is "just the beginning." I disagree. Women have been demanding a seat at the male dominated table of mainstream sports culture for years now and we better start taking notice.

Now I understand the hypocrisy here: a male sitting here telling you all to take notice of women's elevated position in the mainstream sports scene. However, I hope, at the very least, to give you statistics to shove in the face of sexism.

40 miles North on I-5, the Portland Thorns have been proving skeptics of the popularity of women's athletics wrong for multiple years in the National Women's Soccer League. In May of last year, the Thorns drew a staggering 18,114 fans for a match against the rival Seattle Reign — despite missing every single U.S. women's national team player on their roster.

Now in spite of my enthusiasm regarding women's influence in our American sports scene, I do realize that your average goateed man who watches ESPN about 12 hours a day still has probably never heard of the Portland Thorns or the AP College Basketball Player of the Year, Kelsey Plum. I do not care about him nor anyone else that chooses to neglect the fact that women are smashing these barriers down every day. The Thorn attendance of 18,114 that I mentioned earlier is just one example; 15 NBA franchises this year averaged less fans per home game than the number that attended that 2016 women's soccer match. Let that sink in for a moment.

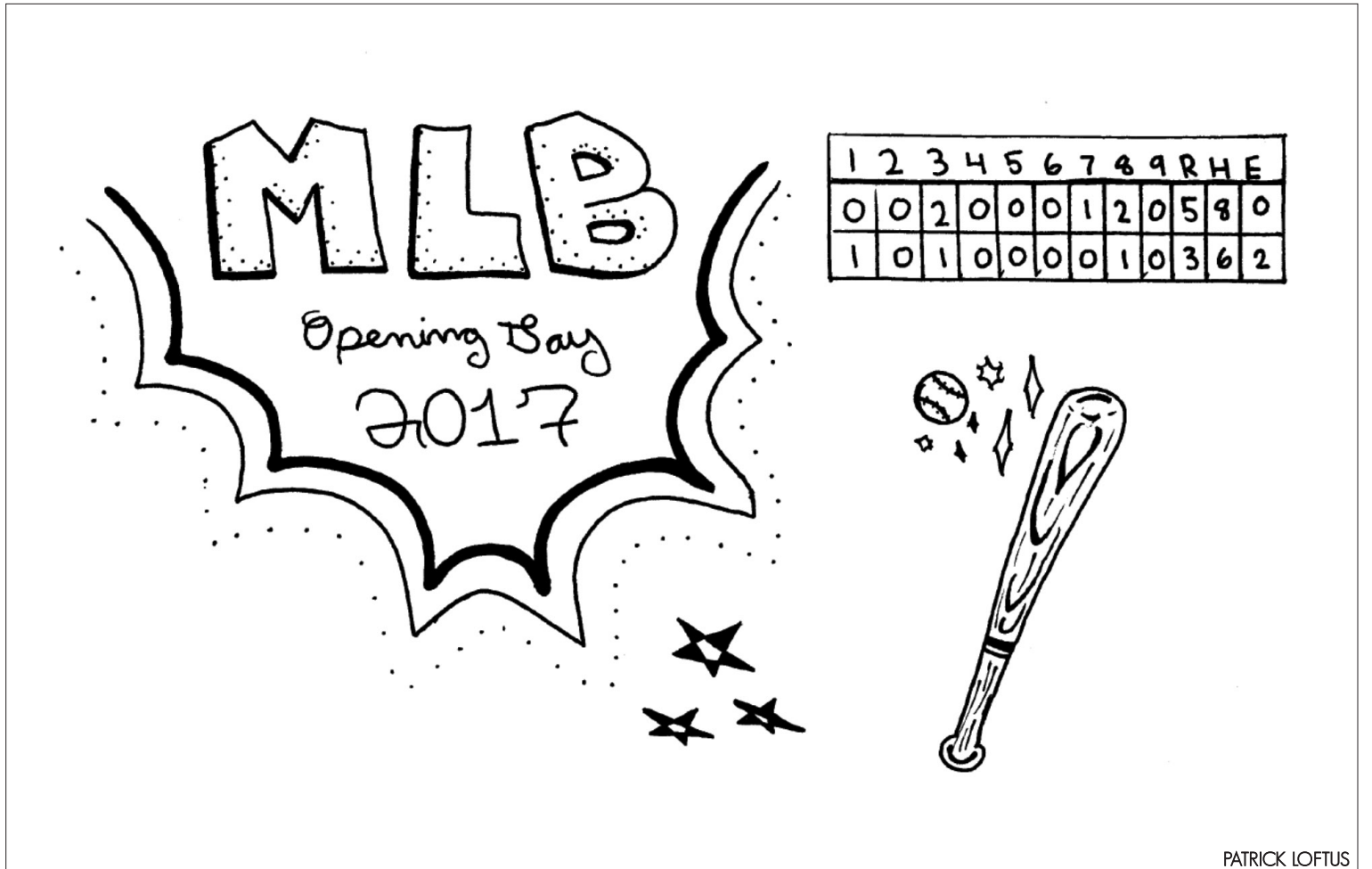
Even with all the progress that has been made, there is still a lofty amount of work to be done looking forward when it comes to women's athletics.

Since the enactment of Title IX in 1972, the number of female coaches in two-dozen college sports were at about 90 percent, whereas now that number lies at nearly 40 percent. It's not just basketball. Arguably the most popular women's sports team in America, in the U.S. national soccer team, has been fighting FIFA to simply not have to play on turf, which regularly results in horrific scars and bruises for the players who play on the surface. And how do the heads of international federations like former president of FIFA Sep Blatter respond? With heinous comments, suggesting female players wear tighter shorts to promote "a more female aesthetic."

It is clear that there is still a mountain of work to do when it comes to fair treatment for our female athletes. With that being said, one cannot simply help feeling optimistic when thinking about that same aforementioned, goateed, man and how he will likely be forced to hear about how a woman will be playing college football under scholarship, when he is watching ESPN this weekend.

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An intro to Major League Baseball



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The two defending league champions, Cleveland Indians and Chicago Cubs, have not started the season the way they had wanted.

The Chicago Cubs are a team that won 103 games in the regular season last year, the best record of any team that year. However, their success did not stop there; they were able to break the curse of the goat and break the 108 year championship drought.

Unfortunately for the Cubs, it is a new year. 2017 has not brought the best of luck to Chicago, who have started this season at just 6-6.

The Indians, who won the American League Pennant in 2016 have not had the same success as they did the year prior; they have started this season at 5-7.

On the contrary, the Baltimore Orioles have come out of the gates firing on all cylinders. They are an impressive 8-3 to start the season.

Another team that has started their 2017 campaign off well is the young New York Yankees. The 9-4 Yankees are led by a core of young talented players like second baseman Starlin Castro, as well as veterans such as Matt Holliday and Jacoby Ellsbury.

One team that is surprising everyone in the National League West is the Colorado Rockies.

The Rockies were selected by many to finish toward the bottom of the division, yet thus far are leading the division at 9-5.

On an individual basis there have been several standout performers, starting with the Chicago White Sox's Avisail Garcia, who is hitting an impressive .447 to start the season.

Another standout performer this season is Seattle Mariners starting pitcher James Paxton, who has not let up a run in his 21 innings of work thus far. Rockies closer Greg Holland has already amassed seven saves this season, three more than anyone else in the National League.

Another pitcher that has gotten off to a hot start is San

Francisco Giants pitcher Johnny Cueto who is off to a 3-0 start to the season. However, the Giants have also taken a huge hit to their team due to the loss of Buster Posey for most likely an extended period of time due to being hit in the head by a fastball early in the season.

You can't make the playoffs, win the Cy Young or the World Series in April, but you can prevent yourself from winning them at this time. Though competition at this time cannot replicate the intensity in October, it is no doubt exciting for everyone that baseball is back.

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Golfers in full swing before conference match

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The Bearcat men's golf team dominated the Willamette Spring Thaw at Oregon Golf Association Golf Course in nearby Woodburn Oregon. Sophomore Sam Hinton led the way, shooting a combined even par with a score of 144. Hinton attributes his success to "developing a game plan ahead of time and sticking to it no matter how things were going for me."

Sophomore teammate Kenneth Sheldon was only a stroke behind in second place and Senior Clark Wilson came in third with a score of 147. Hinton was also quick to give praise to his teammates.

"Kenneth [Sheldon] deserves the trophy as much as I do, he played two great rounds," he said.

Senior Peter Mitzel came in ninth place, shooting a 153, while Sophomore Trent Jones rounded up the five-man team with a score of 154. Competing as individuals, Willamette golfers senior Collin Fuller shot a 160 and sophomore Dylan King shot a 181.

As a team, the Bearcats shot a combined 589, good for first place. Coming in second place

were the Whitworth Pirates with a score of 607 and Linfield College came in third with a score of 610.

The Bearcats' next match will be the Northwest Conference Tournament on Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23. Going into this event the 'Cats are in second place in the conference after two second place finishes in the NWC Fall Classic and the NWC Spring Classic. They have a chance to take the title if they perform well as the winner of the conference tournament receives 16 points. The Bearcats are two points behind Pacific Lutheran, but feel confident going into the weekend.

"I think it is safe to say that we feel we have done all we can in preparation and all that is left is to put our hard work to use and see if we can't take home the big one," Hinton said.

Hit 'em far and hit 'em straight this weekend boys.

Junior Maddi Barnett led the Willamette Women's golf team with an 11th place finish at the Willamette Spring Thaw. She was consistent as she was able to shoot 90 on both Saturday and Sunday to finish with an overall score of 180. Freshman Lexi Towner also



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Sophomore Sam Hinton posted a 144 to lead to the Bearcats to victory this weekend.

played well as she shot a 193, a 95 on Saturday and a 98 on Sunday. The Bearcats did not have enough golfers to field a full team, as you need five golfers, but they were still able to gain valuable experience playing against some of the top competition in the Northwest Conference. Their next match will be the Northwest Conference Tournament on Saturday, April

22nd and Sunday, April 23 at the Tacoma Country Club in Tacoma, Washington. They will not compete as a team, but Barnett and Towner look to compete against the best golfers in the Northwest Conference in hopes of winning an individual title.

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Bearcat baseball, softball end regular season on high note

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This past weekend, our Bearcat ladies competed in their last series of the season against the Pacific University Boxers. On Friday, Willamette split with Pacific, losing the first and winning the second.

The first game was largely a pitcher's duel, as Pacific's Ashley Martin provided a complete game, limiting the Bearcats to only four hits. For the Bearcats, starting pitcher Jade Smith turned in a strong performance as well, allowing only five hits in nearly six innings. Darian Gibson had a great day at the plate, going three for three. However, the effort wasn't enough to squeeze out a win.

The second game saw an offensive surge for Willamette in the top of the seventh as senior Alex Shields poked a two-run triple with two outs to start a rally. Gibson followed up by smacking an RBI double. Willamette's surge saw three runs score, and they went on to take the second game by a score of 3-1. Reanna Lancaster and Jocelyn Glasgo pitched well for the Bearcats in this one, allowing a total of only four hits.

Saturday saw the Bearcats' season come to a close, and with it six seniors — Mallory Asaro, Steffany Dunn, Makayla Hari, Alexia Pratt, Alex Shields, and Jade Smith — put on the Bearcat uniform for the last time. Asaro went 2-for-4 with a dinger, a run and three RBI's.

Gibson was 2-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Pacific's offense surged from the start of the opener, as the Boxers managed to put up five runs in the first inning. Asaro blasted a solo shot over the centerfield fence in the bottom of the second.

last series of the season at John Lewis Field, playing a three-game series against Lewis & Clark.

The first game included an outstanding pitching performance from sophomore Matt Steindorf, who threw a complete game, striking out eight and walk-

dorf shut down the Pios in the top of the ninth. Cameron Igarashi led off the bottom of the inning by poking a base knock up the middle. Aaron Fong followed up with a bunt in which an error caused him to reach first safely. After both runners completed a double steal,

Prado, Connor Bailey and Cole Pursell scored two. After trading hits and runs, the score was knotted heading into the ninth inning. Van Eckhardt drove in Tyler Janitz for the win in the bottom of the ninth. Jett Gallagher finessed yet another win, and Brandon Nelson turned in a stellar pitching performance, allowing only five hits and one run through seven innings, while striking out five.

In the final regular-season game for both teams, Willamette took a healthy lead in the fifth inning to pull away from Lewis & Clark. Starter Benjamin Whitten gave an excellent performance, allowing five hits and ringing up four. Junior Troy Conway went 2-for-4 with a homer, two runs and four RBI's. Fong was 2-of-4 with a run scored, and Fessler put up two hits, including a double and an RBI. Conway's home run was followed by Van Eckhardt's blast to go back-to-back with the dingers.

Because of a Linfield win, Willamette earned second overall in the NWC standings. This season saw the most wins since the 2001 team that won the conference title, going 18-6. However, the Bearcats aren't done yet. They take on No. 3 Pacific Lutheran on Friday, April 21 at Roy Helser Field in McMinnville, Oregon. Come out and support your Bearcats as they battle the Lutes!

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In the bottom of the fifth Willamette started a small rally that saw hits by Vanessa Almaraz, Gibson, and Asaro that scored four runs. With the score at 11-5, the Boxers were able to shut down the Bearcats' offense for the remainder of the game.

Congratulations on excellent careers from the seniors and a hard fought season by the Bearcats.

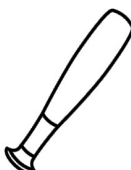






Bearcat baseball was back in action again this weekend for the

ing zero. Willamette struggled against Lewis & Clark starting pitcher Robert Reaser, who lasted 8.2 innings before Willamette provided an answer. The rally was started by Perry Van Eckhardt's base hit to right field. Mason Fessler came to the plate after and blasted a homer that cut their lead to one run. After another out, Connor Bailey drilled a triple, but then scored after a wild throw to the relay-man went out of play. With the score tied at 3-3 Stein-

Mason Fessler came through with a sacrifice fly, in which Van Eckhardt scored, completing the walk-off victory.

On Saturday, the opening game saw Willamette rally from behind to walk-off again. Crazy to think about is the fact that this was the 11th game of the season that our boys have won by one run this season. The walkoff win also meant that it is the sixth in-conference walkoff victory. In the bottom of the sixth inning hits by Eric Del

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“HUH?”

This weekend I saw an article about how the NFL is reviewing its celebration rules and are looking to “relax” it a bit. The NFL is trying to make the game more exciting by letting players show their emotions more on the field as well as clarifying the rules so players know what can and cannot be done. With the school year wrapping up as well, it is a time of both celebration and stress. So,

“enthusiasm is contagious... and so is the lack of it.”
- Joe Moore

MLB

A team that has been making people turn heads is the

New York Yankees. We are only 13 games into the season, but the extremely young Bronx Bombers find themselves tied for first place in the American League East and on an eight game winning streak. Aaron Judge, who is only 24-years-old, has played lights out so far. The Yankees have star players like Ronald Torreyes who is only 24-years-old and stands 5-foot-8 inches and weighs 151 pounds. This team was predicted to only be about a .500 team this season but it looks to be a fun summer if you are a Yankees fan.

NHL

The NHL playoffs are also going on right now in the chase for the most iconic sports trophy: the Lord Stanley Cup. One of the series to note is the Nashville Predators and the Chicago Blackhawks. The

Chicago Blackhawks have been one of the best NHL teams lately, winning three Stanley Cups in the last six years, but right now they find themselves down 3-0 in a best of seven series to the Nashville Predators. The Blackhawks lost in overtime 3-2, giving up all three goals unanswered. The Predators have been getting great play from their wing players and an outstanding performance from their goaltender Pekka Rinne.

NBA

The NBA playoffs began this weekend for all 16 teams that have the same common goal in mind, an NBA championship. Our Portland Trail Blazers find themselves down 1-0 in a best of seven game series with the next game being played on Wednesday. The loss came at the hands of the No. 1 Golden State Warriors by

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Intramurals Weekly

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Congratulations to Beer Kegs and Nut Megs for winning the competitive indoor soccer league this year! This past week we saw intense matchups throughout the playoffs, leading to a nail-biting championship game. Japonification, Beer Kegs and Nutmegs faced off last Thursday, with a large and enthusiastic crowd accompanying Japonification. Beer Kegs and Nutmegs were the underdogs of the matchup sitting in the fifth seed heading into playoffs while Japonification, on the other hand, occupied the first seed. Dealing with injuries and absences, the underdogs came out and played with a lot of heart, had their best showing of the season, and managed to edge out the opponent 5-4. Thank you to all the teams that showed up and played hard the last few weeks.

Grass volleyball leagues are coming to an end this week. The championships for the beginner's league will be determined on Wednesday whereas the competitive league finalists will battle for the champion shirts on Thursday. Good luck to everyone who qualified for playoffs and may the best team win!

Sign-ups for the 6v6 dodgeball tournament were opened this past Monday and close on Wednesday April 26. This FREE tournament will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on May 1 to celebrate the end of this semester's classes. #doitfortheshirt #dontretireplayintramurals

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Give me free peanut butter, or give me death

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I have never been a fan of Goudy dinner. Some of it stems from my dislike of most meat, some from pickiness, but mostly from the fact that it is simply not good.

Last year, I ate half of my dinners in my room. There was no point in spending time and meal points when I was not going to eat anything. My odd-smelling panini maker produced many a grilled cheese to get me through the year.

This year, I got over myself and ate dinner at Goudy. In the fall, I had a hard time finding something to eat and had dry cheerios every night (which is less than nutritious). Thankfully, this semester I found PB&J. I'm not ashamed to say that five out of seven nights, I used to have peanut butter and jelly for dinner.

But one day, out of the blue, the peanut butter was gone, replaced with a sign saying that the first peanut butter serving is free, with additional servings for 50 cents each. Needless to say, I was outraged. How can this university deny me the one thing I will actually eat?

It turns out that someone had an allergic reaction because the jam and peanut butter got mixed together, so Goudy had to change how they put out their food.

Honestly, I felt pretty shitty about being so mad. It's important for students to be able to eat at the only place open for dinner on campus and not have an allergic reaction.

However, that does not mean that it should cost students more of their already insufficient meal plans. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I was under the impression that all-you-can-eat meals mean that you pay one price and eat all you want to with no additional charges. Meal plan C costs \$5,700 a year. That should cover the cost of peanut butter.



The first few weeks that I asked for peanut butter from the front desk, they gave me two packets. One packet of peanut butter sparsely covers the surface of one regular sized piece of bread, so two was the perfect amount. Recently, however, they only give one.

The only easy solution to this is to get your friends to ask for one and give it to you. Unfortunately, that doesn't really work if your friends also want one.

Sometimes, at 5 p.m., the staff forget to take the bucket away and I take as many packets as I can and stuff them in my pockets for later. If you do this, make sure to keep them where they are easily accessible when you go to future dinners, like your backpack. This is especially handy on nights like this recent Sunday night, when Goudy was out of peanut butter and I had to rely on my stock to make it through the meal.

Another problem with the new method of distributing pea-

nut butter is that it creates a lot of plastic waste. Each container has a plastic bottom and top that are promptly thrown away. The amount of energy it takes to create each container, only to simply go into a landfill, is extremely bad for the environment. As a University, we pride ourselves on being sustainable. The peanut butter change is actively moving away from this goal. There must be some alternative to this extremely wasteful method.

In the wake of this crisis I ask for only one thing: bring back the free peanut butter in a sustainable way. It doesn't have to be an open container with the chance of causing another allergic reaction. However, that doesn't mean that making students pay for a tiny package at an all-you-can-eat meal is the answer.

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Student body email response: A call to action

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On Sunday, April 16, I sent an email through the student listservs calling for action and resistance to our current political climate. I have received a slew of responses to this email; I'm grateful for the thoughtful ones and to have been given the opportunity to respond to and extrapolate on them here.

I composed this email largely with two concerns in mind.

First, a general complacency from the Willamette community to engage in activism and outreach within the Salem community and second, a feeling of normalcy with which we regard the irrational and dysfunctional behavior of our federal government right now.

I want to preface that Willamette very much prides itself on being engaged with the local community and my intention was not to diminish the activism, outreach and service that has already been done on campus. That said, while planning community events and in addition to my work in the CSL office, I've found that many com-

munity partners see Willamette as a very exclusive and reclusive entity within the city of Salem. We may see ourselves as involved and engaging but that it is not what most Salem citizens see.

national origin, I believe there is unity in the criticism of division.

There is a difference between political division and division of social groups. Although sexism, racism and classism are of course

their values not to fall victim to a narcissism of patriotism.

In the letter I did not feel comfortable talking in the name of marginalized citizens and students, but I very much recognize the faults in

global militarization and environmental degradation, which, to me, were the most threatening issues to posit considering their capacity for existential destruction. That said, social and environmental issues should never be placed within a hierarchy of priority but rather within a web of intersectionality.

The Non-Violent Direct Action Training on Tuesday, April 20, and Rally for Science on Saturday, April 22 are, I hope, beginning steps towards a more engaged Willamette. We are in an opportune community to exhibit the engagement that is necessary for the change in our country. If you are unaware of the lives that are at risk at this period in human history, we must begin to resist the proponents of division and fully comprehend the stakes that come with our government's actions.

I would lastly like to apologize to those of the Christian faith that were offended by the email. That the letter was sent on Easter was an oversight and I did not mean to disrespect students' religious beliefs and traditions.

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“We may see ourselves as involved and engaging but that it is not what most Salem citizens see,”

Whether politically leaning left or right, I feel there must be greater engagement within American communities if we are to function as a nation. This statement may seem like the antithesis of my politically charged letter, but given our current federal government's persistent propensity to divide the American people by race, gender, class, sexual orientation and

not new in this country, the means and potential to impede social progress and enhance division by our very own government have never been so evident in our lifetimes. Just because two people disagree doesn't mean they're enemies. But at the detriment to millions of fellow human citizens I very much implore those who feel their government represents

not emphasizing the vulnerability of marginalized people in the issues put forth. People of color, disabilities, lower socioeconomic status, cis-female identity, developing countries and people who identify as LGBTQIA are most at risk to the policies and rhetoric those in power are constructing.

My initial concerns were of dysfunctional government policies,

A proposal to reduce dining hall waste

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Willamette is a school that prides itself in its forward-thinking and green campus, but there is still a wide area for improvement.

A huge amount of waste is made everyday on campus. This is not entirely avoidable, not only due to the vast amount of paper the academic world requires, but the amount of students living on campus. However, there are still ways the school could reduce its output of waste.

Over spring break, I was talking to my sister who went to Occidental College, a liberal arts school in California, and she told me about their initiative to reduce waste from the dining hall. This initiative gave students the choice to use reusable clamshells.

I suggest this initiative to be implemented as follows: Students who want to partake, sign up and are given a reusable clamshell. At Occidental, students would drop off their used, dirty clamshells for a token to get a clean one. Another possibility is for students to wash and reuse the same one on their own.

With this system, people get a choice to participate or not. This should yield a higher success rate since the people involved are more likely to follow through because they made the choice by their own prerogative.



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As someone who takes lunch to-go almost everyday, I feel guilty for the amount of waste I alone accumulate and would be more than happy to take such simple measures to make the campus even slightly more green. I am sure many other students on campus share my feelings since this school tends to be populated with people who care about the environment and how they impact it.

Hopefully this plan would also cut costs for administration. There would be an upfront fee for the new clamshells, but if enough people participate, less disposable boxes would have to be bought since there would be a decrease

in demand. Additionally, with the list of voluntary students, administration would only have to buy the amount of reusable boxes that will actually be used and could avoid spending more money than necessary.

Even if this is a plan that would not work on campus, it should act as an example. While reducing waste on a college campus can seem like a big and intimidating topic, small changes like this can help Willamette become more eco-friendly. This idea requires such little effort to reduce a significant amount of trash and I am sure many students on campus would be willing to participate.

The United States political leaders have made it clear that they are not going to protect the environment, but that does not mean everyone else should sit idly by. It is important to care for and protect our earth so it can, in return, continue to support us.

I understand that plans like this may seem small and insignificant, but it is still something that potentially inspires other college campuses and can therefore make a bigger impact. I encourage the students and faculty of Willamette to think about what little changes we can make to create a greener campus.

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Hating white men doesn't make you not racist

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Identifying whiteness helps to undo the normalization of whiteness in our daily lives that positions people of color as racial others, and helps to place accountability on acts, people and organizations who contribute to systemic racism.

However, there is a distinction between labelling whiteness as a means to undo this normalization and labelling whiteness (if you are a white person) in an attempt to socially distance yourself from other white people, which fails to acknowledge your own contributions to and benefits from white supremacy.

It's become a trend these days to hate on white men. On the one hand, decrying white men places accountability on white men for perpetuating and benefitting the most from institutional racism and patriarchy, but, depending on who is speaking, seems to have become an excuse for white non-cis-men to centralize the issue of white supremacy as being caused by one group, which is all too easy and simple to do.

In an Odyssey article (this one's good, I swear) titled "3 Ways Being Woke And White Doesn't Exempt You from Your Whiteness," Fatema Elbakoury writes:

"A woke white person is still a white person. They still benefit from white supremacy and therefore need to recognize that in benefiting, they are not an anomaly amongst white people. To be woke and white is to understand that because you're conscious, it doesn't mean you have officially distanced yourself from overtly racist white people, as if you are somehow not white anymore or are now inherently different from other white people for knowing what your textbook should have taught you."

Elbakoury further adds, "to be woke and white is to come to terms with one's self as a racial being as well as a beneficiary of whiteness."

Essentially, for a white person to say, "I hate white men" seems like a cheap redirection to distract from their own involvement with and perpetuation of white supremacy. It is as if to say that white men alone are responsible for causing oppression because they are the embodiment of white patriarchy. But this only overlooks the many power relations within white patriarchy and furthermore appropriates the language and anger of people of color, specifically femmes of color, who experience oppression by white men in a much more violent way than white non-cis-men.

I truly believe it is important to identify and label privilege, and I encourage normalizing this use of language. But in examining your surroundings, don't forget to recognize your own social position, which is up to you to use to help dismantle white, ableist, cis-hetero patriarchy.

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The tragedy of the Comic

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Comedian Adam Grabowski didn't just bring jokes to Willamette, he brought bracelets. These bracelets were a part of his personal #SayItAnyway campaign, which Grabowski said is about being open and empathetic about emotions, experience and mental health.

I'm wearing the bracelet as I write this and there are three things written on it: "#SAYIT-ANYWAY," "You're Not Alone" and "@AdamGrabowski." This is part of what makes Grabowski troubling to me: he seems unable to detach himself from his branding.

Within his act, Grabowski talked about his troubles with his ADD. He mentioned his depression and anxiety. He talked about going on tour for months and how that felt.

"From August to November I cried every day ... I couldn't shake that feeling," Grabowski said, while his Twitter handle, Instagram profile and Snapcode were projected behind him. "You think about life and travel a lot, and it wasn't always conducive to happiness."

This is not to say that people with mental illnesses aren't allowed to self-promote. But Grabowski knew his audience. His first joke was a gender-based joke that he began by acknowledging gender as a spectrum, but his entire act was

based in a binary, essentialist viewpoint.

"Guys, here's a lesson: we're not allowed to win. Girls, clap if men aren't supposed to win," Grabowski said.

He talked about the differences between people, defining them largely as men and women. Grabowski's running the same shtick as a bunch of "progressive" comedians have for decades: men are idiots and women are weirdly manipulative.

During the show, he talked about how Hillary Clinton lost partially because women are too catty to let other women excel. He did this immediately after talking about how gender differences emerged "evolutionarily."

I don't fit into either gender and thus the only part of the show directed at me in any way was the "food perv" section, where Grabowski claimed that everyone enjoyed food in such a way that they were perverts.

"I'm going to list food until you all perv out," he said.

But the gender aspect isn't what bugs me the most. Grabowski's routine would have been upsetting and offensive to me in different circumstances, but he got me to laugh. I went along with it. If he would have crossed the line, why did I move it?

This is the malevolent cynicism or happy accident of Grabowski's routine: he plays — or is — the well-meaning, put-upon progressive really well.

He made several jokes during the show about veganism, portraying it positively, but when someone asked him how long he had been a vegan, he said, "I'm not a vegan. I just think it's a good thing to do."

He's an attractive, seemingly good-intentioned white liberal with claims to mental illness. That's why I'm more hesitant to condemn him than magician Steven Brundage some weeks before.

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Comedian Adam Grabowski shamelessly self-promotes during his entire set.

Humans of Willamette

What is a mistake that you have made and how did you learn from it?



Daphne Jacobsen
Math
Seattle, Washington
Junior

"In the past, I have thought that I needed to have an internship in order to be a successful person, and to make anything of the so-called 'transferable skills' that we learn here, but I learned that I do not need that to be successful."



Joshua Bolle
Psychology, Women's and Gender Studies
Altadena, California
Sophomore

"So, as a baker, I was overconfident in not getting all the ingredients that I needed out at one time. So I was going back and forth to get ingredients and I forgot to put baking powder in cupcakes. They were flat and dry and gross. But then I was like, 'now I know. Get your ingredients lined up and ready to go!'"



Erica Meier
Studio Art, Spanish
Pleasanton, California
Sophomore

"A mistake I've made is sharing too much with people who don't put the level of trust in me that I put in them. I learned to only share certain things with people, and if that person appears to be equally invested in our friendship then I will feel more comfortable opening up about other things."



Nastja Nykaza
Environmental Science, Studio Art
Chicago, Illinois
Junior

"A mistake I made was kissing my best friend's life-long crush right in front of her face, and what I learned from it is to not be such a fucking asshole!"

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The Red Onion Confused fall athletes eye NWC championships during spring practice

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With our nationally-recognized spring athletes about to wrap up yet another amazing season in the infamous Northwest Conference (NWC), I decided to sit down with our fall athletes and talk about how preparations for next semester's competitions are shaping up.

The football team is coming off a 3-7 season and are looking forward to making another big statement in the NWC next year. I spoke to one junior who told me that the whole team had been working extremely hard to prepare this offseason.

"Yeah dude, we've been hanging out in Kaneko a lot so I think we have great chemistry and we are super confident for next year," he said.

However, it's not just the football team who think they are going to dominate their conference next season. Both the men's and women's soccer teams actually believe their offseason preparation, which includes lifting twice a week, is go-

ing to take them to a NWC championship.

"We do these really hard workouts sometimes and we train like four times a week, so I definitely think we'll win conference next year," one men's soccer player told me. "I'm also growing out my hair, so I'll have a sick haircut next season."

The volleyball team also fancies their chances at snatching their first ever NWC championship title next fall, with a top recruiting class set to bolster their team.

"Willamette athletics has really been making a name for itself recently, so we are expecting a bunch of Division I recruits next semester" one sophomore player said. "With all of these new recruits and the kind of crowds we get at our games, we can't lose."

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