

Adjunct policy passed without discussion



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Last December the Board of Trustees passed a resolution declaring that at least 20 percent of the Willamette faculty must be composed of contingent positions at all times. While the decision will cap the number of tenure, tenure track and part-time continuing professors, there was no discussion between the faculty and the Board of Trustees before the resolution was passed.

The decision was made due to the fact that the University's endowment cannot support a 2005 Board of Trustees resolution, which reduced the amount of courses professors were required to teach from six to five. It was resolved that to sustain this, the number of continuing faculty members would need to expand by 20 percent. That would have placed the number of tenure-track positions at about 150.

"Implicit in that 2005 resolution was a financial model that would have seen a very different endowment for the future," President Stephen Thorsett said at a faculty discussion on March 15. "At the time the endowment was much higher than it is now, and was growing fast." Thorsett also said that because of the 2008 financial crisis, those models are now inaccurate.

The resolution made last fall overrides the 2005 resolution, instead linking faculty expansion directly to the student body, as to preserve a student-professor ratio of 1:10-11.

Prior to the decision, there had been attempts to improve the status of adjunct professors on campus.

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Guam's inability

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Election day is on Nov. 8, and although that date may initially seem like the far off future, don't forget that summer vacations go by in blinks and that an entire life can be supposedly condensed into a second. November is sprinting toward us in a Mercedes F1, and many U.S. citizens will soon be marking ballots or writing in their own names.

I say "many U.S. citizens" because many U.S. adults will not vote for our next president due to borderline discriminatory bureaucratic or simple laziness. Although we have little control of the former in the tiny bubble of our University, we can control the latter. We decide if whether we want to take that trip to a polling location.

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Tennis teams pick up first wins of 2016



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Seniors Blake Brash (right) and Samuel Wekman (left) prepare for the serve against University of Puget Sound this past weekend.

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The University men's tennis team lost a tough match 6-3 on Saturday against the University of Puget Sound, but was able to bounce back on Sunday with a 5-4 win over the Lutes of Pacific Lutheran University.

The loss to Puget Sound came as a bit of a surprise to the team as sophomore Derek Lund said "I personally felt like is a team we should wipe off the court, but we lost some close doubles matches and that set us back a bit." The Loggers were able to take three victories in the doubles matches, which set the tone for the rest of the day. The Bearcats dominated the singles matches winning three of top four matches.

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Hungry for dumplings? Salem's newest addition steams them to perfection.

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WU professors question admin transparency

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“There was an adjunct pay raise, and a significant effort to hire more full-time faculty and reduce the number of part-time positions to keep adjuncts from being here long term without promotion,” English Professor Scott Nadelson said. “We also created the part-time continuing faculty position, which allowed long-term adjunct professors to become eligible for benefits and better pay.”

In the resolution, the part-time continuing position is not counted as part of the 20 percent, but is instead grouped with the 80 percent of faculty positions that are committed, including tenure and tenure track positions.

“This 80 percent rule makes it considerably harder to promote the adjunct faculty here, and they have a smaller chance of moving up the ladder,” Nadelson said.

Some faculty members have expressed concern that Willamette will follow the trend of other universities in the United States, possibly expanding the administration while capping the size of the faculty. These worries arose when President Thorsett proposed to create a new position within the administrative council, currently titled the vice president of equity and inclusion.

In fact, according to the New England Center for Investigative Reporting, the number of non-academic administrative and professional employees in colleges and universities in the U.S. increased by more than 50 percent from 1987 to 2012.

It is because of concerns like these that faculty have questioned the lack of transparency in creating the December resolution.

“When the decision was made to change the course load and the faculty size back in 2005, it was made, for better or for worse, after discussion with the faculty,” said history Professor William Smaldone. “This is the biggest decision since then to affect the faculty in this way, and it makes us wonder why we didn’t get a say this time.”

This lack of transparency caused some unrest at the March 15 faculty discussion, with several professors voicing their disapproval of the way the decision was handled without their knowing.

“We feel like that resolution had many unintended consequences, and maybe these things could have been worked through if there had been faculty discussion,” said Japanese Professor Miho Fujiwara. “We are here to make this place better too, and we are willing to work with [President Thorsett]. We aren’t even talking faculty governance, we are talking shared governance.”

By the end of the discussion, Thorsett could not promise the faculty that issues regarding transparency will improve.

“Ultimately, it’s a Board of Trustees decision and they are not required to announce their plans beforehand,” Thorsett said.

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ASWU proposes new bills to manage rising costs

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In their latest meeting, ASWU debated new financial bills designed to alleviate recurring funding woes and promote interorganizational cooperation. The bills centered around finance reform, Willamette Events Board (WEB) and the *Collegian*, club buy-in and student impact, the Collegiate Readership Program (CRP) and what to do with remaining funds after future allocations.

Treasurer Caroline Brinster discussed the finance reform bill, which offers new ways to finance clubs in the future. Brinster said, “I think it’s important to contextualize how this financial year has been for us.” This year, ASWU has experienced an increase in funding requests from clubs. ASWU temporarily went into debt and had to rely on the CRP in attempt to fund all of the club requests.

Vice President Rebecca Brownlee said that because the budget for the remainder of the school year had already been passed, it would be up to next year’s executive to implement these changes. However, junior senator Liz Gill questioned the effectiveness of this bill. Regarding how ASWU handles budget decisions Gill asked, “When are we going to change things?”

Senior senator Jacob Saiki also created a Student Impact and Club Buy-in bill, which he presented to the senate. This bill will first push clubs to monitor attendance and request funding, based on past participation. The new policy would not be implemented until the end of 2017, allowing clubs to begin recording this information.

The bill included additional guidelines for transportation requests, specifically requiring clubs to provide 25 percent of the cost to rent a van from alternative income streams. The bill

also supplies all clubs with a \$25 stipend for advertisement.

On a different note, senators also discussed a bill that aims to create a stronger relationship between WEB and the *Collegian* with ASWU’s external program committee. It is hoped that ASWU would now be able to call in people from the *Collegian* and WEB to discuss budget amounts rather than maintaining a precedent that allots them a certain amount of funding every year. Saiki noted that their budgets should be reviewed by external programs.

“Just leave it to the committees,” Saiki said. “Our concern is that that is not happening. Literally zero action from the external program committee has happened.”

Senior senator Teo Ekstrom said that at the start of the year, WEB and the *Collegian* should come in and have a budget planned out, so ASWU does not provide unneeded funds.

This year, the *Collegian* and WEB had not used 10-15 percent of their allocated funds from the CRP, but ASWU could not touch that money to support other clubs as ASWU went into debt. Senior senator Natasha Parekh said, “If we leave it the way it is, we are going to have a serious deficiency in funds next year.”

Sophomore senator Liz Hartman said, “It really isn’t a limiting factor and I want people to understand that. I think them coming in and seeing a line-by-line breakdown on what they’re spending money on is really important. We need to see what these clubs are spending money on, that’s our job.”

These bills discussed by ASWU have been in the works for the past few weeks and are still being advised after this last meeting. The senate did not make a motion to pass any of these budgets and will begin to vote at the upcoming meeting.

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‘Earth democracy’ and our one humanity

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“We are not Atlas carrying the Earth, the Earth has the generosity to carry us,” said Vandana Shiva at this year’s Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series. Shiva shared her views about “Earth democracy” and the separations and paradigms humans create about nature. She aims to protect the environment, traditional farming and the rights of native peoples.

Shiva has been working on agricultural issues for 30 years and has served as an advisor to governments in India and around the world. She is currently working with the city government of Utan, India to make their agriculture 100 percent organic.

“It’s this cultivation of a future on the basis of our being a part of one humanity and one planet that I call ‘Earth democracy,’” Shiva said.

“Just recognizing the simple fact that we are part of the Earth and that we are one humanity, is in my view the most radical step we can take in our time,” Shiva said. She talked about the human behavior of separating ourselves from nature.

“It took effort to make us forget that we are part of the Earth,” she said while noting how the word “human” comes from the Latin word “humus,” meaning “Earth.”

When talking about how people perceive the fragility of the Earth in the future, she said, “We can’t destroy Gaia. She will come out with other species. She can do without us; we can’t do without her.”

Motivated by seeing her favorite forest clear cut, Shiva founded the Research Foundation for Science Technology and Ecology in 1982. Scientists at this institute establish seed banks throughout India to preserve the country’s agricultural heritage while also



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Vandana Shiva is an Indian scholar, environmental activist and anti-globalization author based in Delhi.

training farmers in sustainable agricultural practices.

She discussed the footprint of economic activities, particularly agriculture, that is causing bodies of water to disappear. “Industrial farming takes 10 times more water to produce the same amount of food,” Shiva said.

Shiva discussed how, as seed prices skyrocketed, the number of farmer suicides have done the same.

To combat the growing threat of monoculture, Shiva launched Navdanya, an organization that promotes biodiversity, organic farming and the rights of farmers. These efforts have resulted in the conservation of more than 3,000 rice varieties since 1991.

“GMO’s are one small symptom of an agricultural model that’s wrong. An economic model. We’ve somehow forgotten the basics... that at the end of the day, it’s people who contribute, and people whose needs are supposed to be met. And at the end

of the day, the Earth provides everything that goes into the economy,” Shiva said.

She further discussed how interconnected the Earth is with our economy when she said, “The more illusion that we are separate, the bigger the ecological footprint because we just distance and outsource.”

Shiva described how the scientific paradigm that defines the Earth as dead, the industrial paradigm of extracting fossil fuels and an economic paradigm have converged into a “fossilized paradigm,” which Shiva says is outdated and unhelpful.

“It is only with this convergence that money was elevated to the level of capital, and humans were degraded to the level of labor and the Earth was degraded to land as a commodity,” she said.

Shiva has written 15 books, two of which challenge the paradigm of unsustainable industrial agriculture, “The Violence

of the Green Revolution” and “The Monocultures of the Mind.” Through some of her other books Shiva has made visible the social, economic and ecological cost of corporate-led globalization.

She is recognized nationally and internationally for her work dealing with gender issues. Her book “Staying Alive” challenges popular stereotypes of third world women. Another of her many projects is Diverse Women for Diversity, an international movement of women working for food and agriculture.

She tied feminism in when she said, “For me, one of the most disturbing separations is of actions and their consequences... And this is very much related to the separation of rights from responsibilities. To me, patriarchy is a system of rights with little responsibility and capitalism is a system of aggravated rights and even less responsibility.”

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Lecture highlights marginalized sexual experiences of Black men

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Trigger Warning: Sexual Abuse

Students and faculty confronted the complex issues surrounding race and intimacy during “Intimus Interruptus,” a lecture series hosted by the department of civic communications and media (CCM) on March 30. The event was described as an exploration of how Black men negotiate ruptures in their political and personal intimacy. It featured lectures by gender studies and communications Professor Dr. Lisa Corrigan from the University of Arkansas and intimacy expert Dr. Ebony A. Utley from the University of California Long Beach.

Dr. Corrigan’s lecture, titled “When Harlem Bid Farewell: Memorializing the Death of Malcolm,” focused on how civil rights figure Malcolm X was remembered following his 1965 assassination in Harlem. Dr. Utley’s lecture, titled “God Bless the Child: The Sexual Violations of African American Boys,” shared a series of personal stories from African American men who discuss how their sexual experiences as minors may have impacted their adult lives.

The event was hosted by CCM Associate Professors Maegen Parker Brooks and Cindy Koenig Richards. Professors Brooks and Richards consider Corrigan and Utley to be leading scholars in the field of rhetoric and race. “It is an area that is very understudied,” Richards said. “I thought that this event could enrich the curriculum at Willamette tremendously.”

The event began with a lecture from Dr. Corrigan about how history has remembered the death of Malcolm X. Dr. Corrigan’s lecture offered an explanation as to why modern African American civil rights activists do not acknowledge Malcolm X in-depth despite the fact that he advocated for similar issues and has made significant contributions to civil rights. Corrigan ar-



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The Intimus Interruptus lecture series discussed conceptions of Malcolm X as well as sexual experiences of African American men during childhood.

gued that this modern hesitancy to embrace Malcolm X is the result of his controversial nature, particularly his “hyper-masculinity,” involvement with the nation of Islam and status as a demagogue.

Professor Brooks highlighted the importance of “interrogating the silence” surrounding the minimal presence of Malcolm X in modern civil rights conversations.

The event continued with a lecture from Dr. Utley about the sexual experiences of African American men during childhood. Dr. Utley’s lecture was specifically based on a research study she organized on the sexual violation of Black boys and how it impacts them as adults. Dr.

Utley explained in the lecture about how the stereotype that “real” men (especially African American men) pursue sex can create the false impression that Black boys are not sexually vulnerable. Dr. Utley’s lecture summarized interviews she conducted with a collection of African American men who have had childhood experiences with sexual abuse perpetrated by teenagers and adults.

Professor Richards felt that Dr. Utley’s lecture highlighted the “defining silences” surrounding African American boys who are victims of abuse and society’s failure to protect children and address violence.

By the end of the lectures, students and faculty gained new insights into issues surrounding

intimacy in the African American community. “The dynamic bridges that were built between the mentality and psychology of Black men and their sexual history was framed in such a strategic way by Dr. Utley that it allowed the audience to have a deeper comprehension of this topic that has hardly been touched,” senior CCM major Carmela Roberts said.

“The presentation was great at opening up the definition of intimacy,” CCM Professor Matthew Bost said. “It was good for thinking about personal and political issues.”

Because the topics addressed by the lectures are generally understudied in academia, Professor Brooks said she overall felt the lec-

ture helped push the Willamette community to think critically about the gaps in what we teach and what we learn here on campus.

“I think these demonstrations really provoke us in that direction and I hope that we can keep on pushing on that register,” Brooks said.

The lecture was attended by around 30 students and faculty members. Many students were attracted to the event because of its subject matter. “It is relevant to me because I need to be well versed in these issues because I am a member of the Black community,” said Senior politics major Mandara Hogarth.

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 14, 5:25 p.m. (Sparks Center): Campus Safety received a report regarding a feminine hygiene dispenser that had been tampered with in the Women’s restroom in Sparks Center. The dispenser has been re-secured.

March 15, 8:00 a.m. (Belknap Hall): Campus Safety took a report regarding damage to a partition in the men’s bathroom. A work order was submitted.

March 15, 11:07 p.m. (TIUA Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report from an employee about their car that had been broken into. Two windows were broken. The officer helped the employee cover their windows with plastic. The employee was given the Salem PD non-emergency number and encouraged to make a report with them as well.

March 15, 11:40 p.m. (TIUA Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report from student about their car that had been broken into. One window was

broken out. The student was given the Salem PD non-emergency number and encouraged to make a report with them as well.

March 17, 6:05 p.m. (Softball Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report from a student regarding their car that had been broken into. The vehicle was found locked. No windows or glass had been broken. The stereo, CD’s, and other items were missing. The student was given the Salem PD non-emergency number and encouraged to make a report with them as well.

March 18, 2:09 p.m. (Softball Parking Lot): Campus Safety took a report from a student regarding their car that had been broken into. The soft cover was cut through. Nothing was found missing.

March 22, 1:45 p.m. (Springer Botanical Garden): Campus Safety took a report from an employee regarding property that had been damaged and a sign that had been stolen.

March 24, 10:44 p.m. (Smith Fine Arts): While conducting building checks, officers discovered a broken classroom window. Facilities was contacted to clean up the glass. A work order was submitted for the window.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

March 15, 9:40 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety received a report from an employee who had cut their hand while working. The officer documented the injury and the employee was able to continue working.

March 17, 11:40 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety responded to a call of a student in extreme pain needing to be transported to the Emergency Room. The officer transported the student the ER.

March 18, 10:30 a.m. (Lausanne Hall): Campus Safety received a report from an employee who slipped down stairs while carrying some garbage bags. The officer documented the injury and the employee was able to continue working.

March 19, 10:09 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety responded to a call of a student in extreme pain needing to be transported to the Emergency Room. The officer transported the student the Emergency Room.

THEFT

March 15, 3:30 p.m. (Ford Hall): Campus Safety received a report from a student about a stolen bicycle seat.

March 18, 3:14 p.m. (Softball Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report from a student who had their car broken into. The student reported a set of golf clubs and a snowboard missing. The student was given the Salem PD non-emergency number and encouraged to make a report with them as well.

March 18, 7:06 p.m. (Physical Plant West): Campus Safety received a report regarding a gas cap that had been stolen off of a cleaning vehicle. In addition, approximately 10 gallons of fuel had been siphoned from the tank.

TRESPASS

March 16, 10:43 a.m. (Sparks Center): Campus Safety responded to a fire alarm at the Sparks Center. Upon search of the building, it was discovered that a fire alarm pull-stations had been activated. Maintenance reset the alarm, while the two Campus Safety officers began searching for the individual who pulled the alarm. The officers made contact with the individual and questioned him. The individual was trespassed from University property.

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Arts

Enjoy the Oregon Symphony's performance on Friday, April 9 at 8 p.m. in the Smith Auditorium. The symphony is in its 60th season and will be performing "Elgar's First Symphony". Tickets are usually between \$35 and \$50 but Willamette students can snag tickets for just \$5 with a current ID.

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The Hallie Ford Art Museum often hosts complimentary guided thematic tours. Join the tour on Tuesday, April 12 entitled "Pacific Northwest Artists on the Edge". It begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Maribeth Collins Lobby.

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On Thursday, April 14, Willamette students will be paying homage to poets of the 20th century in celebration of National Poetry Month through poetry reading at Frozation Nation. Students hope to inspire others through readings of poems by Louise Bogan, Gwendolyn Brooks, Audre Lorde and more. The event starts at 7 p.m. so stop by and get inspired!

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Literary review: "This Way to the Sugar"



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In his collection of poems titled "This Way to the Sugar," Hieu Minh Nguyen delineates childhood nostalgia with a hard, eloquent slap. Rather than pursuing a sugar-coated sweetness often associated with the term "nostalgia," his poems delve into a realm one may consider anti-nostalgic, with its elaboration of lingering childhood afflictions.

The collection explores themes of the narrator's youth such as death, growing up in a

public housing unit, abandonment, fleeting sexual encounters and experiences with masculinity and heteronormativity as a queer Vietnamese-American male. It also traverses the narrator's coping with experiences of assimilation as the child of immigrants, abuse and the deep-rooted trauma from childhood molestation (note, many of his poems explore potentially triggering content related to violence, sex and sexuality).

In one piece titled "Buffet Etiquette," the narrator discloses his guilt with being Americanized

and the cultural generational gap between him and his mother. He confesses, "My voice is bleach" and "sometimes when I watch home movies, I don't even understand / myself. My childhood is a foreign film." Nguyen's narrative voice is authentic and vulnerable, finding meaning not only in what is said, but that which is absent: the poem concludes with the narrator admitting, "That's all. / I have nothing else to say."

In another piece titled "Ladyboy Theater," one of my favorite pieces in the collection, Nguyen unearths experiences of racialized masculine struggle and Orientalism in homosexual encounters, weaving the personal with vignettes of broader racialized struggles for masculinity in Vietnam's contemporary history.

The narrator juxtaposes a racialized and gendered image of an Asian boy, who he describes with "cherry blossoms / dripping from his small cock," to the impacts of the Vietnam war, which he depicts as, "white man runs down an endless hill / trampling over the faces of a nation of mothers." Through this stringing of vignettes, Nguyen portrays the enduring and abundant forms of neo-colonialism, touching on colonialism as an intersectional process.

The collection is divided into three sections, each leading with a quote from contemporary childhood classics such as "Winnie the Pooh", "Pinocchio", and "Peter Pan", respectively. The quotes themselves are dark and

unrecognizable as excerpts of the pieces from which they are derived. These interludes represent the nature of Nguyen's collection of poems as a whole as a dark, atypical experience of nostalgia.

Even with the emotionally heavy content, "This Way to the Sugar" reads far from hyperbole and cheap emotion and instead emulates pure honesty. The sentiments are intricately laced within politics and lofty imagery, such as the narrator likening his body to salt to convey Western consumption of race and the narrator's experiences of sexual subjectivity.

The collection of poems bears a life of its own, displaying both a brave wholeness and perhaps invoking an insatiable need to re-read each poem's cunning content and effective poetic structures. Nguyen's poems intimately and powerfully articulate the narrator's lingering, unhealed wounds, begging the figurative question in their narrative of whether "it is better to leave the blade inside the body" or if "forgiveness will bleed [one] thin" (quoted from the piece "Stubborn Inheritance").

In addition to provoking emotion, the collection consistently creates a complex and intentionally thought-provoking experience for readers. Through and through, "This Way to the Sugar" is a powerful and captivating read for all audiences.

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Photo Story: Willamette's Got Talent



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Top: Percy Lounge (pictured) and many other student performers competed for the votes of students and a prize. Bottom: The Funk Band won the \$240 prize for their groovy performance.

Restaurant review: Yummy Dumpling



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Whether it be the classic, a breakfast dumpling or the lunch special, you're in for a treat at Yummy Dumpling.

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Yummy Dumpling, the newest place to dine in Salem, has brought authentic dumplings to Salem and eliminated the dependence on sub-par microwave cuisine. It is located in the basement of the Reed Opera House and is most easily accessible through the doors on Liberty Street next to the hat shop, and straight down the stairs into the atrium area.

Oregon Crepe Café used to be in the same space not even a year ago and has already progressed to a larger establishment in Salem.

The set-up of the eatery brings to mind a food truck that has taken up a more permanent residence. The restaurant is owned by Jingrong and Jody Riggs, and has been open for a little over a month.

"My wife was working as a waitress at a Chinese restaurant, and would always get compliments on how good the dumplings were," Jody told us as we were eating. "We knew that the dumplings they served were frozen and reheated, and my wife makes the most delicious home-made dumplings." The couple saw that the space was available, and decided to go for it.

Riggs also told us that business has been very good since the opening. Their immediate success certainly follows from their friendly and quick service, and delicious dishes. Additionally, those who are especially mindful of what they eat will be delighted to hear that the meats and veggies served are non-GMO, and entirely free of additives, nitrates and MSG. Yummy Dumpling offers a variety of canned soft drinks as well as fruit smoothies to accompany their dishes.

For my meal, I ordered the pork dumplings and ramen. It only took about 15 minutes before we were

served, and Jody even let us know when the food was five minutes from completion. He recommended a mix of the spicy chili oil with dipping sauce, which was excellent. Eight dumplings are served on a bed of shredded cabbage and red onion, and are steamed to perfection. The ramen noodles come with a sliced hardboiled egg and some steamed carrots.

I would most definitely recommend trying any version of the dumplings, especially considering that they were the inspiration behind the opening of the Riggs' restaurant. Their regular dishes range from \$4 to \$7 dollars. If you can't get enough of the dumplings, you can order delicacy and specialty in advance from \$16 to \$19 dollars that come 20 to a package. You just have to steam them yourself at home.

While it is not technically a sit-down restaurant, there are several tables available for diners who wish to eat their food straight away. If you are in a rush, or cannot finish your meal, they have to-go containers available for use. The dumplings are so popular that they sometimes sell out before closing, so be sure to go get there early and maybe even try one of their breakfast dumplings.

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Be like a dog

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I was recently asked to share any advice I would give to incoming first-year students that I wished someone else had told me. After three years at this university, I am still far from a fountain of wisdom, but I know the exact advice I wished I had followed my first year at college. This will sound incredibly strange, but my biggest inspirations for the advice I try to follow are animals.

I am constantly amazed by (nonhuman) animals. They don't overthink, they just do. They act on their instincts and serve their purpose without questioning it. During times like this hellish end of spring semester, I catch myself feeling envious of them. I am constantly trying to fill my life with things that I feel "define" me.

Does an animal ever spend time wondering what its purpose is or where its niche is? Probably not. An animal is born and knows its purpose and goes after it. It's not very often you see a Labrador sitting by the millstream surrounded by deadlines, applications and calendars and contemplating every fiber of its existence. How lucky a dog is to not spend time worrying about personal definition.

I look back at all the time I waste stuck in my own brain, creating reflections of versions of myself that no one else is seeing. Nobody else sees you the way you see yourself. Most of the time, everyone has a much better opinion of you than you have of yourself since you are your own worst critic.

Two of the friends I did practically everything with last semester are abroad this semester, which left me anxious for what this semester held for me as far as friendships go. Whenever I spent time with people I wasn't as close to, negative thoughts kept peppering my brain with thoughts like "Oh no, they probably are wondering why the heck I'm here" or "they don't want me here."

But for probably 99 percent of the time that is not the case. People enjoy making new friends and if they invite you somewhere, it's because they want you there.

As I approach the bridge to my final chapter at Willamette, I've been in a slump over what defines me. I have probably spent more time in my life stressing over what defines me than actually just living my life. Some people know exactly what they want and have plans lined up. Others have award-winning interview skills and resumes. And still others possess attributes and extracurricular activities that easily define them.

I often wonder how someone I am close with would describe me to someone I had never met if I came up in conversation. Physical attributes can only go so far before you have to start describing personality, interests and involvements on or off campus to get a whole picture of someone. When I lamented on my lack of definition to a friend recently, she responded "That's the thing, you don't need definition."

Most of the time, people are too caught up in their own internal thoughts and insecurities to notice flaws in someone else. Don't get too trapped in your own mind that you miss out on college, and really your whole life experience.

It took me years to quit this overthinking habit and even now I still struggle with it, but I won't go back to the days of not going after what I want. I wish someone had told me my first year that I don't need one thing to define me and the majority of the scenarios you create in your mind never become reality.

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Keech's case for conscious consumerism



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Quality outdoor clothing is more than a fashion statement. It's made to endure harsh weather and adventures.

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Take a peek in your closet and think about the contents of it. What's in there and why? Is it by chance a few North Face jackets, two Columbia sweaters, and a couple Patagonia Nano Puff jackets or vests? If so, I really hope you intend to pass those down to your siblings or cousins or plan on selling them to a thrift shop or exchange down the road once you have grown out of them.

What would you rather buy, a brand new fleece jacket or one that was passed down from your father after hiking the Pacific Crest Trail and touring around Europe? For me, that choice is simple; I would

choose a good quality hand-me-down over a brand new, high-priced piece of outdoor clothing any day, for many reasons.

Secondhand clothes just feel better. They are all broken in already and fit nicely around your body shape. They have a certain warm scent to them that makes one wonder what kind of camping trips and long backpacking journeys they were brought along on. Even though you were not the one who broke that jacket in, owning and buying a used piece of clothing is one of the best things you can do on this lovely planet Earth.

Our ever-increasing need to purchase clothing has a detrimental impact on our environmental footprint. Yvon Chouinard, the

founder of Patagonia, was quoted in a recent documentary titled "Worn Wear", saying, "The most responsible thing you can do when buying clothes is to buy used clothes, the damage has already been done in making them."

Moving forward, my hope is that we will actually pause and think about the reasons we are buying such expensive outdoor clothing. Did you buy it in preparation for your next expedition to the summit of a mountain to be used for years to come on any of your following big adventures, or did you buy it because everyone else is wearing that brand right now and it's in style? The problem with clothes and trends is that most people are influenced by

what is hot and current today, and less thought is put into the purpose of an article of clothing and the work put into its creation.

Patagonia and other companies like it design and test their clothing for a purpose—to last against the harsh elements those using such gear would encounter. This gear is made to stand the test of time and be able to be worn for over 30 - 40 years after your initial purchase of such a product, which can then hopefully be passed down to your children. Chouinard also said, "We can't be a society that's based around consuming and disregarding endlessly."

While I am aware that we live in Oregon and it's cold here sometimes and these high-class brands make for very warm and comfy attire; they are more than a fashion statement in order to display their owner's outdoorsy-ness. Ironically enough, I own a Patagonia fleece and a Mountain Hardwear jacket, but only after deciding to limit myself to just what I need and focusing on the functionality behind the clothing.

In the future, when you are considering buying your next high priced Patagonia or North Face, think about what materials and energy went into making such a piece of clothing. Do you really need all that jacket has to offer, or do you already have another one just like it and just want one in every color to go with every outfit?



Henne

The trials of

NATHANIEL WALKER
GUEST WRITER

This week's featured story is a short, satirical prose piece by sophomore Nathaniel Walker. Walker, a music major, has been working on this story since his senior year of high school.

Leslie the hornet idly munched on some wood pulp. He wanted some stationery, but the hive collective would not let him take structural paper from the nest, so he was forced to make his own. The mundane excited him; he could find interest in how the young hornets flirted with each other, and he could concern himself with gossip gleaned from the farm animals. This was all Leslie was interested in anyway, and the politics of the nest were indeed better dealt with by the more responsible, righteous hive members.

Today, Leslie's niece, Beryl, was seen by the cow, Bertrand, with a hornet from the next farm over. Beryl's philandering was enough to entertain Leslie for the rest of the day. Exactly who was she with? Were they just a friend, or was

there something more? Leslie only cared about this matter; content, he continued to leisurely masticate the tree parts as rain turned the barnyard into a swamp.

Yes, this day was ideal — wretched, but ideal. It was an excuse to do nothing.

With some nice sheets and matching envelopes finished and drying, Leslie decided to visit the chicken coop. His good friend Honoria would surely have heard of Beryl's encounter, and could offer her own opinions on the matter.

"Honoria, darling, how are you?" he inquired.

"I'm drenched ... horrid day, isn't it?" she replied.

Leslie launched into the tattle. "I take it you heard of my niece and, what was it, Christopher? or Adrian? From the Gregson's farm? Yes, I thought you would have ... shocking, I know... yes, quite ... and so young, the two of them ... my thoughts exactly ... I'm glad you agree ..." so their exchange went.

Honoria was glad for this reprieve Leslie offered. His droll commentary entertained her — he

always provided the freshest and most enticing gossip. Here there was a lull in the conversation. Honoria couldn't hold back any longer.

"Would you like to see my cloaca?" she queried. "I just bleached it myself."

Leslie had heard of this feat (how he wished he could do the same) and squealed in delight. Honoria showed him. ("It's simply marvelous!" he exclaimed in reply). After about half an hour Leslie had to go, and so left Honoria alone in the chicken coop.

Honoria was undoubtedly the most promiscuous animal in the barnyard. To remain the hen fate of the barnyard, she needed to seduce Reginald, a strapping young cock-a-doodle she would certainly do. Today she plotted this seduction. She didn't want to rush the affair, but he was to leave for the slaughterhouse Tuesday and Honoria couldn't think of a better chance to bear his affections, and offspring, than this afternoon or the next.

It was still such a dreary day: Leslie had gone and Honoria had

lain upon her perch for hours, the rain coming down upon the chicken coop in an unrelenting roar.

Honoria had blanched her cloaca just days before. In fact, the skin beneath her feathers was still raw from the bleach she had happened upon. (The bleach had been left, neglected by the stable-boys, in a bucket — she was lucky not to have fallen in, and was pleased with the freshly plucked look. It was all the rage in the fancy mass production places, she knew.) All the better to please Reginald.

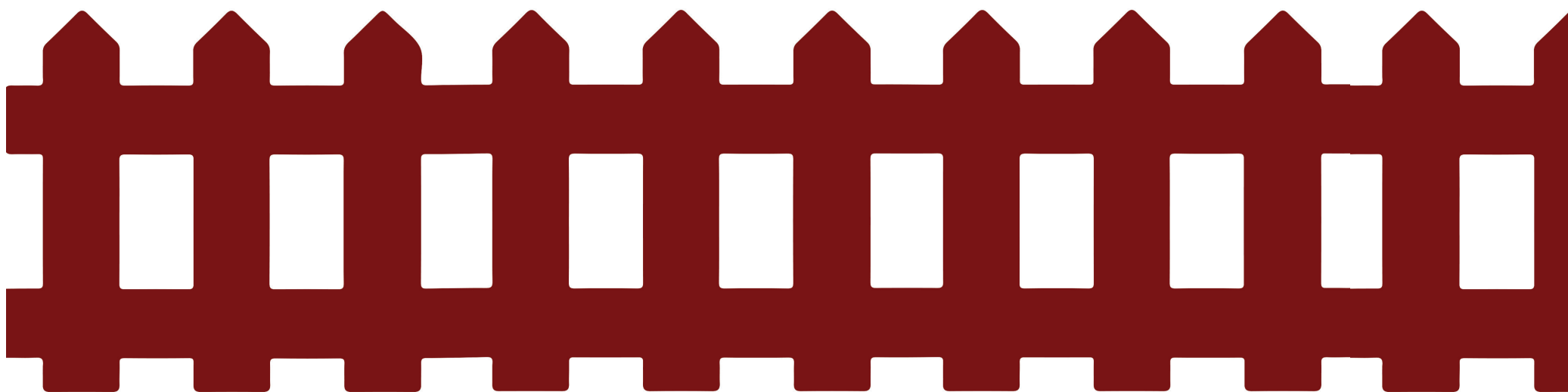
Honoria was weary of her love life. It was all well and good to be the best layer in the barn, but Honoria wanted something that would yield more satisfaction than a quick peck and cluck. She was a self-proclaimed sex addict, but it would be nice if she didn't have a new partner every other day. If only Reginald could stay past Tuesday. They had such chemistry — he, gullible, bird-brained, but well-endowed, and she, the cunning temptress into

whose clutches (and nest) he would soon fall.

But how would she lure him to her roost? Reginald was so naïve. He was not quite the ideal life partner; though his body was strong and well proportioned, his intellect left something to be desired. Honoria even wondered if the quality of eggs he would create in her could match her AA status. Nonetheless, Honoria still pondered ways to bring him to her hay perch. He did like grubs and worms. The weather, though, was awful. Honoria didn't like getting wet (at least from the rain), and she would not labour herself to find food for him.

Rain had caused another hen, Priscilla, to molt prematurely. Honoria recalled with a shudder. She would not sacrifice her plumage for a mere fling.

Honoria's nest was such that she had ample viewing of the dirt the other chickens scratched about in. She spotted Reggie — he looked so forlorn, soaked to the hollow bone. Perhaps a warm, dry wing to nestle in could pry him from his preoccupations? She knew if she deigned



fatale: of Honoria



to crook a well-manicured claw toward him, the timid male would be hers. Alas, the slut — was it Margot? or Martha? — had happened upon him at that moment. Honoria knew of the threat this other hen posed to her. How dare she toy with Honoria's property! Honoria's talons clenched convulsively, digging into the dirt. Something had to be done.

The slut's name was Mary, as Honoria soon discovered. Apparently, Mary flaunted herself as "virgin," each egg unfertilised and pure. She wasn't really a virgin though. That mistake had been her own immaculate calculation, according to the Clydesdale Charles and his stablemate Rolf.

Honoria decided she really just needed to kill Mary. That way, her position as top layer and dominatrix would be maintained, and her rank among the other animals would rise; they enjoyed violence and turf wars, thriving upon bloody strife and violence. Such horrors brought the animals closer together and unified them. It was Honoria's chance to assert herself and

maintain her position as the reigning fowl of Farmer George's dairy. She imagined herself, in years to come, with the reputation of, perhaps, Caligula, her empress of the sovereign grange.

Initially, Honoria considered hanging Mary with baling twine or drowning her in the pig's feed trough. But Honoria had a better idea: the bleach she had used on her cloaca was still in a bucket in the horse stables. And she had heard from the cow Bertrand of a crystalline pesticide in use by some of the the farmer George's friends at a neighbouring flax farm.

"Yes," thought Honoria, "that would be perfect."

She could mix the bleach and pesticide together, soak some beetles in the mixture, and then leave them in the corner of the barnyard where Mary met her conquests. If some other chicken happened to peck them up before Mary, all the better. At least Honoria would know it had worked ... and as long as she kept a supply of the poisoned beetles, the fowl pestilence would die eventually.

Honoria still had three days until Reginald was to depart and, as luck would have it, Charles and Rolf were heading into town to deliver some milk with Farmer George that day. They would go right by this farm — the two horses assured Honoria they would get some of the poison.

That evening the horses returned — their journey had been successful, and they had gotten the poison. Honoria was overjoyed, and Leslie came to watch her prepare the toxic beetles. These Honoria had lured into a pile of faeces and then suffocated — even in death, they remained plump and flavourful, and Honoria had initially regretted wasting them on Mary. Honoria's social status, though, was at risk, and the seduction of Reginald was of course more important. And so the pesticide was mixed with the bleach, and then the dead beetles soaked in the brine. After several hours, they were ready, and Honoria placed them in the muddy corner that Mary so often frequented.

Honoria woke the next morning to a sight she had not imagined: there were two bodies, not just one. Mary was dead, but so too was Reginald. This death came as a shock — she had, of course, wanted to keep Reginald alive. Reginald and Mary had died mid-coitus, and part of a beetle still hung from Reginald's beak. Their cold, lifeless feathers were soaked and matted — Honoria surmised that the two had discovered the beetles intended only for Mary and had been too asinine to wonder why such desirable treats had been left in plain view.

Honoria surprised herself here. She was, of course, disappointed that Reginald had died, their relationship unconsummated. But there would be countless more roosters to seduce in the years to come, and no more Mary to compete with; for that matter, no other hen would now dare to pose a threat to Honoria.

The other animals of Farmer George's grange awoke with a joie de vivre befitting the coronation of their unopposed empress; Siegfried, a jovial vulture, quickly roused, soon descended upon the dead chickens

(he had a strong stomach) and made quick work of the massacred bodies.

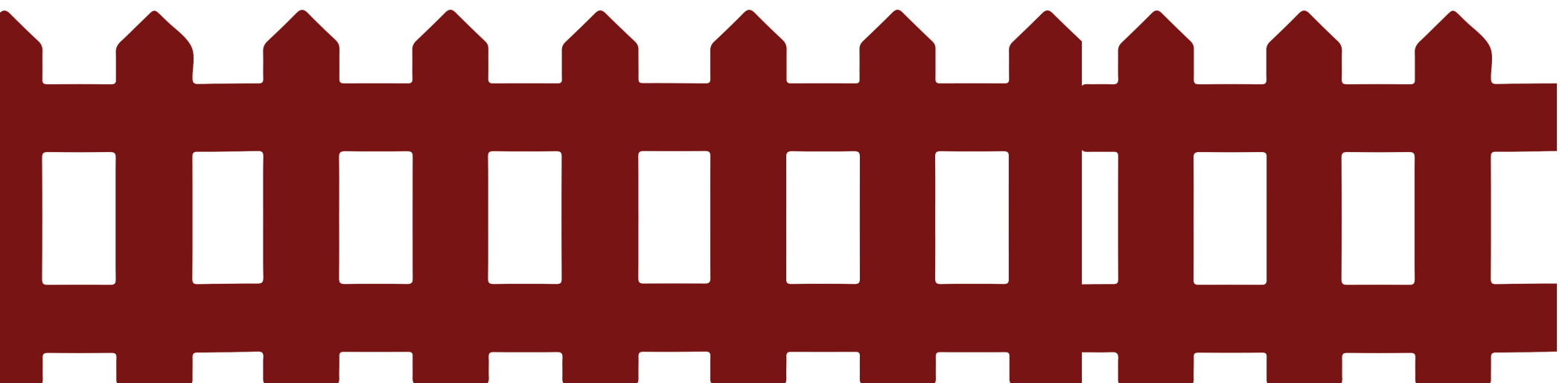
Honoria was gleeful. By mid-morning there remained only bones, and the skies began to clear. Honoria hopped into the still-shadowed yard and delicately pressed her neck feathers against a fence post that had been doused in a visiting fox's musk. She breathed in the scent of the predator and ventured out into the sun.

She had gained not only status among the animals but their respect too. They were pleased with her murderous plot, their thirsts for barbarity sated, and accepted her as ruler. She strutted proudly through the mud, righteous in her power. Her conquest was now not of a cock but of arable land. She had risen, out of ferocity, and achieved what she had lusted after — the prestige and status that she so deserved. She appeared so intrepid in stride that no stranger could guess at the darkness lurking in her black, greedy heart.

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Bearcat Spotlight



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Bearcat Spotlight interviews personalities, captains and talents from Willamette varsity and club sports. Learn about these athletes, and what they do when they're not at practice or playing for the Bearcats!

Up this week: Jett Gallagher, a sophomore baseball player from Santa Cruz California. Undeclared as of yet.

Mark: Celebrity Crush?

Jett: Jessica Alba.

Mark: What fictional character would you want to get drunk with?

Jett: I don't know, so many places to go with this question. Who would you pick?

Mark: Maybe Tarzan, I think it would be a good way to bond with him.

Jett: I'm gonna say Hagrid. He could drink forever too.

Mark: What's the best concert you've been to?

Jett: J. Cole.

Mark: What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?

Jett: Alligator guts.

Mark: How was it?

Jett: It was fried, so not that bad.

Mark: I guess if you fry most things.

Jett: Yeah, you could fry a stapler and it would taste good.

Mark: Was there an embarrassing phase you went through?

Jett: I only ate lasagna for breakfast, lunch and dinner for two years. It was when I was four to six and I never ate lasagna again until I was 15.

Mark: Overrated liquid?

Jett: After Shave-it does nothing.

Mark: Interesting. I use it, I don't know why.

Jett: Does it prevent itching?

Mark: Maybe? What's something you couldn't live without?

Jett: Street Tacos.

Mark: Best street tacos in Salem?

Jett: Ricky's Tacos.

Mark: If you could live anywhere on campus that wasn't a residence hall where would it be?

Jett: President Thorsett's office; has that been used before?

Mark: Actually no, that's a good answer.

Jett: I actually had chemistry with his daughter in high school.

Mark: Interesting.

Jett: Not that other kind of chemistry. We had class, I mean.

Mark: Is there a popular song you hate right now?

Jett: "Work" by Rihanna. "Anti" is my second favorite album of all time but that song is the only one people listen to and really overplayed.

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

Jett: Street tacos in some bread. No, just kidding. I would do Honey Dijon kettle chips, chicken nuggets from Goudy, and Sriracha.

Mark: If you could have a musician play the soundtrack to your life, who would it be?

Jett: My instinct is Kendrick Lamar, but I don't think I live as dramatic a life for that.

Mark: He would be very real about it.

Jett: I would just have to endure a lot more struggles to deserve him to play my life or at least have a good soundtrack

Mark: What would you name your hypothetical children?

Jett: Jettson, like Jett's son. Yeah, I've already thought about this next question.

Mark: Overalls or Jean Shorts?

Jett: Jorts.

Mark: What is your guilty pleasure?

Jett: Living very normally but whenever it becomes prevalent I will embrace the strongest nerdism for "Star Wars" and "Lord of the Rings".

Mark: If you could ride a giant version of an animal to school everyday, what would it be?

Jett: I think the Pillsbury Dough Boy from "Ghostbusters".

Mark: What question would you like to ask the person next week?

Jett: Referencing Drake's line from "Work", if I had a twin would you still choose me?

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Men's Tennis capture first conference win of the season

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Bearcats #1 singles player, senior Blake Brash, battled back from a 6-0 loss in the first set to win the match after taking two sets that went into tiebreakers. Willamette went on to win the #3 singles match after senior Sam Wexman came away with an easy victory, 6-2 and 6-4.

The last match set for 'Cats came by way of senior Colin Yamaguchi who won two nail-biting sets with scores of 6-4 and 7-5. The Bearcats could not mope over this loss, however, as they had matches against Pacific Lutheran the next day. WU's #1 and #2, singles players; Brash and Aaron Schechter, came away with close victories as Brash overcame the Lute's #1 player Noel Oteng-Mensah by scores of 6-4 and 7-5.

This victory against PLU brought the tennis team's record to 2-7 overall and 2-6 in the Northwest Conference. Each of the members has improved over the course of the year as Lund said, "I'm proud of the progress individuals on the team have made since starting out last fall to where they are now."

The Bearcats will head to Newberg, Ore. on Saturday to play George Fox University in a NWC matchup.

Meanwhile, the women's tennis team took a trip to the great state of Washington this weekend, taking on the UPS Loggers on Saturday and the Pacific Lutheran Lutes on Sunday, respectively. The first day, the Loggers got the best of the Bearcats, winning 6 matches to 3. WU was able to take

a doubles match as sophomore Katie Adams and freshman Allie DiPasquale combined efforts to win 8-5. This wasn't DiPasquale's only win of the day however, as she took her singles match by default with her opponent not being able to play compete. Sophomore Mikaila Smith also won her singles match handedly, sweeping both sets by identical scores of 6-2.

On Sunday against the Lutes, Smith was again victorious as she won her #1 singles match. The doubles duo of DiPasquale and Adams also got in the win column for the second day in a row, but it was not enough as the Lutes came out on top, 7-2.

Willamette will return to the friendly confines of the WU tennis courts next Saturday against NWC foe George Fox. First serve is set to begin at 11 a.m.

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Top: Seniors Blake Brash (left) and Samuel Wexman (right) both were victorious in their singles matches on Saturday. Left: Senior Aaron Schechter and Colin Yamaguchi won the deciding doubles match to get WU their first NWC victory. Right: Freshman Aaron Schechter prepares to deliver a serve against UPS.

Bearcats run through California competition

seven different Bearcats achieve personal records along the way

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The Willamette University men's and women's track and field teams were successful up and down the west coast last weekend. On Friday, eight Bearcat distance runners travelled to San Francisco to compete in the San Francisco State University Distance Carnival. The following day, the rest of the athletes were in McMinnville, Oregon, at the Jenn Boyman Memorial Invitational, hosted by Linfield College.

The San Francisco State University Distance Carnival is a prestigious event, and Willamette runners did not disappoint — seven runners achieved personal records.

Two of those personal records came in the women's 1500-meter run by junior Olivia Mancl and sophomore Hannah Swanson. Mancl ran a 4:30.85 to place sixth in the event, but moving up to third on Willamette's all-time list. The time

is best in the Northwest Conference this year, and second best in all of NCAA Division III. Swanson ran a 4:36.90 in the event, good for 27th place and 10th on the all-time Willamette list.

The women's 3000-meter steeplechase also saw two personal records from Bearcat runners. Senior Hannah Bressler registered a time of 10:52.58, good for 22nd place in the race, as well as fifth place on the all-time list. Junior Ami Boucher placed 28th in the same race with a time of 11:05.22, moving into 7th place on WU's all-time list.

Senior Taylor Ostrander ran a 37:00.02 in the women's 10000-meter run, beating her previous best in the event by over a minute. The time was good for fifth best in Willamette history.

In the men's 1500-meter run, sophomore Patrick Loftus finished in 4:00.75. The time was the fastest recorded time in the Northwest Conference so far in 2016. Senior

Yonny Castillo's time of 32:01.88 was the third best Northwest Conference time this year in the 10,000-meter run. The time was also 13th best across all NCAA Division III athletes this year.

Junior Maura Forbush had a big day at the Jenn Boyman Memorial Invitational, winning the women's 400-meter dash, finishing third in the women's 200-meter dash, and contributing to the Willamette victory in the women's 4x100-meter relay. In the 400-meter dash, Forbush's time of 57.59 was seventh best in Willamette history.

The women's 4x100-meter relay was run by Forbush, senior Carmela Roberts, sophomore Teneah Rushen and senior Kyle Johnson. The team finished in 49.05, edging Linfield College by 0.06.

Johnson achieved a personal record in the women's 400-meter dash as well — tenth best on Willamette's all time list and a fourth place finish in the event. Sopho-

more Jack Kobylka was second in the men's 1500-meter run. He ran the race in 4:003.41, breaking his previous personal record by over five seconds.

Senior Hans Lehndorff led the Bearcat throwers with second and third place finishes in the men's shot put and men's discus events, respectively. Lehndorff achieved a personal record in the shot put with a distance of 49' 4.5".

Other personal records on the day included freshman Keith Carlson, who ran the 3000-meter steeplechase in 9:59.37, freshman Alex Stacy who covered 16' 1.75" in the women's long jump, and senior Hunter Matthies who ran the men's 1500-meter run in 4:10.90.

The next time the Bearcats will be in action will be Friday, April 8 in Monmouth Oregon at the John Knight Twilight hosted by Western Oregon. Festivities will begin at 2:30 p.m.

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Left: Sophomore Patrick Loftus ran an NWC best 4:00.75 in the 1,500-meter, also a personal record. Right: Junior Olivia Mancl finished at 4:30.85, moving her into third place on WU's all-time list.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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MEN'S GOLF

The men's golf team travelled to California early last week to compete in the West Cup, which is hosted by the University of La Verne. The Bearcats finished in fifth place after shooting a 905 for the three-round tournament. Willamette's fifth place was the best finish among all Northwest Conference schools that participated in the tournament, which were Whitworth University, Linfield College and Whitman College. Junior Clark Wilson tied for eighth individually to lead the Bearcats. Wilson shot a 69 in the first round, 74 in the second and 81 in the final round.

SOFTBALL

Willamette's softball team played eight Northwest Conference games last week. They played two double headers against #24 nationally ranked Whitworth University on Monday and Tuesday and two double headers against Lewis & Clark

College on Saturday and Sunday.

On Monday, WU won the first game in extra-innings, 4-3, while Whitworth took the second game 1-0. On Tuesday, the Bearcats and Pirates again split games, with Willamette winning the first 2-1 and Whitworth taking the second 5-2. In the first contest, junior Mallory Asaro blasted a homerun in the seventh inning to tie the game at 1-1 before sophomore Carrie Fox hit an infield single to drive in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning. On Saturday, Lewis & Clark took the first game 8-5, but Willamette bounced back and won the second game 3-1. Lewis & Clark took both games from the Bearcats on Sunday, by scores of 2-0 and 9-1.

BASEBALL

On Tuesday, the baseball team played a non-conference game against Corban University. The Bearcats won 6-5. On Saturday the Bearcats swept a double header against Pacific University. The Bearcats won the first game 8-6 and the sec-

ond 12-4. Sophomore Perry Van Eckhardt blasted a homerun in each game and freshman Connor Bailey went five-for-five in the second game to help lead the Bearcats. On Sunday, the Boxers got revenge and edged Willamette 12-10. Sophomore Eric del Prado and Connor Bailey each had three hits and an RBI, but the five errors committed by Willamette proved too costly for the Bearcats.

TENNIS

The men's tennis team started their week by facing Spokane Community College on Thursday. The Bearcats swept all six singles matches and all three doubles matches to win 9-0.

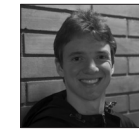
The Bearcats got their second win of the season on Sunday as they defeated Pacific Lutheran, 5-4. Blake Brash and Colin Yamaguchi again got wins at #1 and #4 singles respectively. Picking up wins in singles this match were freshman Aaron Schechter at #2 singles and junior Douglas Hochmuth at #5 singles. Schechter and Yamaguchi picked up Willamette's lone doubles win.

TRACK AND FIELD

The women's team also started their week on Thursday against Spokane Community College, picking up their first non-conference win of the season by score of 7-2. The Bearcats won five of the six singles matches. Sophomore Mikaila Smith won at #1, freshman Hannah Andres at #2, first year Alexis Gjurasic at #3, sophomore Katie Adams at #5 and freshman Allie DiPasquale at #6 by forfeit.

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Tale of two titans



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Timing, especially in sports, is something that plays a very significant role in how we perceive athletes and teams historically. Almost any nuanced argument involving the concept of "all time" needs to take into account the relative quality of a league at one point to the relative quality of another. When talking about the Golden State Warriors, Internet comment sections generally believe physicality, which was a major component of 'old-school' basketball, is a part of the game the Warriors no longer have to deal with. Rules and eras certainly matter, but to dismiss the accomplishment of teams in this era simply because of physicality is rash. The things that contribute to great basketball are universal, and should translate no matter what.

Success also has a lot to do with timing. There have been weak and strong periods in the NBA, but most hoop aficionados would agree that in terms of general league quality, this is one of the best in history.

Dominant teams, as an extension, are usually considered measuring sticks for others accomplishments in a given time. Typically, there are one or two teams that stand above over the course of a decade, but rarely are they at the peak of their respective powers in the same season. That's what makes 2015-2016 so incredible. Not only do we have two of these teams, but two in the same conference. As of the weekend, the Warriors sat at 68-8, fifteen and a half games ahead of every team besides the Spurs, who are at 64-12.

Any other season the Warriors would have locked up the first seed many games ago, but with two matchups remaining between these teams in the last six games it's possible that the Warriors might not even clinch the number one seed. Both teams sport historic point differentials, home records (even with Golden State's recent loss) and both offensive and defensive numbers. Despite their stylistic differences, they both embody team basketball in its purest form.

Obviously they have tremendous individuals amongst them as well. Stephen Curry may set the single season record for Player Efficiency Rating. Klay Thompson is probably the best two way shooting guard in the league at this point. Draymond Green is the epitome of a fiery do-it-all player. The Spurs maintained their ageless core of Tim Duncan (leading the league in defensive win shares at 39), Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker. Kawhi Leonard is probably the best perimeter defender since Scottie Pippen. Not to mention they added an all-star power forward in his prime this off-season by the name of LaMarcus Aldridge.

Only one team can go to the finals, however, and who that will inevitably be is difficult to say. You can't take much from their previous two meetings. The first was a 30-point blowout by Golden State that got out of hand quickly. The second featured a dilapidated Warriors' missing three of their key players, and coming off of six games in nine nights.

Late season meetings will prove interesting, as the Spurs are still playing for something. As stated earlier, they could still steal the one seed if everything breaks right. That home court proves to be the slightest of edges in a series that, barring injury, would almost certainly go seven games.

It's becoming cliché when discussing this potential Western Conference finals matchup to say that the fans are the real winners, and this is true in every sense. We may not just be witnessing one of the best playoff series ever, but one that we may never see again.

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Campus change: Test optional admissions



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Willamette has recently made a significant shift in admissions policy. Following an increasingly popular trend in higher education, the decision to no longer require admissions tests such as the SAT and ACT has implications for the role of socio-economics in university admissions.

For once, I'm not going to argue that the University has made a shitty decision with shady motivations (though I certainly do not dismiss the possibility that other considerations came into play here). After funneling through bureaucracy, the decision met a unanimous vote of approval from the Academic Council. We are not alone in this shift. The official University article announcing the change writes that 45 out of the 100 top-ranked liberal arts colleges have moved toward test-optional policies.

When drawing upon our vague memories of high school, we often re-live the anxieties about achieving an adequate score to meet the averages we looked up 20 times on college ranking lists.

Imagine that struggle without the privilege or middle or upper class resources. Imagine hardly being able to afford an SAT book, much less SAT boot camp. Al-

though a number of students from various marginalized backgrounds are able to achieve good scores, educational violence is inequitably distributed, leaving less help available to those born into the wrong school district. Meanwhile, our more affluent peers meet with private tutors and counselors weekly to drill themselves on the path to a higher education. While this plan is not the linchpin in unequal access to colleges, removing one barrier is a notable step after years of stagnation.

In order to close the achievement gap, it is necessary to eliminate measures of "aptitude" that gauge a student's ability to conform to expectations. According to educational research conducted over many years, a holistic review, focused more on prior achievements and writing samples, is as effective in predicting success of students prior to arrival, if not better, than the SAT. If we can already do what it's supposed to do without it, then why do we need it?

Beyond the classist nature of standardized test culture, the exams themselves fail to account for all possible types of success students might achieve in their college careers.

There is not one ACT section to measure exceptional singing ability, acting prowess, or an extraordinary eye for visual arts. Test culture is capitalist culture. Our most

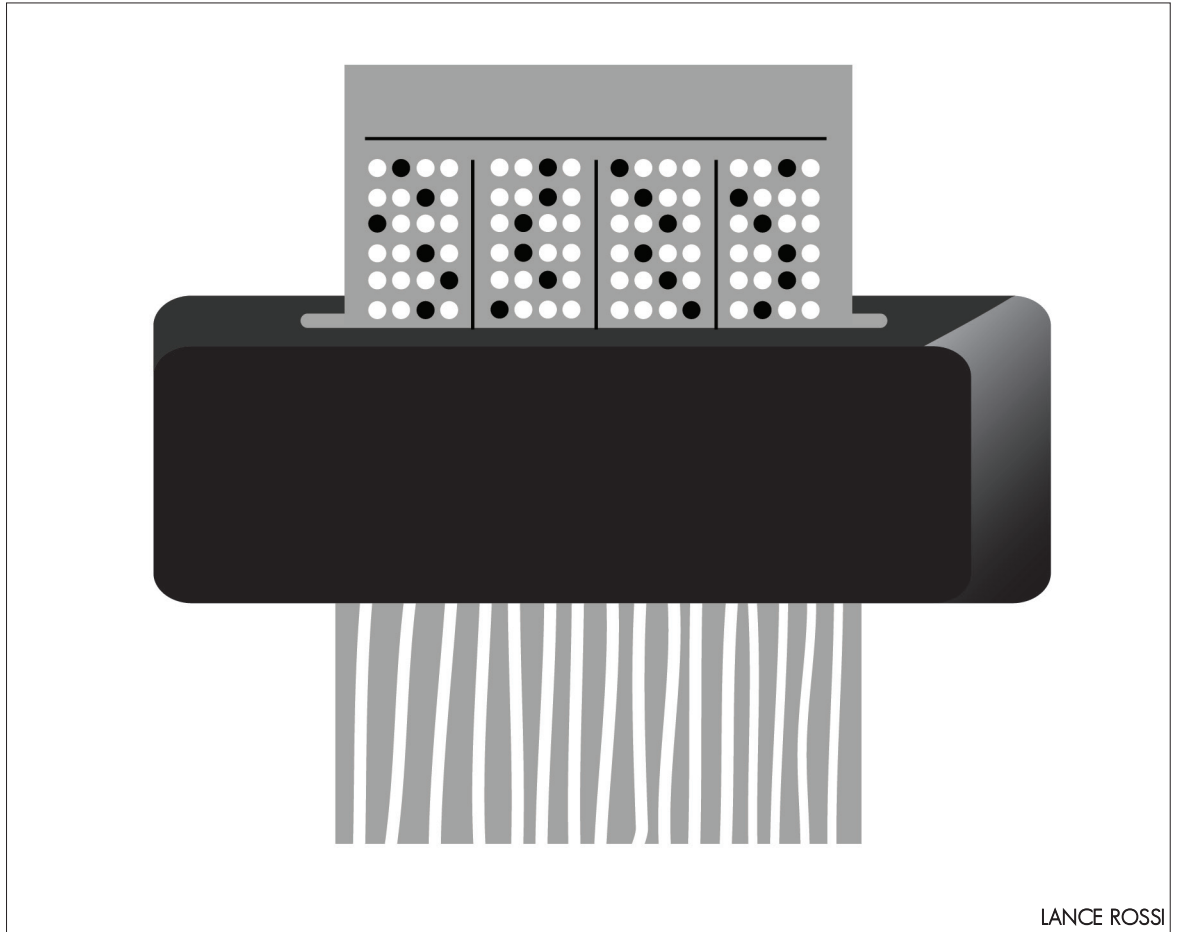
frequently heard demands are to follow instructions and produce, and those who cannot meet the normative measure of supposed intelligence are left behind. A student who worked extremely hard or who was accomplished in other ways can have their oppor-

tunities hindered by their inability to perform well on a single test composed of arbitrary and often esoteric questions.

I've said before that this University needs to be a leader or at least keep pace with progress made by our peers. This decision

may be a valuable move for a genuine improvement on our state of campus diversity.

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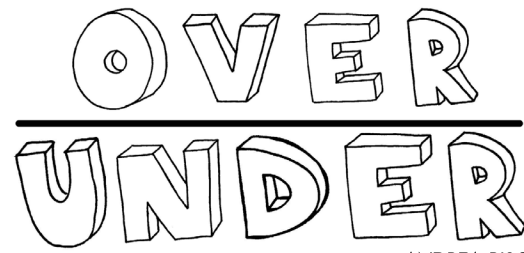
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The *Collegian* sits down with copy editor Klaudia Maciag for a conversation about things that are overrated, things that are underrated and how super superhero movies are.

Take-out food

Klaudia: Like all take-out food?

The *Collegian*: Yeah, just having the ability to take food out of a restaurant.

Klaudia: Underrated. I love left-overs. It's just a waste of food otherwise, and you can reuse the containers.

Tabloids

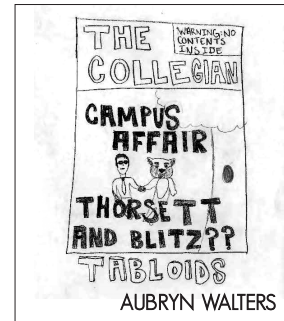
Klaudia: Overrated because a lot of things in there are not true, and they give journalism a bad name.

The *Collegian*: What about the entertainment aspect though? They exist to entertain the lowest common denominator.

Klaudia: For entertainment purposes, I guess that's ok. But what if that was you?

The *Collegian*: That's true. Do you have a specific tabloid in mind that you particularly despise?

Klaudia: Yeah, those one's aimed for younger



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kids. They tell younger girls to read us, love us. It's weird. Read a newspaper instead.

College

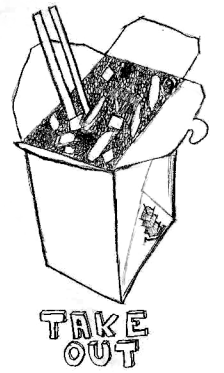
Klaudia: Overrated.

The *Collegian*: Yeah? What would you be doing besides college?

Klaudia: Travelling, because everyone is always saying they want to travel but they have to go to college. People think they have to go to college if they want to get somewhere in life, but that isn't true. I don't have to go to college. I could be a monk.

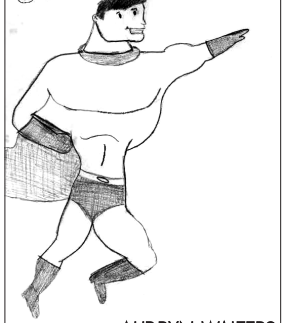
The *Collegian*: You would probably have better finances as a monk.

Klaudia: Yeah, monks go to beg for food and stuff, and people give it to them. If college students beg, people tell them to go back to class.



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SUPERHERO FILMS



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Superhero films

Klaudia: I like superheroes, but I think they're overrated because it's always the same thing over and over and over again. I think it's dumb to continue to make movies about the same superheroes. It's like with Cinderella.

The *Collegian*: But kids eat that crap up.

Klaudia: I eat that crap up! But it's still really dumb. If there's one good one, then they should stop. Leave it at that.

The joy of regulatory agencies

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Most things which occur in this country have some sort of regulatory agency overseeing them. For example, telemarketing is regulated by different agencies depending on whether it's a mobile phone or landline being called. This column will be a brief overview of who to complain to when things go wrong at Willamette University. I am not encouraging you to call the fuzz on the school. Rather, I am providing you with the information, should you wish to do so.

First, state agencies relating to health care. You would most likely be dealing with the Oregon State Board of Nursing for medical services and, for psychological services, with the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners or the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. Check your provider's degree to see which board you should complain to.

You are entitled to report conduct which you find unprofessional or suspicious. The system works, too. The school's former Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner was investigated by the board. I

quote the Stipulated Order for Probation below:

"During the course of the investigation, information was obtained which identified areas of Licensee's practice of prescribing medications, including opiates and medications for health conditions outside of a patient's mental health care needs, which deviated from Licensee's scope of practice as a PMHNP.

"Additionally, a review of Licensee's medical records and prescribing history over an extended period of time identified a pattern of prescribing which raised cause for concern related to Licensee's prescribing of Benzodiazepines and Stimulant medications to multiple patients. These concerns included but were not limited to; Licensee's prescribing practices included prescribing multiple prescriptions of potentially addictive substances to patients with dual diagnoses of Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health diagnoses without adequate screening, diagnostic testing completed and/or documented for contraindications in prescribing these medications. Licensee also failed to provide evidence of regular urine drug screens, controlled substance contracts or documentation of col-

laboration with multidisciplinary members of the health care team."

The most obvious governmental regulations dealing with education would be Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1984, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All are administered by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), a subagency of the United States Department of Education.

Colleges which receive federal monies, such as this University, must abide by the above federal civil rights laws. These laws are lengthy and somewhat boring. Suffice it to say that, should you wish to acquaint yourself with the law as it regards to Title IX enforcement on college campuses, it might be useful to read the Dear Colleague Letter from April 4th, 2011 sent by the OCR to colleges. The OCR also has guidance regarding Section 504 of the ADA, which deals with college campuses.

Finally, if you are a school employee, then you are entitled to the protections afforded employees under both state and federal law. This area of jurisprudence is so vast as to be impossible to summarize in the space left in this column. Suffice it to say that you may not be fired for a disability unless it both affects

your work performance and cannot reasonably be accommodated by the employer without causing undue burden. This bit of law is nicely summarized in the 1999 Court of Appeals of Oregon case *Holmes v. Willamette University*.

It is also worth mentioning that, as of the last time I checked, Willamette does not have a process for disputing items on student bills other than talking to the head of the department which billed you. Should this prove as pointless as it seems on its face, it is surprisingly easy to file a small claims case. The Marion County Circuit Courthouse is conveniently located a few blocks away should you have any questions.

I am not telling you to sue the University. I am not telling you to complain to government agencies. I am certainly not telling you to organize a class action medical malpractice suit against the University. Don't do that. I am explicitly telling you that I do not advocate you doing these things. Simon David Orr, in no way, is telling you to appeal to higher authorities when you are unable to resolve matters internally using the school's process. Don't. Sue. The. School.

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Guamanians can't vote but we can

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While I greatly sympathize as well as empathize with laziness, our right to vote is less of a right and more of a privilege in that not everyone who deserves this right actually has it. This is especially concerning as this election may be one of the most important one of our lives, seeing as how we will all soon be entering the working world if our plans on winning the lottery fall through.

To understand just how significant our votes are, you don't need to think about the costly campaigns or even that really crappy movie "Swing Vote." There are plenty of people who want to vote in our upcoming election but can't, and while many of them are citizens who can't obtain ID cards in certain states, a large portion of these people are from U.S. territories such as Guam.

Make no mistake, people born in Guam are U.S. citizens and many fight for the U.S. in the military. In fact, Guam has three times more military service per capita than the rest of the U.S., yet they cannot vote for the president who helps to decide the wars they will be deployed to.

According to the U.S. census, one out of 20 Guam residents is a military veteran, and this number is likely more as many believe that the census is inaccurate and downplaying Guam's actual circumstances, which are pretty terrible. In fact, Michael Bevacqua, a professor at the University of Guam, believes that the main reason why so many Guamanians join the military is not out of devout patriotism or insatiable bloodlust, but rather because the military is the best thing out there in Guam. The military is shiny and offers opportunity, even if many leave with PTSD, and yet, Guamanians have almost no control on who pulls the strings.

Even Guam's own House of Representative delegates cannot vote, and when a delegate is more of a formality than an actual participant in democracy, then you can understand why Guam's needs and pleas have received little recognition politically. For example, although many Guamanians suffer from PTSD, Guam has some of the worst mental health facilities, and the closest one that's somewhat decent is 3,000 miles away in Hawaii. Yet, despite this, Guam's mental health care services suffered cuts two years in a row.

Let me be clear, this article isn't about Guam's misfortune, which is almost identical to other U.S. territories such as America Samoa and Puerto Rico, but rather, this article is to put in perspective the incredible luxury of having an actual say in the matter. So on Nov. 8, if you're thinking about staying at home and sleeping in, consider this: on this day, if you cast your vote, you arguably have more political power than a House of Representatives delegate. And if that power surge doesn't get you motivated, then you should go back to bed because if you're going to be that unattentive to the world around you, then you might as well go all the way.

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NBA drama: Misogyny of Internet millennials



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This past week has been quite a whirlwind in the gutters of entertainment drama, specifically with certain players of the NBA. Turns out everything is as bad as we imagine or possibly worse, as I realize that most of the people I find myself disgusted with are in the same age range as myself. For those who do not spend time in the social media sewers like myself, I'll give a little context.

This past week, rising R&B artist Kehlani (shout out to the Bay Area) was seen in an Instagram photo with Canadian rapper Party Next Door with a caption suggesting they were romantically involved.

Apparently Kehlani was thought to be in a relationship with NBA star Kyrie Irving of the Cleveland Cavaliers when this happened. Of course, this was accompanied by nasty accusations of cheating and attacks on Kehlani's character, many of which were directed at her music since she apparently often sings about being screwed over.

Followed by what were supposedly many million posts more about Kehlani, presumably attacking everything about the 20-year-old singer, news emerged early the next day that the musician had been hospitalized. She had deleted her Instagram briefly before posting a photo at the hospital with an IV tube in her arm while also claiming that she and Kyrie had broken up and she did not cheat. Irving later confirms this, but this did not stop many people who accused her of doing it for attention, most notably a man with a not-so-great track record himself, Chris Brown.

Everyone jumped the gun and then realized how terrible they all were. Again, not surprising. And, sure, there were plenty of people



who defended her and taught some common sense to Chris Brown, but it all gets even better (and by that I mean worse) with the Internet's next big crisis.

In the same week, another sports-entertainment crossover fiasco unfolded when D'Angelo Russell of the Los Angeles Lakers leaked a video of Nick Young (also a player on the Lakers) that suggested he cheated on his fiancé, Iggy Azalea, with a 19-year-old.

Iggy shared on Twitter her appreciation for the video, and I expected Young to receive the same treatment as Kehlani, as he had actually admitted to wrongdoing. Instead, I found the Internet exploding on D'Angelo Russell, as many condemned him for leaking a video of information that was told to him in secret. Now, everyone thinks he's a "snitch."

I initially thought people weren't serious. Unlike the whole Kehlani ordeal, we may have an actual cheater, and yet, we're going after the teammate who leaked the information because of a supposed "bro-code," an unstated agreement, between teammates on a sports team? I didn't believe it until the videos were coming out showing Lakers fans booing Russell and shouting "snitch" at him.

I realize this may (weirdly) be an unpopular opinion, but I am disgusted by all of us, including by how much I followed this whole thing.

There is bliss to ignorance about stuff like this, which maybe is why I stick to my economics and geopolitics. Reading about this is tolling, especially knowing that there is little that can be done. I am appalled by some

of our reactions, but sadly not surprised.

The fact that I have argued with many people in person that defend the anger directed at Russell doesn't surprise me. We still support a culture that harasses a woman based on vague suspicion, yet, when there's wrongdoing done to a woman's relationships, we instead punish the messenger. We're telling people who deviate from this culture that it is wrong to break "bro-code" and that you will be punished for it.

Until we can grapple with the fact that a culture we love so much is promoting a double standard, we won't be able to deal with the fact that we conveniently forget how terrible people can be sometimes.

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Humans of Willamette

What is your favorite smell?



Thao Tran
Sophomore
Economics
El Dorado Hills, California

"I love the smell of coconut candles, but also I'm one of those weird people that loves the smell of gasoline. Right, that's a thing? I totally love the smell. And fresh linen. But not like the candle fresh linen. I love smelling my laundry right when it comes out of the laundry machine."



Edna Du
Senior
Politics
Fremont, California

"My favorite smell is barbecue sauce. Like a sweet onion barbecue sauce. Hint of paprika. I just want to eat everything, you could put it on this cup right here and I'd eat it. If I had a beard, I'd want it to always smell like barbecue sauce."



Daphne Jacobsen
Sophomore
Math
Seattle, Washington

"You know how it rained the other day, after it being hot for a long time? And it was warm rain, it was so nice. That's not my favorite smell though. I think it's my puppy's paws... They kind of smell like Fritos. It's like the association that I'm probably on the ground with her in that moment too. But I think all dogs' paws, if they're clean, smell like Fritos. Gotta investigate it. Life tips from Mama Daphne."



Ethan Coffey
Senior
Economics
Lynnwood, Washington

"A burger cooking. It's my favorite food, and also it reminds me of summer and baseball and my family and all good things. Hopefully followed by grass being cut. Fresh cut grass is also a great smell."

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Help flood the Internet with love
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Last year on Valentine's Day, Tani Ikeda and fellow women of color activists launched #SurvivorLoveLetter, a campaign that encourages survivors of sexual assault to write themselves love letters and publicly celebrate their lives and their survivorship. Although this project was centered around Valentine's Day, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center and Tumblr are gathering uplifting letters of love for survivors during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Help add to this growing collection of #SurvivorLoveLetters on tumblr and flood the internet on Friday, April 22 with letters of support, love, encouragement, and empowerment for survivors of sexual assault.

How to get involved:

Write a declaration of self-love or honor a survivor in your life. Post a picture of your love letter at survivorloveletter.tumblr.com by April 22nd.

Join SARA at Goudy! SARA will be tabling at Goudy on April 13th and on April 18th-April 21st with letter-writing material.

Drop your letter in a #SurvivorLoveLetter box either at the library, Bishop, or the mail center from April 11th-April 21st. All letters collected by SARA will be uploaded on #SurvivorLoveLetter Tumblr page on April 22nd.

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