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As much as I could spend every moment of my 103 days studying abroad exclusively in Prague, it is amazing to have the mobility to visit other European countries every weekend.

Studying in the Czech Republic puts me a three hour bus ride from Vienna, an hour plane ride from Paris and a two hour tram ride from Slovakia. After spending my first three weekends in Germany, Belgium and Poland respectively, I've accumulated

some tricks for efficiently planning weekend travel in Europe.

1 Plan out your dates of intended travel before you get to your program by basing them on your finals and midterms schedule.

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NEWS

'Late Night' numbers drop Senators reject strategic plan

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At the ASWU meeting on Thursday, Oct. 9, senators and executives discussed Late Night Eats, a weekly program on Wednesdays in Cat Cavern from 8-11 p.m.

According to ASWU President Andrés Oswill, Late Night Eats Director Yulya Yakubovsky expressed concern about the amount of students attending the event, and said that the program made approximately \$300 on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

"She experienced low turnout at yesterday's event and spent a lot of time talking to students about why they weren't attending," Oswill said. "Her sense was that numbers are dwindling because people can't afford to spend cash every week."

Chris Linn, director of Bon Appétit at Willamette, suggested making Late Night Eats more special by not having it as often. ASWU senate spent a few minutes debating the pros and cons of this option.

"My concern is that people would forget about it entirely if it was biweekly," junior ASWU senator Teo Ekstrom said.

During senator reports at the same meeting, Ekstrom asked if ASWU could inform University President Stephen Thorsett of the

senate's collective disapproval of his plan to make all Willamette students live on campus for three years.

"We could put out, hey, just so you know, nobody wants you to do this," Ekstrom said.

At an ASWU meeting last year, Thorsett presented a plan that would extend the number of years that students must live on campus. He explained the reasoning behind this plan and its successes at schools like Harvard University.

ASWU senators agreed that it could be worthwhile to invite him back to a senate meeting for those who did not get to hear his plan. Senators decided that they might advertise the visit so that any Willamette student could attend that specific meeting.

At the meeting, Oswill asked if any senators would be interested in assisting in the drafting of a proposal that would suggest a week-long Thanksgiving break for Willamette students. He said that Associate Dean of Campus Life Jackie Balzer thought that a proposal for a weeklong break would be more successful if it was data driven.

"She had some information on what would be persuasive concerning why it's not worth going [to classes that week] at all," Oswill said.

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NEWS

'A huge problem'

WARNING: This article contains statistics about power-based violence and sexual assault.

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The number of forcible sexual offenses reported to University sources jumped to 20 in calendar year 2013, up from 13 last year, according to federally-mandated security data published Oct. 1.

University officials said the rate of incidents of rape and sexual harassment had stayed flat, but that the increase meant a growing number of survivors were accessing adjudicative procedures and other resources.

The Oct. 1 report is mandated by the Clery Act,

which requires institutions of higher learning to publish crime and fire safety statistics annually.

An additional three cases of sexual assault were disclosed to confidential resources, like Sexual Assault Response Allies. They were referenced in the Clery report but not included in the final tally.

Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout said the data did not accurately capture the number of cases of gender-based violence occurring at Willamette, but that the rise in reports was encouraging.

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LIFESTYLES

'Gone Girl' turns matrimony on its head

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Twisted does not even begin to describe human nature. If Hollywood is an accurate barometer of our culture, we're beyond fucked up.

"Gone Girl" opens with a question: What do you feel when you look into your lover's eyes? The narrator considers the answer a universal truth: We want to bash their head open and unravel the secrets of their brain—at least that's what I took away from the premise.

I went into "Gone Girl" with only the

knowledge that David Fincher directed the blockbuster and Ben Affleck, the young blood Batman, stars in it. I didn't read the book by Gillian Flynn or the movie reviews; I just hoped "Girl" would fare better than Fincher's paltry Americanized version of "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Fortunately, the director has delivered another dark, twisted, messy human look at America in the same vein as "Fight Club." The target of 2014: media and marriage.

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Gillian Flynn's popular book, 'Gone Girl,' is transformed into a blockbuster that questions both media and marriage.



Math dept. builds global project

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People who visit the second floor of Ford Hall are likely to find an unusual sight: hundreds of small cubes built out of business cards are sitting on a table in the middle of the hall.

The cubes are part of the global MegaMenger project. Along with 19 other locations around the world, Willamette University is part of the project to build a giant Menger sponge out of more than one million business cards.

Menger sponges are fractals. A good example of fractals that can be found in nature is snowflakes. If you look at a fraction of a snowflake, it



Anyone can help build the fractal cubes on the second floor of Ford Hall.

looks like the whole snowflake itself.

"You have a cube, and you build a larger cube from 20 copies of the smaller cube," said Josh Laison, associate professor of mathematics and department chair of mathematics, who initiated the project at Willamette.

The smallest cubes are made out of six business cards. Twenty of these cubes are then put together to form one bigger, "level one" cube. Twenty level one cubes make a level two cube, and 20 of those make a level three. MegaMenger's goal is to have each of the 20 sites build a level three cube by Oct. 26.

Willamette's level three cube will be built out of almost 50,000 business cards. Professors, the Office of Admissions and Select Impressions, a local printshop, donated many of the business cards.

As of Oct. 11, 79 out of the 400 level one cubes that are needed to build the level three cube are finished and being stored in Laison's office.

The MegaMenger project is not limited to the math department, and Laison said he wants to include the entire Willamette community.

"Our hope is that as people learn about the project, they can get excited about it as something that we do as a community," senior math major David Livingston said. "People think that math is less creative, but we're building this really cool thing."

The Math club is planning to host a cube building party on the final



Math professor Josh Laison holds one of many fractal cubes that have been built.

weekend of the project.

"It's been a good bonding experience within the math department," Math club President Breanne Zeleznak said.

For now, it is unclear what will happen to the cube after the project is finished.

"I think the math hearth could use a little more decoration," Laison said. "People have said that we need something to make it a little more homey, so I think maybe a giant, five-foot Menger sponge might be just the thing."

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Study shows better reporting

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"Two-thirds of women are affected by sexual harassment or sexual assault during their four years in college, but the number that we actually report is very small," Stout said. "So we want people to know this, that this is a huge problem."

The University also recorded five incidents of dating violence and six cases of stalking, two new reporting categories that will become standard for the Clery Act next year.

A Nationwide Issue

According to a 2007 Department of Justice study, fewer than five percent of students disclose sexual assault to official sources—like Willamette's Office of Campus Safety.

University spokesman Adam Torgerson said that the school looks at two anonymous, across-campus surveys for information regarding the rate of sexual penetration without consent occurring at Willamette.

"The incidents have stayed flat, unfortunately," Torgerson said. "We know that from the big surveys. But the number of reports has gone up, [and] that means people feel more comfortable reporting. And that's the first step."

Eight percent of female students reported experiencing an attempted or completed rape, according to a campus life survey conducted by the President's Working Group on Sexual Assault and Harassment in October of 2013.

If the poll had taken place this year, that percentage would equate to roughly 114 of Willamette's 1,422 full- and part-time

who made up 0.5 percent of respondents, had the highest rate of attempted or completed rape; 40 percent of transgender students at Willamette reported surviving sexual penetration without consent.

Senior ASWU senator Jerome Sader—who served as a student representative on the Working Group as a junior—said while the data was incomplete, the rise in

cur on, near or adjacent to University property.

Willamette's reporting area includes Zena Farm and McCulloch Stadium, (as well as the entirety of Bush Park), but extends only onto the adjacent street and the sidewalk on its opposite side for most campus properties.

"Clery shows calendar [year] stuff that happens on or very near campus. But things can happen when you're out on study abroad at a conference, and [Clery] won't capture those," Torgerson said.

At the same time, Clery Act data only shows that a Title IX report has been filed, without indicating what further steps were taken by the survivor, or administrators.

Stout said students should be aware of the many reasons why survivors of sexual violence choose not to report to an official source.

"People don't report because of the stigma of reporting, the fear of reporting, the guilt of reporting, the embarrassment of reporting," Stout said.

"But if someone were to read the report and think that there were only 20 students, in an entire calendar year, who were sexually assaulted—they would be grossly wrong."

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Director of Campus Safety

female students, including the College of Law and the Atkinson Graduate School of Management.

The majority of those respondents said they survived completed rape, not attempted.

One percent of men at Willamette reported experiencing a completed or attempted act of non-consensual sex. That percentage would translate to about twelve male students based on 2014 enrollments.

Transgender students,

reports didn't suggest an increase in incidents.

"There were absolutely more than 13 or 14 cases of sexual assault last year," Sader said, referring to the Clery data for 2012. "Those numbers don't tell you how many sexual assaults happened. They tell us how many were reported."

Gaps in Clery data

Stout, the campus safety director, said Clery Act data only accounts for criminal incidents that oc-

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

October 11, 4:05 a.m. (Atkinson Annex): An officer discovered an emergency phone light lying on the ground. The light had been removed from its bracket and was found in the planter nearby. A work order was submitted to repair the light.

POLICY VIOLATION

October 7, 4:00 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): A student received their 21st parking citation, their third this school year. A report was forwarded to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

October 10, 9:13 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Campus Safety received a report of the smell of marijuana. The officers arrived on scene and located the origin of the odor. After several attempts, the officers made contact with the residents of the room. After a brief conversation with the students, two containers with marijuana were handed over to the officers.

October 11, 2:57 a.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): Campus Safety received reports that someone was on the fire escape of the building. One report stated that they heard vomiting as well. The officers observed an individual hanging out of a window. The officers entered the building and encountered a strong smell of marijuana. The officers made contact with the residents, who admitted to smoking marijuana. One of the students also admitted to drinking earlier that night.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

October 11, 2:15 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A student reported that someone had entered their room while they were sleeping. The student had gone back to their room to take a nap, and when they awoke, their roommate's bed had been raised. The student reported that the bed was definitely much lower before they took their nap. The student stated that a work order had been placed to raise the bed, but no sign was put on the door, and the student was not woken while the work was being done. Campus Safety contacted the on-call maintenance manager in an attempt to locate who may have done the work.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

October 7, 6:25 a.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report of a suspicious male lying face down in the parking lot with his pants pulled down. The officer arrived on scene to speak with the individual. As soon as the officer made contact, the man got up and left campus. Later that morning, the officer received another report of a suspicious individual at TIUA. The officer arrived to find the same subject that was on campus earlier. Salem police were called, and the man was trespassing from campus.

THEFT

October 10, 2:00 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A student reported that the rear tire of their bike had been stolen. The student had left the bike locked up the previous evening. When they returned later that night, the bike tire was gone.

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

BRIEFS

Elections for ASWU treasurer and a senior ASWU senator will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21 and Wednesday, Oct. 22. Jullian Haley, Bradley Russell and Soren Underdahl are running for treasurer. In an email to the student body, ASWU Vice President Colleen Smyth explained the changes to the voting process. Students will rank candidates according to preference, eliminating the potential need for a run-off election.

On Monday, Oct. 13, the Bearcat Bulletin published a letter from University President Stephen Thorsett. Dated Oct. 3, the message outlined Thorsett's thoughts on his first four years at Willamette, and the progress his administration has made in completing goals from the Strategic Plan. In addition, Thorsett shared his plans for the University's future. "In every sector of campus," he wrote, "there is ample evidence that this is a place that cares deeply about its students in every aspect of their experiences."

In an email released to student club leaders, ASWU Treasurer Greg Ebert wrote that "due to some truthfully awful mistakes last year, ASWU is running low on money this semester." ASWU is asking that clubs delay requesting money for the spring semester until a later date.

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Smaldone earns Whipple Chair

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On Thursday, Oct. 9 in the packed Paulus Lecture Hall of Willamette's Law School, Professor William Smaldone presented his inaugural lecture as the new E. Jerry Whipple Chair in History.

The lecture was called "To Change the World: Revisiting the Dilemma of Democratic Socialism." It explored the social democratic governments of Austria and Germany during the interwar period through the lens of four historical figures: Rudolf Hilferding, Otto Bauer, Karl Renner and Max Adler.

Smaldone discussed how democratic socialism gained momentum particularly after World War I, but then faced difficulties during the Great Depression and the rise of fascism.

He questioned, "How could these enormously successful socialist parties led by talented people, how could these parties and the states they founded be so ignominiously crushed within the short space of three years?"

During the lecture, Smaldone said that historians have been arguing about these questions for over 80 years.

"What I would like to have us consider though, is the nature of the social democratic dilemma, and how the question remains relevant to the present," Smaldone said.

Junior politics major Joseph Lindblom-Masuwale said that he found the lecture to be very informative.

"It helped bridge a lot of ideas from the Nazism class I took from Professor [Sammy] Basu last year," Lindblom-Masuwale said. "We talked a lot about the rise of Nazism within a democratic state, and being able to understand it

from the social democratic party's perspective that Smaldone's lecture was illustrating helped me consider things in another way."

Lindblom-Masuwale is currently in Smaldone's Twentieth-Century Europe class, and said that some of the ideas Smaldone highlighted during his lecture were points that he illustrated in class.

"I'll be excited to see him as the Whipple Chair," Lindblom-Masuwale said. "I hope he puts it to good use."

Department Chair of History Cecily McCaffrey said that endowed chairs, like the Whipple Chair, enhance department programming for the professor and for the university.

"It helps a university because it helps support a faculty position," McCaffrey said. "It also helps both a department and the person holding the chair, because it provides a little extra discretionary income that usually is used both to support the research

agenda of the person holding the chair and also is used, for example, to bring speakers to campus."

Professor William Duvall most recently held the Whipple Chair for 14 years.

McCaffrey explained that Smaldone was nominated by the history department faculty, and was approved by Dean Marlene Moore and the Whipple family. He was chosen because of his strong record of teaching, service and research at the University.

Smaldone has taught history at Willamette since 1991. His research focuses on 20th century German and European labor history. He has published several books, including "Rudolf Hilferding: The Tragedy of a German Social Democrat" in 1998 and in 2013, "European Socialism: A Concise History with Documents."

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Bill Smaldone is described as having a strong record of teaching and service at Willamette. He is pictured here with senior Kacey Peterson in his class history of modern socialism.

Clery report released

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STAFF WRITER

The Willamette University Fire Safety and Security Report contains the crime statistics for 2011 through 2013 and was released on Oct. 1, 2014.

The Jean Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act is a federal law that requires colleges and universities to report information regarding crime on and around their campus properties.

The crimes that are reported are only those that occur within a pre-defined geographic area. This includes the main campus, the business and law schools, Bush Park and its adjacent streets, Zena Farm, Willamette's Portland campus and the Granada, Spain campus.

Recently, mainstream media and the federal government have taken up the issue of sexual assault on college campuses, resulting in changes in reporting procedure and Title IX policy.

"Basically, since the 2011 'Dear Colleague' letter, the federal government Office of Civil Rights has worked with colleges to find a common, consistent way to investigate, collect information about and adjudicate sexual harassment and sexual assault," Willamette Spokesman Adam Torgerson said.

These changes are reflected in the number of reports. The number of forcible sexual assaults reported has gone from two in 2009 to 20 in 2013. The increase does not mean there are an increase in assaults, but an increase in reporting.

Many of the offenses on the list have remained consistent for the past several years. From 2009 to 2013, criminal homicide, non-forcible sexual offenses and robbery have not been reported.

However, some of the statistics varied. In 2010, both liquor law violations and drug abuse violations reported dramatic decreases. Liquor law violations dropped from 363 in 2009 to 66 in 2010, and drug abuse violations dropped from 106 in 2009 to 49 in 2010.

These shifts in reporting occurred when Michael Seals was the director of residence life from 2010 to 2012.

"The explanation is not that there was dramatic change in use of alcohol and drugs from one year to the next," Campus Safety Director Ross Stout said. "The explanation is that there was different management within Residence Life and different emphasis on enforcement in Residence Life, and they are the ones who pass the numbers on to me."

The statistics of other schools in the area generally match up to those at the University.

Willamette, University of Puget Sound and Lewis & Clark all reported over 250 liquor law violations. Both Linfield and Portland State University reported less than 200.

The reports on drug-related violations show more fluctuation. In the most recent report, Lewis & Clark reported 332 counts of drug violations, compared to Willamette and Linfield, which reported 124 and 37, respectively.

The purpose of these reports is to increase awareness of crime on campus among students and prospective students.

"It is important to keep people informed about crimes on campus so that they can make personal decisions from a well-informed standpoint," senior physics major Elisa Ahern said.

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ARTS

Willamette's annual Fallapalooza festival serves as an outlet to tide over music fiends who just can't wait for Wulapalooza in the spring. Come to Montag Den on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. to celebrate mid-semester break with Seattle-based "doom-pop" band Kithkin and a bevy of campus talent.

Everybody loves a good show at the IKE Box, the coffee joint located at the corner of Cottage and Chemeketa streets just downtown. Musée Mécanique and Yaquina Bay, both Oregon outfits, will play at the low-key venue on Friday, Oct. 17—doors open at 7 p.m., tickets are \$8 each.

This year, the Hallie Ford Literary Series will host award-winning poet Jennifer Richter and prolific essayist Elena Passarello for its New Voices Showcase. For those interested in some choice words from decorated minds, head over to the Hatfield Room (located on the second floor of the library) on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

Got culture? Contact Lifestyles Editor Juliana Cohen <jacohen>.

COMEDY REVIEW

Parents will laugh at anything

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GUEST WRITER

A few days ago, we all survived Family Weekend, where everyone's parents (except mine) come to see how far their kids have let themselves go in only a few short months without adult supervision.

Seeing your kids grow up can be hard (or so I've been told). A great way to relieve newly created generational tension is through laughter, arguably the lowest common denominator of humanity.

Willamette Events Board astutely picked up on this phenomenon and commissioned "comedienne on the rise" Tracey Ashley to perform in Smith Auditorium on Saturday night as part of the conglomeration of force-fed fun that constitutes the events of Family Weekend.

Before her performance, the tension between parents and offspring

seemed palpable. Ashley's set succeeded in lessening the hostility in the air and received plenty of laughter and applause throughout.

Moms cackled like hens and dads bellowed like Jabba the Hutt at her jokes about married life, while being reminded that they too, at some point in their lives, were married.

I didn't laugh much that night—maybe because I've never been married, or maybe because I spoiled the entire set for myself the night before by watching her previous sets (which were identical to this one) online.

I sat alone in my silence, however, as the adults around me laughed away the memories of their children mentioning their new fake IDs at last night's Goudy dinner.

I realize that it's easier to laugh when you're trying to forget about your son or daughter's decision to change majors from economics to art because they'd rather "do something

real." But it's harder to laugh when you can't stop wondering if your night would've been better spent drinking alone and watching Jerry Seinfeld's stand-up compilations on YouTube.

As much as I love being a stick in the mud, I am self-aware enough to admit that I might be complaining for the sake of complaining—most people in the crowd had a good time that night. And to be fair to the talent, she wasn't entirely unfunny, I just hadn't eaten in a while.

Also to her credit, Ashley's had a successful run on the NBC TV show "Last Comic Standing" and has the endorsement of fellow comedian Wanda Sykes—who has my endorsement because of her appearance on "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

So, at the very least, if Tracey Ashley becomes incredibly famous, I can say "I was there when she wasn't."

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Tracey Ashley



While parents roared with amusement, Sam Hilburn sat, trapped in his own ennui, in Smith Auditorium at Tracey Ashley's WEB event.

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MOVIE REVIEW



Fincher constructs his darkest film yet through images of abduction and murder.

Love looks doomed in 'Gone Girl'

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The film makes a mammoth turn a third of the way through, though I'll do my best to avoid spoilers. Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) is married to semi-celebrity Amy (Rosamund Pike), who goes missing on their fifth anniversary. This situation, of course, seems sketchy, with possible scenarios including abduction or first-degree murder.

Also, the fifth anniversary traditionally warrants a gift of wood, and Nick's oh-so-cool sister Margo (Carrie Coon) makes the raunchy, immature joke that everyone in the theater was thinking.

As Amy's disappearance drags on, Nick becomes demonized by media personalities as the murdering boyfriend. It's an interesting and disgusting look at how the news, a traditionally objective medium, fuels sensationalist stories with obvious villains. They give the public what they want, not what's true.

The traditional American narrative of marriage, even today, tends toward idyllic bliss. The disappearance of a beautiful, innocent wom-

an and the continued presence of her grinning husband incites a media frenzied mob. Nick and Amy become simplified by the public consciousness into one-dimensional beings, despite the fact that people are never that basic.

Fincher uses this dichotomy to concoct one of his darkest films yet, by constantly reminding us that the community's conception of Nick and Amy is shaped by reporters and the type of overly intrusive neighbors that can only exist in small towns. Yet we also get a very personal look at the genesis of Amy and Nick's marriage, from its sugarcoated beginnings to the convoluted as all hell condition into which it evolves.

Fincher leaves us with a depressing central message: People are messy and selfish beings. Relationships often revolve around the ideas that we have about one another, instead of a lover's less attractive (but truer) inner self. No one gets out clean.

Also, this director can make Tyler Perry look like a damn good actor.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Vince Staples paints a violent reality

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Long Beach native and 21-year-old Vince Staples dropped "Hell Can Wait" this past Monday, to the delight of many in the backpack rap community.

It's only a seven song EP, yet it manages to pack a heavier punch in terms of narrative than most of his contemporaries' twice as long projects (I'm lookin' at you, Casey Veggies).

In the wake of Ferguson and heightened awareness (and documentation) of police brutality in America, Staples brings gangster rap to the modern era in a nuanced context.

His LA story talks about police-civilian violence in equal measure with gang-on-gang conflict.

Staples grew up in north Long Beach. His mother worked during the day while his dad sold drugs in the neighborhood. On his previous project "Shyne Coldchain Vol. 2," the song "Nate" opens, "As a kid all I wanted was to kill a man / be like my daddy's friends hoppin' out that minivan."

"Rap ain't fun," Staples remarks in one Noisy special. His content and delivery reflect this angle. He says he didn't grow up wanting to be a rapper, but saw it as his only way out of the bloodshed his neighborhood hosted.

Staples doesn't glorify violence, he examines it. The hardened, no-nonsense verses that make up his sobering stories a means-to-an-end attitude to his music.

"65 Hunnid" gives an insider's perspective of any given drive-by shake-down robbery, where the flashing, and use of weapons grants access to enemies' pockets and their possessions. In "Screen Door," he narrates his father's lifestyle as a stay-at-home dad, (which primarily consisted of illegal transactions conducted at the front door), followed by his demise and arrest in their home.



On "Hell Can Wait," Vince Staples links his turbulent childhood to current events.

"Hands Up" holds an important place in the middle of the EP, addressing in full the police-gang conflict in his area of the city. The beat, produced by No I.D., combines YG/DJ Mustard-esque "Bicken Back" bap with syncopated sirens, complemented by Staples' mock-police hook "Putcha hands in the air. Freeze! Putcha hands in the air."

By repeating the police's domineering rhetoric, he displays his imminent capacity to injure to the same degree as the boys in blue. After pointing out the irony of his mostly black North side community paying taxes to fund the police's violent discrimination, he

concludes, "They expect respect and nonviolence / I refuse the right to be silent."

With these tales, Staples earns his seat at the table with fellow LA spiters like Kendrick Lamar and Jay Rock. His community has been subjugated for generations, but he brings awareness to systemic problems by way of his music.

Sitting down with this "Hell" educates us on a hostile world not all that far from our Willamette bubble. Vince Staples has dished up a reality check to the rap industry and listeners alike.

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LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Our country has never elected a president who identified as an atheist.

This bothers some people, especially those concerned with the separation of church and state.

Don't get me wrong: making the division of religion and state a central provision of our government turned out to be a rather successful experiment. I am taking a class right now (with Stephen Patterson) that debates Christianity's implications for American culture, which inevitably bleeds into governance.

American activists who blame religious tendencies for most of our problems enter incredibly disrespectful zones in their discourse. Any mention of the word "God," even metaphorically, sets some people off, who will then feverishly attack their credibility.

Non-believers like Bill Maher exude horrible incredible arrogance; he often says things about cultural norms of places he has never been to and traditions that he refuses to understand in any kind of holistic way.

I'm talking about his very polarizing "Real Time with Bill Maher" roundtable discussion with Sam Harris (author of "The End of Faith") and Ben Affleck, which provoked a response from Reza Aslan, a religious scholar born in Tehran.

Both Affleck and Aslan balked at Maher's characterization of Islam as "the only religion that acts like the mafia, that will fucking kill you if you say the wrong thing," to which Affleck responded, "That's gross and racist."

I used to watch and enjoy Maher. As an edgy high schooler, "Religulous" validated my views much in the way that actual religious people probably relate to each other. Like me, Maher is culturally Jewish but also an atheist.

After a little more time and education, I began responding differently to his snide comments and patronizing humor. In "Religulous," Maher literally walks around areas of rural America and makes fun of lower- to middle-class citizens for just living their lives.

In a YouTube video I found that pretty much sums up "public stunts," (which really make you look like an asshole), a man in a fedora marches up to a homeless man with "God" written somewhere on his sign and offers him \$20 to cross the word out. The recipient of this rude gesture didn't accept the deal, which incurred a long interrogation that makes one understand why Athens executed Socrates.

Maher and the presumptuous YouTube in the fedora have much in common.

When Maher makes the mafia analogy, his tone turns comical and incredulous, as though not seeing it his way were unimaginable.

"Real Time," which airs on HBO in order to accommodate Maher's "unedited" quips, provides insight into the host's superficial relationships with celebrities like Seth MacFarlane or Rob Lowe. Politicians, journalists and comedians sit around a table ultimately controlled by the host. Maher's smothering self-assurance leaves even the most powerful people unable to really make a point without him talking in circles.

The redundant phrase "thinking for oneself" fuels a lot of self-congratulatory talk among atheists, as if it were some unique trait. ISIS probably fits the description of a cult, and so does a group of people that demonizes a quarter of the Earth's population for following a spiritual routine.

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Pizza wars: The quest for cheesy ecstasy



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Does bad pizza exist? Of course not. But after pitting Padington's and Odd Moe's in a taste test battle to the death, I learned the difference between decent pizza and superior pizza.

As a faithful disciple of downtown Salem's Straight from New York since my freshman year, I decided to finally branch out in my continuing pizza education.

With Yelp as my guide, I found two pizza parlors in South Salem, a neighborhood slightly off the beaten path for Willamette students.

Both Padington's and Odd Moe's offer delivery (a valuable tool for college kids without access to a car) as well as a wide variety of toppings. I decided to stick with classic, uncomplicated cheese at both restaurants.

I made a foolish decision and ignored the dollar sign rating on Yelp for Padington's (\$\$), as the most remarkable thing about the parlor lies in the ridiculous price of their pizza.

My small (read: minuscule) cheese pizza cost just upwards of \$9. To add insult to financial injury, it looked like something that had been reheated in a microwave, with chewy cheese and bland crust. Luckily, my order was ready when I arrived to pick it up, so I got to be disappointed as soon as I got there.

I might as well have gone to Little Caesars for an equal-

ly mediocre pizza at half the price, and then purchased another to drown my pizza-related sorrows.

Odd Moe's came out on top in this battle, with good pizza and great service. I ordered a large pizza for only \$1 more than Padington's tiny pie. Since my friends and I chose pick up rather than delivery, we also got a free two-liter soda—wholly unhealthy and yet completely delicious.

Unlike Padington's rubbery cheese, Odd Moe's pizza tasted fresh, with sauce that wasn't too sweet and a nice, fluffy crust. The reasonable price also made the already superior pizza taste that much better. My wallet thanks you, Odd Moe.

If you need a group order, I recommend Odd Moe's for both taste and price.

For a solo meal, scrap both: Odd Moe's doesn't offer a small pizza, and Padington's falls short in all areas.

While I found a clear winner in this taste test battle, neither Padington's nor Odd Moe's made me cry the sweet, sweet tears of ecstasy that comes with a truly sublime pizza. Thus, it appears that my quest for the best pizza in Salem continues.

It is quite a sacrifice, but I do it for you, Willamette. You're welcome.

Keep on munching.

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Pictured above: Padington's; below: Odd Moe's Pizza.



WHAT WILL Y

OREGON VOTES ON

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This November, Oregonians will be voting on seven measures that (if approved) could very well turn Oregon into a more progressive place, comparable to neighboring states like California and Washington. These measures range in topic from the legalization of recreational marijuana to the inclusion of undocumented individuals into our public transportation system and the creation of a post-secondary education fund. Find out what your fellow Bearcats think are the right steps for Oregon to take.

Measure 86

The Oregon Funding for Post-Secondary Education Measure seeks to create a fund dedicated exclusively to Oregonians pursuing higher education, including technical, professional and career training. The measure authorizes the state of Oregon to lend credit and acquire debt, as long as that debt does not surpass 1 percent of the real market value of all property in the state. The money in this fund is not subject to investment by the state in any other form other than funding Oregonians' education. Supporters of the measure argue

that with the tuition of higher education growing disproportionately in Oregon, the creation of this fund is a common sense move. Opponents of the measure worry that the state's indebtedness will surge.

Endorsements:

Oregon Opportunity Initiative Oregon's Opportunity, Friends of Ted Wheeler

Opponents:

Bob Clark, guest contributor for Cascade Policy Institute and Steve Buckstein, Senior Policy Analyst and founder Cascade Policy Institute

Ari Greif
sophomore, psychology major

"I think it's commendable that Oregon wants to make legislation that thinks in the long term and not just the short term. I do, however, think that it's going to take a while for the measure to pass, simply because Americans, and that includes Oregonians, of course, are very inter-

ested in making profit, and this measure does put Oregon in debt. I think that might bring into question issues [regarding] the national debt and how state measures reflect that. I still think it could be a great way to institute the opportunity of higher education to a bigger population, as America is a country that makes it difficult to achieve higher learning."



FORREST SMITH
Measure 86 would create a fund to aid Oregonians pursuing higher education.

Melissa Rogers
sophomore, biology major

"I think it's a good idea because we have to look at the long-term results—it's investing in Oregon's future and also just the future of the U.S. at large."

Measure 87

Article 3 Section 1 of the Oregon Constitution states that a person cannot serve in more than one government branch to keep power from becoming concentrated in any one section. Measure 87 would amend that clause and allow court judges to serve as educators in Oregon public universities. The amend-

ment would also allow judges to serve in the Oregon National Guard. The opposition argues that judges should not be drawn away from their primary responsibilities as court officials.

Endorsements:

Floyd Prozanski (D)

Opponents:

No large organized opposition

Sarah Chan
junior, politics major

"I'm thinking of going to law school someday and I think it's better to have someone who has been practicing law and is most informed about the law and is most interested in having judges be professors and I think we could all benefit from it."

Beatrice McAlister
junior, environmental science major

"I think: Why the fuck not? They would definitely make a valuable resource to students who are interested in pursuing a career in the judicial branch."

Measure 88

Measure 88 seeks to grant driver's cards to those unable to prove their legal presence in the United States. Applicants are required to adhere to all other requirements sought when applying for a driver's license, including the written and behind-the-wheel driver's tests, proof of at least a year's residency in the state of Oregon and proof of identity/date of birth. The driver's card cannot be used to acquire any form of government benefit that requires proof of citizenship (i.e., air travel, entering fed-

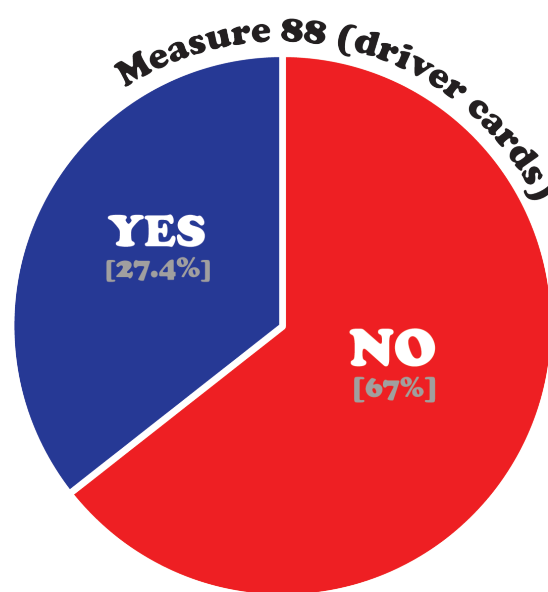
eral buildings and voter registration). Proponents of the measure argue that the measure would make roads safer for everyone, while the opposition suggests that rights should not be granted to undocumented immigrants.

Endorsements:

John Kitthaber (D), YES on Oregon Safe Roads, Causa Oregon, Oregon Dreamers, Council of Filipino-American Associations, etc.

Opponents:

Oregonians for Immigration Reform PAC Sheriffs of Oregon PAC, Protect Oregon Driver Licenses



Anonymous
sophomore, undecided

"It's a good idea because it allows people to get insured and to be held accountable in case of a car accident. But it's limited—it doesn't give individuals any other benefits."

Measure 89

The Oregon Equal Rights for Women Initiative, also known as the Equal Rights Amendment will guarantee "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Oregon or by any political subdivision in this state on account of sex." The measure seeks to add an additional Section 46 to Article 1 of the Oregon Constitution. Many women's rights activist groups have advocated for this amendment on the federal level, but have not

succeeded. Twenty states, however, have already made this amendment individually. Supporters argue that passing this measure will be a positive step toward acknowledging and moving past discrimination based on sex, while opponents argue that the Oregon Constitution already protects its citizens equally, therefore it does not need to be modified.

Endorsements:

Vote ERA

Opponents:

Sen. Doug Whitsett (R)

Emily Rolin
sophomore, biochemistry major

"I'm not sure how this measure intends to achieve this goal of equality. To me it sounds very vague. There are already measures in place that aim at equality, but is there any real plan on how we will achieve it? I think it's a great idea to put it into writing, but I just don't know if it will actually do anything different. I know there's a significant gap in STEM jobs, for example, and I don't think it's necessarily due to women being unable to achieve those kind of careers. It seems to be more of a societal thing, like it's been embedded into our culture, and that's where change has to start."



EDGAR JIMENEZ
Members of Students for Feminism discuss Measure 89, which seeks to end discrimination on the basis of sex.

YOU DECIDE?

IN SEVEN MEASURES



Anna Carlin
sophomore, politics major

"My opinions are mixed. It might lead to a further split of the parties, where you have to prove yourself to be the most worthy candidate toward the majority of the people. This might lead to a stupid form of liberalism, which on some levels I endorse. On some levels there's going to be screaming into the night about how we are going to legalize all sorts of things, but it's not going to happen. In general, it'll lead to further partisanship, which is not a good thing. On the other hand, 48 percent of young people are not registered with a party and can't vote in primaries. No one should have to compromise their political belief as they register to have full enfranchisement."



Members of College Democrats work at getting their peers registered to vote.

Scotti Anderson
freshman, theatre major

"From the candidate's perspective, they have to appeal to their party. From the people's perspective, they have to fit into the parties. A lot of people that would be more moderate are going to extremes because they're told to, and because they're told they have to fit into a party."

Measure 90

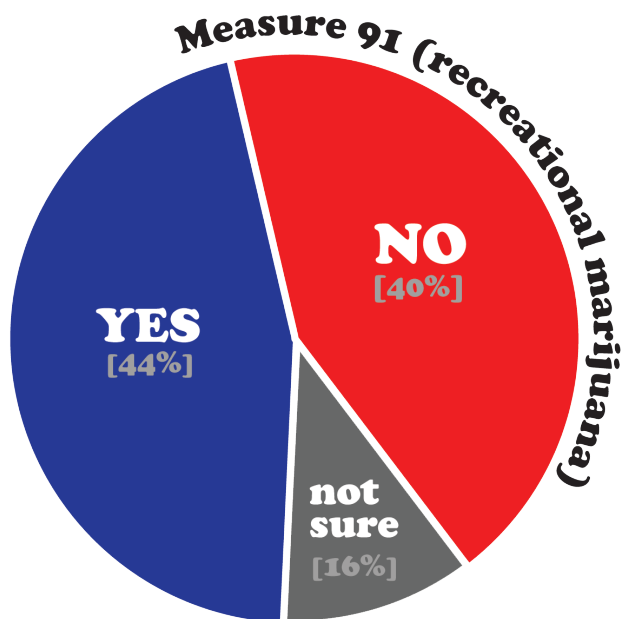
This measure seeks to create an open primary in which the two candidates receiving the most votes move on to the general election, regardless of party affiliation. Candidates can still identify themselves by party on the ballot. Proponents want a system in which party affiliation does not limit candidate options, as well as providing a voting opportunity for third party or unaffiliated voters to partake in a primary. Opponents argue the measure devalues the party system that voters may base decisions on. There are perceived risks for third parties, who use their party to gain entry into elections in which they might otherwise be unknown.

Endorsements:

Working Families Party, Gov. John Kitzhaber (D)

Opponents:

Democratic Party of Oregon, Oregon Republican Party Executive Committee



Addison Barton
sophomore, politics major

"The Washington law was similar. After it happened we were like, 'Yay this is cool.' There weren't a bunch of new high people out on the streets. Normalization of marijuana is a direction the northwest is taking. Put responsibility on the individual to learn how to deal with weed. We let people drive, drink and make a number of other decisions that could be dangerous, but we can't make decisions about certain substances."

Will Tigar
senior, politics major

"Marijuana should be regulated like tobacco and alcohol. Tax it and set an age limit. Make sure revenue goes toward infrastructure and education. Do things the way Colorado has done it, not the way Washington has done it. There needs to be a plan."

Measure 91

This measure would legalize possession of marijuana by Oregonians 21 years of age and over. Users could have eight ounces and up to four plants. Proponents project fiscal benefits from millions of dollars in tax revenue, reduction of the black market, an ability to focus on patrolling substance abuse by minors and an increase in personal freedom. Opponents predict increased drug abuse and a fear of the negative effects some Coloradans have cited after their legalization, such as driving under the influence and minors using the substance.

Endorsements:

Drug Policy Action of Oregon, New Approach Oregon, Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Opponents:

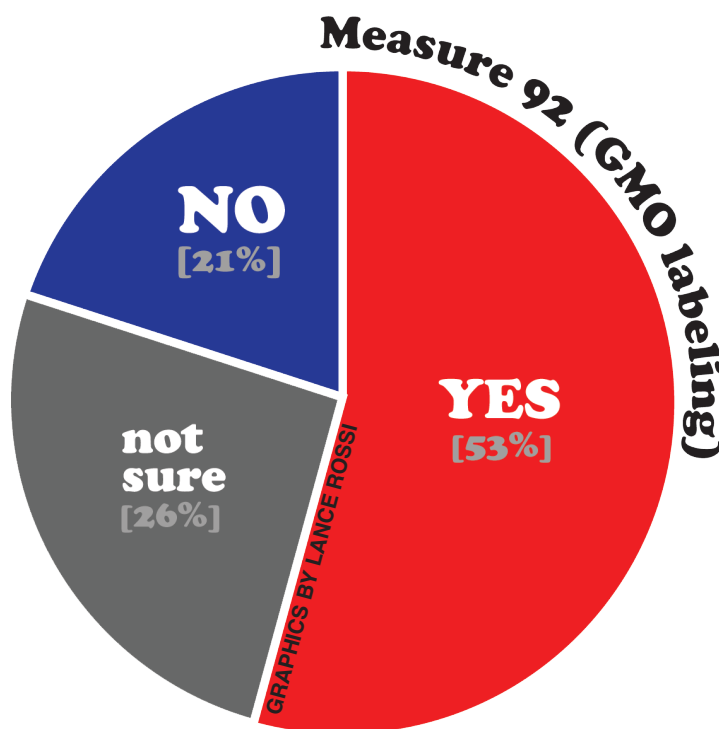
No on 91

Molly Jones
freshman, undecided

"I'm not entirely against it. People can do their research on their own, and labeling is costly. That money can be better used elsewhere. If the intention is to stop people from eating GMOs, it's possible this won't be that effective. Furthermore, we are not combating the true problem, production of GMO foods."

Devon O'Donnell
sophomore, undecided

"While I think it's a good thing to label GMO foods, what this first makes us wonder is if we should ever have GMO foods. In some cases, I think, yes, when we can definitively show that it's not going to cause harm. But we can't make this a state-level issue that removes federal ability to take a harder stance for places that wouldn't be making such stances. Having a federal action would be much more powerful."



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Measure 92

This measure seeks to require companies to label GMO foods, which have been subject to controversial research with different conclusions about their harms. Proponents cite observation of harms to human development believed to be linked to consumption of such foods, as well as the right to make personal health decisions for a matter on which researchers have not come to a consensus. Opponents claim inconclusive research is not grounds to constitutionally justify placing this regulation on businesses, while some believe the research has not demonstrated a causal link between GMO and health defects.

Endorsements:

Oregon GMO Right to Know, Consumers Union, Center for Food Safety

Opponents:

Kellogg, Monsanto and Oregonians for Food & Shelter

18 Golds, 2 DUIs



MARGARET
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On Sept. 30, in a Land Rover heading southbound on Interstate 95 in Baltimore at about 1:40 in the morning, Michael Phelps was clocked going 84 miles per hour in a 45 mile per hour zone.

According to the Maryland police, after being pulled over, "Mr. Phelps...was unable to perform satisfactorily a serious of standard field sobriety tests."

This is not Phelps' first DUI. Ten years ago, Phelps was pulled over by a Maryland state police trooper after running a red light in southeast Baltimore going about 85 miles per hour in his 2005 Land Rover.

Phelps, who grew up in suburban Baltimore, was sentenced to 18 months probation in 2004, right after his eight medal win at the Athens Olympics. Wicomico County District Court Judge Lloyd O. Whitehead accepted an agreement between Phelps' attorneys and prosecutors, granting Phelps probation before judgment, meaning that Phelps' record has been expunged due to his compliance with the terms of probation.

At the time, State Attorney Davis Rurk defended Phelps' light sentencing, saying that it was "not out of line with other first-time offenders who blow .08 in Wicomico County."

Under the probation, the 19-year-old Phelps was ordered to abstain from alcohol, and attend a victim panel meeting sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

His latest arrest came about a month after Phelps won three gold medals and two silver medals in the Pan Pacific Championships in Australia. Phelps retired after the 2012 Olympics, having won a record 22 medals in three games, then came out of retirement earlier this year, with his sights supposedly set on competing at a fourth Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

USA Swimming suspended Phelps for six months, forcing him to withdraw from next year's world championships.

These sanctions have taken effect immediately.

This is the harshest punishment imposed on the merman, not only in the wake of his 2004 DUI, but also after a 2009 photo incident involving documentation of Phelps' marijuana usage.

Chuck Wielgus, USA Swimming executive director, spoke publicly about his support for Phelps, encouraging the superstar to take time for personal development.

Over the weekend, Phelps announced he was entering a six-week, in-patient program, which will be finished just in time for his Nov. 19 trial. If convicted, Phelps faces up to one year in jail, a \$1,000 fine and the loss of his driver's license for six months.

Despite his previous infractions, Phelps faces the same penalties as a first-time offender.

Phelps' major endorsers, such as Aqua Sphere, Subway, Under Armour, Omega and Master Spas, have continued to stand by the swimmer in the aftermath of the current scandal, citing Phelps' apologies as justification to continue to pay him millions.

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, the group Phelps was required to spend some time with in 2004, released the statistic that the average drunk driver has driven under the influence 87 times before their first arrest.

This leaves me to wonder—with two arrests under his belt, how many times has Phelps actually driven under the influence in a Land Rover purchased with the funds made off his public support of the five-dollar foot long?

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Volleyball carries momentum into second half of season

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With already half of their conference play behind them, the Bearcats sit at 4-4 and right in the middle of the hunt.

Coming into the weekend, the Bearcats had wins against Lewis & Clark, George Fox and Whitman—and dropped games to only Linfield, Puget Sound and Whitworth.

This weekend, Willamette began on the road against Pacific Lutheran and lost in three sets.

However, the Bearcats came right back home the next day and swept Pacific for a nice bounce back win and their fourth conference victory of the season.

"Going .500 in the first half gives us a great feeling going into the second half of conference," junior Sarah Fincher said. "It means we worked hard but there is still room for improvement."

The game against nationally ranked Pacific Lutheran only lasted three sets, but sophomore Taylor Lum was a standout, with seven kills and a block. Freshman Peyton Wahl also contributed 12 digs.

Despite the tough loss on Friday, the Bearcats regrouped in time to win against Pacific on Saturday night.

During the first set, the Bearcats took an early 6-5 lead and never gave it back.

Fincher led the way in the first set, with a string of four straight points, including one kill, forcing three attack errors and one service ace. Willamette won the first set

easily by a score of 25-14.

Similarly, the Bearcats took the lead on the first point of the second set and held it the whole way.

With a score of 24-22, senior Taylor Gee gave them a huge kill to put the set away and give Willamette a 2-0 lead going into halftime.

Willamette came out much slower for the third set, and allowed Pacific to maintain a lead until 14-15.

Then, the Bearcats were gifted a service error by the Boxers to tie the game and springboarded off that to a 25-19 third-set victory to clinch the match.

Overall, Fincher led the way with 13 kills. Junior Lindsey Compton had 26 assists and Wahl had 13 digs.

"In our locker room we have a quote that says, 'It doesn't matter how hard you get knocked down, but whether or not you get back up,' and that was a perfect description for this weekend," Fincher said.

"The game against PLU was a tough loss because we didn't play as well as we could have, but coming back from that and beating Pacific on Saturday night just helped to show us that we are a team of fighters and [we] just have to keep that mindset and keep fighting through the second half of conference," Fincher said.

The Bearcats begin the second half of conference with a redemption game on the road against Linfield tonight, Oct. 15, and then come back home Friday night at 7 p.m. for a crucial game against Lewis & Clark.

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Record set despite football loss

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Despite a record-setting day for the Bearcat offense, they were unable to keep pace with Whitworth University, losing the back-and-forth contest by a score of 61-45.

The Willamette attack, which accounted for 669 yards of total offense, was led by senior running back Dylan Jones, who shattered the school's single-game rushing record with 350 yards on 30 carries and three touchdowns. Until Saturday, the previous record was 275 yards in one game and had stood since Nov. 14, 1970.

Jones gave credit to his teammates after the game.

"The blocking by the line and our receivers was what got me there," he said. "They were doing the hard part and it makes it a lot easier to just run."

The first two touchdowns Jones scored occurred in the first half, as both teams traded points throughout the first 30 minutes of the game. One went for 67 yards on the second possession of the game and the other for 75 yards in the second quarter, but the Bearcats still found themselves down 35-41 going into halftime.

The other three scores in the first half for WU came via the pass, one to senior wide receiver Beau Smith and two to junior wide receiver Ryan Foote, the second one going for 64 yards, 43 seconds before the half.

"I feel like all our scoring plays helped build momentum," Smith said. "It was just such a shootout that scoring plays were happening all the time and it constantly switched."

All three scores were thrown by sophomore quarterback Trent Spallas, who threw a career-high 274 yards. He also spread the ball around, completing

passes to seven different receivers.

Despite playing better than the first half, the Bearcat defense snapped their three-game no-touchdown streak in the second half. They gave up two touchdowns in the fourth quarter leading to 20 second-half points.

Senior Wendell Galvan contributed heavily to the defense, recording a team-high 14 total tackles and an interception.

"As a defense there were a lot of areas we could have done better," Galvan said. "As a whole there were too many little mistakes throughout the game that cost us."

Also, in surprising fashion, the Willamette offense—which came alive in their previous matches late in the game—was relatively stagnant, only registering 10 points in the final two quarters. Seven of them came on Jones' third touchdown run of four yards with 14:30 left to play in the game.

In preparation for next week, the new Willamette single-game rushing record holder feels there is a lot to cleanup, and it is the little things that will matter.

"We're going to have to watch a lot of film over the weekend and correct our mistakes on Monday," Jones said. "It's the details that we need to iron out and we'll be better for next weekend."

Head Coach Glen Fowles also believes that it was more mental mistakes—rather than physical—that hurt the team this week, and he will look to clear that up this week in practice.

"Obviously we want to execute better. We win and lose games as a team, and we made too many mistakes on Saturday," he said. "Our entire focus in practice will be on the details needed to improve our play."

The Bearcats will host Lewis & Clark this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

FOOTBALL (3-1)

Whitworth 61, Willamette 45:

Despite senior running back Dylan Jones' record-breaking offensive performance, the Bearcats fell to the Pirates on Saturday. Jones shattered Willamette's single-game rushing record set in 1970, rushing 350 yards on 30 carries. He was named Northwest Conference (NWC) Offensive Student-Athlete of the Week for his performance in the game.

Additionally, senior Wendell Galvan was named NWC Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week for his defensive performance in the loss. Galvan tallied 14 unassisted tackles, intercepted a pass, broke up two passes and blocked an extra point in the game.

MEN'S SOCCER (8-4-1, 5-1-1 NWC)

Willamette 1, Linfield 0:

The Bearcats defeated rival Wildcats on Saturday, led by junior Yazan Hishmeh's 11th goal of the season. Senior captain Luke Falcone received a red card in the matchup, as did Linfield's starting goalie.

Junior goalkeeper Braydon Calder recorded four saves for his sixth win and second shutout of the year, and was named NWC Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week for the second time this season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER (2-9-1, 1-6-1 NWC)

Pacific 1, Willamette 0:

The Bearcats fell to the Boxers on Saturday, in their first NWC road game of the season. The only goal of the game came on a penalty kick by Pacific, after Willamette was called for a foul in the box.

Pacific Lutheran 3, Willamette 0:

Sophomore goalkeeper Emily Sewall registered a game-high three saves on Sunday, but the Bearcats ultimately fell to the Lutes, who remain first in the NWC standings.

VOLLEYBALL (9-8, 4-4 NWC)

Pacific Lutheran 3, Willamette 0:

The Bearcats slipped to the first-place Lutes in three sets on Friday. Willamette was led by sophomore Taylor Lum, who earned seven kills, and sophomore Alexa Dowdell, who contributed five kills and 10 digs.

Willamette 3, Pacific 0:

Junior Sarah Fincher tallied 13 kills to lead the Bearcats offensively as they swept the Boxers on Saturday. Freshman Peyton Wahl added 13 digs, while senior Taylor Gee contributed one block solo and eight block assists.



EMMA SARGENT

The Bearcats suffered their first loss of the season Saturday, but they look to recover.

Men's soccer grabs win against rival Linfield



MIKE RHINE



MIKE RHINE

Matt Baur and Sam Gonzalez work hard with the rest of their team to secure the win.

BETHANY HLADICK
CONTRIBUTOR

The men's soccer team defeated Linfield at McMinnville on Saturday, with junior forward Yazan Hishmeh scoring the game's sole goal at 70:30, leading Willamette to their fifth victory against a Northwest Conference (NWC) opponent and their eighth win overall.

Linfield outshot Willamette 10-8 in the first half, with a 4-2 advantage in shots on goal. The Wildcat's best chance came just over 16 minutes into the game, but junior goalkeeper Braydon Calder was able to ward off the powerful 30-foot shot, one of his four saves of the game.

In the second half, senior captain Luke Falcone received a red card after colliding with another Linfield player. The Bearcats played with only 10 men for the next 10 minutes.

"Going down to 10 players is always really tough, and we had to shift some things around, but we had a lot of new guys come in that did really, really well," senior captain Adam Lewis said.

Another red card was issued to a Linfield goalie who attempted to trip Hishmeh on a counterattack. The Wildcats also received two yellow cards later in the game, while Willamette received three.

"Those games are always eventful," junior Jesse Thompson said. "Any of our games have the potential to get rowdy and physical, but playing against Linfield is always particularly intense."

After receiving a pass from sophomore Julian Hanlon-Austin, Hishmeh scored on a shot from the top of the penalty area, with a backup goalkeeper in for the Wildcats. Hishmeh has now scored 11 goals this season, five of which were game winners.

"Being a junior this year is a lot

different than being a sophomore," Hishmeh said. "Last year I didn't have too much responsibility, but being a junior and being part of a class that's so big, I kind of have to take control of the team—especially playing forward."

Willamette ended the game with 14 shots to Linfield's 21.

"We are lucky enough to have a keeper as talented as Braydon in the goal. We know that Braydon is one of the best keepers in the league right now, and we have a lot of confidence in him being able to deal with those long-range shots," Falcone said.

With a 5-1-1 record, Willamette is now tied with Whitworth for second in the NWC, and just one win behind first place Puget Sound.

"In past seasons, and even this season with the Pacific game, we kind of look ahead and look past some teams and they can come back and bite us. We want to keep up this pace, and [we] will continue to take things one game at a time," Thompson said.

The game against Linfield was just the first of a five game road trip for the Bearcats, continuing this weekend at both George Fox and Pacific, and the following weekend with games against Whitworth and Whitman.

"It's tough being on the road. It sucks getting on a bus and playing on a field that you're not used to," Hishmeh said. "But we've faced worse. I'd say this is the biggest shot we have of going to playoffs that I've had since I've been here. We're all fighting for something that we want really bad as an underdog."

Willamette will play at George Fox University in Newberg this Friday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m.

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Own your name



MAX
CRADDOCK
COLUMNIST

Last week it was discovered that Heisman Trophy frontrunner Todd Gurley had been signing and selling autographs.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) prohibits college athletes from accepting compensation for their likeness, meaning that Gurley's selling of autographs constitutes an NCAA violation.

Gurley's actions have resulted in him being suspended indefinitely.

To the casual observer, this NCAA rule may seem stupid, but in terms of earning large sums of money for the people whose large incomes depend on the work of student-athletes, the rule is rather ingenious. The NCAA's official stance on why they don't allow players to sell their autographs is that it ruins their amateur status.

When pressed to explain why amateurism is so important to college athletics, NCAA President Mark Emmert said that it's because amateurism is a profitable quality of the NCAA product. In fact, the Louisiana State University Tigers draw more fans than the neighboring New Orleans Saints.

LSU can draw large crowds and charges hefty ticket prices for fans to watch their student-athletes perform free labor. Protecting amateurism makes college sports more profitable for universities and NCAA administrators.

While it's true that a large portion of NCAA schools' athletic programs operate at a loss, this metric only takes into account how much schools make from ticket and merchandise sales. These programs also attract prospective students and encourage them to apply and enroll at a school.

Take a university like LSU, from the example above. On paper, going to an academically average state school in Baton Rouge doesn't seem too appealing.

However, the ability to spend your college Saturdays tailgating in a parking lot and watching a perennially successful team play football? That's enough for a large number of students to apply to a college.

Some proponents of amateurism argue that athletes are compensated for their work on the field with a college education. However, for an unfortunately large number of student-athletes, these scholarships are worthless, as playing a D1 sport is comparable to holding a full-time job.

For example, 2014 National Champion Florida State was found guilty of academic fraud in 2009, after they were found to be committing offenses such as having academic tutors write significant portions of athletes' papers.

Also, athletic powerhouse University of Oklahoma has a 47 percent graduation rate. Even if schools have the tools in place to ensure that athletes can have a successful academic experience, a large number of high-level student-athletes only go to college to continue competing in their sport.

While Gurley broke a set of rules that he agreed to, what he did should not be considered an NCAA violation. The vast majority of student-athletes do not earn significant amounts of money for their school and the ability that a university has to pay every single one of them is limited.

Thus, I am not advocating for schools to pay every single student-athlete. However, if a player is admired enough that signing a piece of paper with his name can earn him money, the NCAA should not be allowed to stop him from exercising his right to do so.

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people of all skill levels to connect and carpool to different climbing spots.

If someone had told me two years ago that I, with my extraordinary fear of heights, would be heavily addicted to rock climbing, I would have told them that they were crazy.

But here I am two years later, climbing once a week and trying to convince everyone that they should take up the sport. Even if you have never tried it, I encourage everyone to give it a go at least once. Here are a few spots where you can try it out.

The Circuit in Tigard: The rock climbing gym in Tigard is the newest and largest of three Circuit locations near Portland. This large, 19,000-square-foot gym opened in August, and has tons of different climbing routes, two of which are huge top-out boulders. Because of its size, there is always enough space for everyone to climb. The facility is also home to a yoga studio, fitness center and slackline.

Cost: \$12 (Student rate)
Drive from WU: 40 minutes

Oregon State University: The OSU facility is still relatively close, and a cheaper option for climbing. This university has not one, but two climbing areas, as they built a second to include all the features that the first did not. Both centers have top-rope climbing, the first with a bouldering cave and the second with a 60-foot linear bouldering wall. In total, these two centers have 11,000 square feet for climbing, three types of climbing spaces and cheap equipment rental (\$1 for shoes).

The Kroc Center: Though some of the best spots are a little farther from Willamette, part of improving in climbing comes from practicing, building strength and developing a good technique. For an option a little closer and cheaper, the Kroc Center is the only real climbing wall in Salem. While small, it has an auto belay system, a number of different routes and is close enough to bike to from campus. While climbing wall hours are limited, the day pass does include access to the entire fitness center.

Cost: \$6
Drive from WU: 9 minutes

WesternW Oregon: This climbing wall, while smaller, has a 40-foot high wall and over 1600 square feet of climbing surface. It has more than 10 top ropes set up as well as an additional bouldering rock and hang board available with routes designed for climbers of all levels.

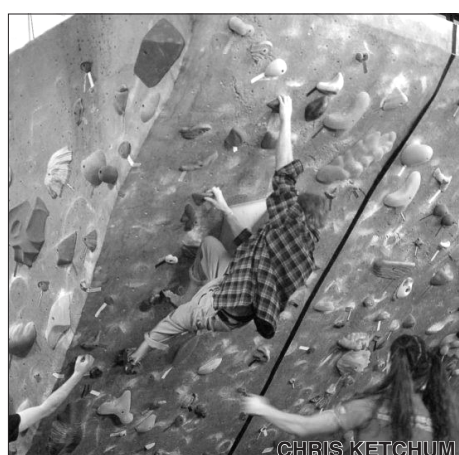
Cost: \$6
Drive from WU: 24 minutes

On campus: The good news is that there are even some routes set up on the little bouldering wall in Henkle Gym, which are great for a little strength training when there isn't time to get away, and there are always people heading out to climb. Check out the Outdoor Program and the climbing club page on the Willamette website for more information. The climbing club page even has a forum for

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Kroc Center and OSU are two good climbing resources close to Salem.

To limit or not to limit



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For the many issues in Washington that get a lot of lip service—but little to no legislative action—the idea of congressional term limits is one that's the least contentious in the public eye. Honestly, there's a good chance that if you asked your representative if they supported term limits, you'd probably be affirmed, and yet nothing would ever come to fruition.

It seems like it's a pretty basic issue that everyone could support. Of course, it's Congress who has to vote it in, and all it would do is limit their own power.

Skeptics attest that this makes any action on term limits nearly impossible. I'm somewhat in agreement with the conventional wisdom on this, but I'd like to look at an alternative perspective as well. I'd argue that term limits could limit the potential power of effective politicians.

As much as we parade around the idea of a humble government with simple solutions and common sense ideas, politics is not an easy process. It's essentially directly applying theory to real life problems in hopes of finding a practical solution. Laws are hardly ever written to perfection and the stakes are incredibly high, so there is constant consideration to prevent the absolute failure of a law.

This, of course, hampers effective legislation from being passed. What this means is that there is a definite learning curve for writing and negotiating legislation.

New congressmen may have difficulty establishing themselves in the political process. For their first term or so, it's likely a bit hard to learn the ropes and the ins and outs of passing bills, and how to reach across the table. That kind of knowledge takes experience, and that's the kind of experience you don't learn in just two years on the Hill.

Consistency is another thing that's extremely important for a functioning Congress. If term limits were implemented, we'd have a large problem with turnover of congressmen, and have a hard time dealing with certain people.

One significant advantage of having long-serving congressmen is that they are mainstays at the Capitol and are reliable supporters of certain kinds of bills. If a representative establishes themselves as someone who supports business incentives and serves for a few terms, then perhaps they'll have the ability to endorse and promote bills started by newer representatives who don't have the clout to propose legislation.

This all being said, term limits are still something that should be strongly considered. There are good politicians that use the lack of limits to forge solid politics, and there are those who abuse the privilege and simply become complacent with their power.

If you'll allow me to be a bit sentimental, I yearn for the kind of politicians like George Washington, who retired from the presidency of his own volition.

Perhaps the onus should be on us to consider electing Americans who have a stronger sense of personal responsibility and humility.

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Letters to the Editor

We invite you to submit letters to the editor. Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and must be submitted by Monday at noon on the week of intended publication.

The *Collegian* reserves the right to edit for length and clarity. Please email letters to <zsparin>.

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Euro trip the right way



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From left to right: The carnival rides at Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany; Queen Anne's summer palace in Prague, Czech Republic; Chocolate from Bruges, Belgium.

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2 Broaden your spectrum of travel beyond the airplane. Buses, trains and the EuroRail system are phenomenal ways to get around on a budget. Most universities don't have classes on Friday, so if you leave on Thursday, you have ample time to spend in a new city!

If time is a factor, utilizing apps like Skyscanner will give you the cheapest flights on budget airlines like Ryanair and easyJet. You're allowed one carry-on item and the flights are uncomfortable, but the anticipation of touching down in a new place will easily get you through a few hours of vexation. To be extra money savvy, book your flights on a Monday or Tuesday, as ticket prices are much lower earlier in the week.

3 The thought of traveling internationally can be scary for a first-time traveler, but there are companies such as Bus2alps and WSA Europe that plan out the entire trip for you, with the option of having travel included or just meeting the group at your first destination.

These tour companies cater specifically to students on a budget, and most often include lodging, a few meals, sightseeing and nighttime activities.

Traveling with a tour company also gives you a model for planning the rest of your trips if you want the freedom of traveling alone.

4 As long as it's a safe place, where you stay for the night doesn't matter.

Don't be afraid of sleeping in a hostel or roughing it a bit in a place that isn't

exactly a five-star locale. With a good 5-euro lock, all your belongings will be safe. Hostels will also allow you to meet adventurous people who will enrich your weekend travel.

Otherwise, you can utilize Airbnb to rent an apartment from a local host, which, if you're traveling with others, can often be a much cheaper option. If you're doing Europe right, you shouldn't be spending much time in your weekend lodging.

5 Take advantage of all the free things a new country has to offer. Almost every major European city offers free walking tours and that is without a doubt the best way to go. Tip your guide a few euros for some advice on local eateries, cheap bars and student nightlife hotspots.

Alternatively, renting a bike or a Segway can get you around European cities quite quickly while cutting out the cost of public transport. Hit up local markets for free samples of cultural cuisine, live music and a snapshot into the life of the city's residents.

6 Reach out to local alumni.

Utilize Willamette Switchboard, connections with professors or the Alumni Office to find WU alumni living abroad. Chances are they'll know a thing or two about their city of residence and will be more than happy to show you around. I've been amazed at how warm and welcoming strangers can be, especially when you share an alma mater.

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The ethics of our editing

As you may or may not have noticed, the *Collegian* is edited.

Each week, up to four or five pairs of eyes look at each article we publish to ensure that it follows the stylistic and impartial tone we hope to establish in our paper—with the exception of opinions pieces, which should reflect the author's opinion.

Included in this group are the relevant section editor, the managing editor and the editor-in-chief. We (the writers of this editorial) are responsible for ensuring that each and every section of the paper follows AP style guidelines and imparts its content in a clear, concise and impartial manner.

We attempt to make these edits without changing the presentation of the author's opinions or the facts of the story. We are more interested in the placement of commas and overall clarity of the ideas put forth. And, according to an email we recently received, we succeed in making small edits that do not change the meaning of most articles.

This does not, however, lessen the number of complaints we receive each week about edits that were not ap-

proved by each writer personally.

We would like to be clear that these edits are never made with the intent to offend our writers.

Writers are essential to our publication, (obviously), most importantly because they are the voices we want to bring together. The *Collegian* exists solely to give students a place to speak freely and express their opinions, as well as gain journalistic experience and make a little money.

We also work to give our writers time to make larger edits themselves. Many of our section editors ask for articles early and send them back with suggested edits. This is particularly seen in the Opinions section, where larger, content edits may change the ideas each writer wishes to convey.

The reason these smaller, grammatical edits are not communicated more freely to writers is because there are hundreds of them made on production night.

But we aren't the only ones seeing the articles. The layout editor who puts the page together, the photographer or graphic artist who creates the art for each section, the web manager who

posts the story online, the business and ad managers who work to ensure employees get paid and the subscription manager who moves hundreds of copies of the paper to different locations on campus each week see them, too.

It would be fair to say, then, that production night is just that—a production. It takes hours to design and put together this paper each week, and eliminating the need to clarify each small edit that is made helps to shorten that time.

These policies are consistent with standard journalistic practices in place at papers all around the country.

This editing is not unethical, and we do not intend for it to come across as unfair. Essentially, it is important to remember that when you contract with a newspaper such as the *Collegian*, you are agreeing that your work will be edited.

That's why they call us "editors."

COLLEGIAN EDITORIAL POLICY

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Curb your criticisms

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I'm taking a class on shamanism this semester.

Like any other student, I had expectations for the course. I figured I'd be introduced to a new religion and its surrounding cultures, and that it would involve ideas and concepts that I hadn't even considered before. I knew I would learn details about things I otherwise never would've gone out of my way to discover on my own.

In this respect, my classroom expectations were spot on.

But, as I learned the intricacies of spirit guides and vision quests, I felt myself grow more skeptical of the entire concept. How could I truly be expected to believe such unreasonably wild ideas? In my cynicism, I took everything I was learning less and less seriously.

And then, somewhere between hallucinogens and spirit marriages, I had an epiphany.

It wasn't the class that didn't live up to my expectations. It was me.

In the storm of my own criticisms, I forgot that I was studying someone's culture. I had ignored that this was a religious tradition that had survived thousands of years and instead focused on my own biases, completely shutting down any possible reason shamanism may have done so. I stripped it down to a distant concept to be prodded and sneered at, rather than acknowledging it as a wholesome practice still in place today.

Somewhere along the line, I forgot to be open-minded.

I, like many of you, came here in hopes of gaining access to a wonderfully new fountain of knowledge. Yes, there's also the degree and the college experience and the glimmering hope of doing something worthwhile in the future, but knowledge was a big reason, too. I wanted to learn about things I never had the opportunity to learn before, and may never

have an opportunity to learn again. I wanted to be exposed to new ways of thinking or of looking at the world around me. I wanted (excuse me while I sound like a college brochure) to enrich myself.

But I cannot do this as a skeptical, close-minded individual.

I know I'm not the only one who has this problem. I know I'm not the only person who has the urge to scoff and dismiss an outrageously different idea before it's even really explained to me.

I know I'm not the only one who struggles to not think that my opinion is the best or the brightest.

Maybe you do, too. Or if you don't, maybe it's the person next to you, or the person across the room. But if it is you—you're not the only person who feels that way. As someone who feels similarly, believe me when I say we don't have to feel this way forever.

There is no such thing as complete objectivity. I will never not have a Western or

female or educated or middle-class or multicultural bias. I will never be able to say that I completely, without a shadow of a doubt, understand the life of someone entirely different from myself.

But I can acknowledge these biases. I can keep them in mind when I'm discussing issues or listening to someone talk or learning about a religion I'm having difficulties envisioning.

I can push them away as I let someone who probably has a better, brighter, more informed opinion enlighten me. And I can grow into a more open-minded student, friend and person.

I know I'm not the only one who wants to fix this problem.

So I extend my invitation to you: Curb your criticisms. Strive to be compassionate, strive to be understanding, strive to be open.

It might not be perfect, but we might learn something new along the way.

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Vote yes on measure 90

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Among the seven ballot measures all Oregonians will vote on this November is Measure 90, the very rarely talked about switch to a top-two primary system. Political parties, including minor parties, hate it, which is exactly why we should love it.

For those who don't know, Oregon, like most states, currently has primary ballots divided by political party affiliation. As a registered Democrat, I received a ballot in May listing candidates endorsed by the Democratic Party of Oregon for each office for which I am eligible to vote. On its face, it seems fair: Democrats select Democrats, Republicans select Republicans, Libertarians select Libertarians, and so on.

There's just one problem: No one who is unaffiliated with a political party can vote. This is particularly troublesome in Oregon, where non-affiliated voters make up the third-largest segment of those registered.

Indeed, as The Oregonian reported in its editorial endorsement of Measure 90, there are approximately 500,000 non-affiliated voters in Oregon, compared to 658,000 Republicans and 837,000 Democrats. That makes the gap between Republicans and non-affiliated voters (158,000) smaller than the gap between Democrats and Republicans (179,000). The next largest group is the Independent Party of Oregon, with around 100,000 registered voters.

We are routinely disenfranchising 500,000 registered voters from having a say in who will be on their November ballots.

This is wrong.

(Side note: We practice quite a lot of disenfranchisement in the United States. For example, convicted felons who are disenfranchised make up approximately 2.5 percent of the voting age population.)

Measure 90 would replace the party-affiliated primaries with what is called a top-two or blanket primary. All registered voters would receive the same ballot and would vote for the candidate they most wanted to see in office for each race, regardless of party affiliation. The top two candidates from the May primary would advance to the general election in November.

As I mentioned before, major political parties (i.e., the Democratic and Republican parties) hate the idea, because it decreases the amount of power they have over the political process. However, less power isn't necessarily bad.

Attempting to appeal to a wider base of voters will allow more moderate candidates to avoid the trap of being pushed to the extremes by the loyal party base during the primaries (see: Mitt Romney in 2012 and John McCain in 2008). It also provides the ability for hugely left- or right-leaning districts to vote on two general election candidates from the same political party. This has the potential to make these races more competitive in these areas.

Additionally, minor parties (e.g., the Green, Constitution and Libertarian parties) worry that this will decrease their likelihood of having candidates on the ballots for general elections. While this probably will be true, minor party candidates rarely win seats in Oregon anyway. For example, the Oregon House has seen just five candidates not affiliated with the Democratic or Republican parties win seats since 1937.

Also, we don't know what the influence of non-affiliated voters on primaries will be. It might be the case that these voters will prefer minor party candidates to more traditional liberals or conservatives.

Ultimately, we know very little about how Measure 90 will affect politics here. We can look to California, Washington and Louisiana as examples of states that have implemented blanket primaries with varying successes and failures, but every state is different and most of these systems are too young to have made big impacts yet.

For the sake of democracy and state experimentation, vote yes on Measure 90.

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This weather's just a plot device



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During Residence Life staff meetings, we do check-ins where we give everyone an update on how our life is and what's going on for us.

Since we are no longer guaranteed to see each other every day, but instead are only promised interactions every Tuesday night, our life stories can get exceptionally long and maybe a little dreary—because of stress and school and the basic act of being present as both a CM and as a part of Willamette. So, we try to focus in on a high and a low or a clever metaphor that can attempt to encapsulate all of the feelings from our lives during the past week.

Last week, we were asked, "If our lives were weather systems, what would they be?"

I take my metaphors seriously, (as both an English major and a writer), so I thought on it for a long while. This was a no pressure situation, and yet I pressured myself into being profound because I didn't want to pick the wrong type of weather. No clichés; I wanted specific meteorological accuracy for my life.

So, as everyone went around and stated what forecast they had for their current state of being, (like the thick fog of a coastal morning or the hour before a thunderstorm when the air fills with static and everything feels charged to the touch), I pondered how humidity levels and barometric pressure could mean something significant in the scheme of the shitstorm that had been my week.

It clicked into place when someone mentioned the arid heat of a desert and how I felt like I was living the complete opposite of what the Sahara implies to me.

My week had been a Jane Austen style rainstorm—one that I got caught in unexpectedly as I was walking through the cold but clear English countryside. I'd gotten drenched in my period appropriate layers on layers of clothing, and had been completely unprepared for it, so much so that I fell deathly ill. OK, maybe not deathly ill, but ill enough that I was forced to seek refuge in the nearest house in order to wait out the rest of this storm

and to start to feel better.

It hadn't been the greatest of weeks in my life but, as I pointed out, this weather was just a plot device.

Much like an Austen downpour forces one Jane Bennet to recuperate at Netherfield Park in the care of her wealthy and wonderful love interest Charles Bingley, (ugh, Jane and Bingley are the real winning couple of "Pride and Prejudice," in case you were wondering where my shipping allegiance lies in classic literature), this rainy week in my life had to happen so I could figure out the ways in which I can best cope as of this moment in time.

I've got to combat sadness and stress and the sucky stuff that happens in life if I want to be a successful person in the world. Sometimes you've got to wade through the bogged down mud of the rain soaked moors of England so that you can remember exactly how important the sun can be when it warms your cheeks and lights up the sky.

Take heart, my friends. If you happen to find yourself out in a storm sans the appropriate waterproof coat or a place to seek shelter, this rain could be the weather that leads you to your destiny.

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Bearcats on the street

What do you think of President Thorsett's plan to require students to live on campus for three years?



"It limits the ability of students to transition into living off campus, which allows them to experience what it is like to live independently of campus. With campus, you have a meal plan still and rules and regulations with dorm living, but when off campus you have more freedom. It is step two of moving away from home and getting your own independent life, and restricting that will frustrate a lot of students."
-Jhamil Bader-Jarvis, sophomore



"I think it is kind of ridiculous—even the requirement to live on [campus] for two years is too much for me. I don't think you should be required to live on campus ever. I think it should be a personal choice, because there are money situations and it costs a lot to live on campus and it takes away from us becoming adults."
-Desiree DuBoise, sophomore



"That hurts us, because we're trying to be adults. Forcing us to live on campus doesn't teach us how to assimilate into the world. We are taught to be babied, and then our senior year—which is already the most stressful because of thesis—we are finally now allowed to live off campus, when all you're used to is living in a dorm with a roommate, eating the food on campus, and you're not taught how to pay bills and take responsibilities."
-Yulya Yakubovsky, sophomore



"I think it kind of limits how people see Salem. If you're stuck on campus for three years, you're probably going to just stay here for four years and hate your experience at Willamette. And the dorms aren't nice enough for the money you are paying. You can pay for an apartment that you share with quiet people off campus for a much cheaper price. It could possibly save you upwards of \$4,000 on room and board your last two years. So that is \$8,000 you wouldn't have to pay."
-Tyler Griswold, sophomore

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